

# STEP RIGHT UP AND JOIN THE FUN!

## St. Jude Parish Ministry Directory

### SHARED PRAYER MINISTRIES

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon. & Wed.: Maria Marstall | 838-9323 | [mmbrake81@yahoo.com](mailto:mmbrake81@yahoo.com)

Fridays: Irene Rapach | 243-5303 | [renee1019@comcast.net](mailto:renee1019@comcast.net)

St. Jude offers Eucharistic Adoration immediately following daily Mass three times a week: Mondays (beginning December 4) and Wednesdays until 9 p.m., and Fridays until 5 p.m. All are welcome, and regular adorers are needed to commit to a time slot.

#### Altar Servers

Fr. Eric Bolek | 243-7811 Ext. 2216 | [frbolek@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:frbolek@stjudecatholic.com)

All youth starting in 5th grade, who are serious about their faith, are encouraged to serve at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. New server training is provided at the beginning of every academic year.

#### Church Environment

Marilyn Rusk | 472-9528 | [marilynrusk@hotmail.com](mailto:marilynrusk@hotmail.com)

Sharon Jokhy | 243-5773 | [sjokhy@yahoo.com](mailto:sjokhy@yahoo.com)

Our committee ensures our time of worship as meaningful as possible by keeping the church clean and decorating it according to the Liturgical seasons. The Church and cry room are vacuumed, windows are washed and surfaces are dusted every week. We are on a rotating schedule, and no one is expected to work more than once a month. All altar linens are washed and kept in good condition for all Masses. Flowers and all other decorations are changed when necessary and especially for Christmas and Easter Seasons. New ideas to enhance our worship space and draw us closer to our Lord are always welcome and appreciated.

#### Greeters & Connection Center

Manny Valerin | 693-2310 | [drvalerin@gmail.com](mailto:drvalerin@gmail.com)

A simple smile and a word of greeting is important to everyone's sense of belonging here, whether a long-time parishioner or a newcomer. 20-minutes before your preferred Saturday or Sunday Mass sets a powerful opportunity to evangelize others. Families are welcome and desired. No training required.

#### Hospitality

Daryl Wilson | 240-8318 | [daryl@darylwilsonphotography.com](mailto:daryl@darylwilsonphotography.com)

This ministry hosts Coffee & Donuts after the 7:30 and the 9:00 am Sunday Masses. It is a simple yet important ministry to help our parishioners to get to know each other, make new friendships and become a stronger community. Commitment includes either setting up then serving or serving then cleaning up and closing.

#### Lectors

Dcn. Roger Hunter | 243-7821 | [rogcsxt@gmail.com](mailto:rogcsxt@gmail.com)

Lay ministers proclaim the sacred scriptures during Masses and other liturgies. Workshops are scheduled periodically to prepare and refresh our readers.

#### Ministers of Holy Communion

Dcn. Roger Hunter | 243-7821 | [rogcsxt@gmail.com](mailto:rogcsxt@gmail.com)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion distribute Holy Communion to our parishioners during Mass. They are faith filled and faithful Catholics who fulfill necessary age and sacramental requirements and have a love of the Eucharist.

#### Music Ministry

Andy Earnest | 243-7811 Ext. 2219 | [aeearnest@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:aeearnest@stjudecatholic.com)

Our Music Ministry Program facilitates the full, conscious, and active musical participation of our parish. The choir, cantors, and instrumentalists use their musical gifts as servants to help us to sing God's praise with one voice: the voice of the Body of Christ. We accept new members into our various ensembles throughout the year: Adult Choir (9th grade to age 90+), Children's Choir (3rd - 8th grade), High School Wind Ensemble (8th - 12th grade), and cantors and instrumental accompanists.

#### Our Lady's Nursery

Annette Ninnam | 243-8867 | [aninnam@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:aninnam@stjudecatholic.com)

Our Lady's Nursery serves St. Jude's youngest parishioners and their families by providing walkers - 4 year olds a place to play and pray during 9:00 and 11:30 am Sunday Masses. The Nursery is looking for pre-teens, teens, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to play and pray with our youngest parishioners. Volunteer commitments are scheduled around your preferences.

#### Ushers

Donna Cokel | 243-7811 | [dcokel@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:dcokel@stjudecatholic.com)

This group of men and women provide a welcoming presence before, during, and after weekend liturgies by assisting parishioners in finding seats, taking up and securing the weekly collection, and handing out bulletins after Mass.

# SHARED MISSION MINISTRIES

## Bereavement

Bette Beveridge | 243-9695 | [b.beveridge@comcast.net](mailto:b.beveridge@comcast.net)

The Bereavement Ministry supports parishioners and families experiencing the death of a loved one. Ministry members support the bereaved with personal visits, phone calls, and correspondence.

## Caring Presence at the End of Life

Nancy Franzwa | 692-0454 | [refranzwa@comcast.net](mailto:refranzwa@comcast.net)

Caring Presence is a visiting ministry which enhances services and support to the terminally ill and their loved ones during the final days of life. This ministry does not replace hospice, but rather enhances the hospice experience by providing spiritual support in the home, nursing home, hospital - wherever, whenever needed.

## Funeral Luncheon

Sharon Jokhy | 243-5773 | [sjokhy@yahoo.com](mailto:sjokhy@yahoo.com)

St. Jude Parish is able to offer funeral luncheons for the families of our deceased thanks to the generous support of our volunteers. Many hands are needed to provide food, serve the meal, and prepare the Social Hall before and clean up afterwards.

## Garden Ministry

Rosemary Weber | 243-8680 | [hugorose64@comcast.net](mailto:hugorose64@comcast.net)

The St. Jude Garden Ministry plans, plants, and maintains the Church's landscaped area. We enhance God's property with beautiful plantings so all who enter our Church are greeted with a little of the splendor of God's green earth.

## Light of the World Retreat

Drew Isbell | 243-7811 Ext. 2212 | [disbell@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:disbell@stjudecatholic.com)

Whether you are a new faith seeker or a faith-filled disciple, attending a Light of the World retreat provides adults 18 and over a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Our next retreat is November 10-13, right here at our parish.

## Respect Life

Joan Weber | 243-1617 | [owjw@outlook.com](mailto:owjw@outlook.com)

Katie Heskett | 618-520-0858 | [katie.heskett@gmail.com](mailto:katie.heskett@gmail.com)

Do you have a heart for our most vulnerable, our unborn? The St. Jude Respect Life Committee is a wonderful place to volunteer. Informed about current pro-life diocese functions, our Respect Life volunteers help to spread the word to our Parish about upcoming pro-life events and ways to attend, support, and share these great events. We also help spread the pro-life message with the parish and community through our family rosary, fundraising activities, scholarship for a Rachel's Vineyard participant and participation in community activities such as the 40 Days for Life campaign.

## Rosary Guild

Maribel Draper | 243-5813

The rosary is a powerful devotion in honor of the Virgin Mary, which brings us closer to Jesus. St. Jude's Rosary Guild is looking for rosary makers to help us further our ministry of providing rosaries to our parish students, local hospitals, members of the armed forces, and missionaries throughout the world.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

Ken & Judy Zika | 243-5884 | [judyazika@yahoo.com](mailto:judyazika@yahoo.com)

Each week the St. Vincent de Paul Society receives calls from many local individuals and families in need; we respond to those calls by visiting their homes in teams of two. A personal visit allows us to understand their situation more fully and to determine the best way to help. Through the generosity of many parishioners, we are able to help hundreds of struggling families each year, and we have the opportunity to share Christ's love with them. Families are always appreciative when we bring them food and household items, and we frequently are able to pay a portion of their rent, Ameren, or another need.

## Visiting the Sick & Homebound

Carolyn Kraft | 691-5537 | [cmk9919@aol.com](mailto:cmk9919@aol.com)

Carolyn Nault | 472-6646 | [naultcare@comcast.net](mailto:naultcare@comcast.net)

Members of this ministry bring Holy Communion to the homebound whether they are in their own home, healthcare facility or a hospital environment. Members also make social visits, provide respite care for caregivers, support with phone calls, send greetings by mail, provide meals, transportation, and the newest ministry – entertain the homebound by singing! We meet in the Old Social Hall after the 8:30am Mass on the last Monday of the month.

## POTENTIAL MINISTRIES

**Do you have an idea for a ministry that you would like to see at our parish? Do you have a gift or calling to serve in a new ministry? Contact Drew Isbell in the parish office at 243-7811 Ext. 2212 or [disbell@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:disbell@stjudecatholic.com).**

# SHARED FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

## American Heritage Girls

Michelle Marcinak | 839-0421 | [marcinakmm@gmail.com](mailto:marcinakmm@gmail.com)

AHG is a Christ-centered non-profit character development youth ministry program for girls ages 5-18, dedicated to its mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. AHG programming focuses on six emphases: Life Skill Enhancement, Girl Leadership, Teamwork, Character Development, Social Development, and Spiritual Development. Whether your daughter wants to learn more about aviation, learn to identify trees and plants on a hike, participate in service projects, or ice the perfect cake, AHG's program is ready to inspire her to new heights.

## Boy Scouts of America

Thorn Keene | 339-0259 | [keenefamily1997@gmail.com](mailto:keenefamily1997@gmail.com)

Chartered by St. Jude Catholic Church, Troop 40 is part of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and available to boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award or at least 10 years old or have completed the fifth grade, but not yet 18 years old. The program achieves the BSA's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

## Knights of Columbus

Mike Lyons | 369-0022 | [crusherlyons@gmail.com](mailto:crusherlyons@gmail.com)

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic men's fraternal organization, founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Our parish chapter, the St. Clement Council, does charitable work in our parish and community at large. The Knights are committed to the protection of life and the family.

## Men of St. Jude

Darrell Albanito | 357-0713 | [ddalbanito@hotmail.com](mailto:ddalbanito@hotmail.com)

Christian fellowship in a social atmosphere; that's what the Men of St. Jude are all about! From events like fantasy football league, dinner theater date night, and our annual Cubs/Cardinals game, to the parish picnic, Easter Egg Hunt, and Daddy-Daughter Dance, the Men of St. Jude have a variety of fun events you won't want to miss.

## Men's Softball

Andy Perring | 251-1080 | [amypering@live.com](mailto:amypering@live.com)

St. Jude Parish's Men's Softball team competes in the inter-church league. Games are played from mid-May through mid-August.

## Mom's Group

Kathy Sokolowski | 616-970-6522 | [kathysokolowski1220@gmail.com](mailto:kathysokolowski1220@gmail.com)

Anne Whitmore | 214-0572 | [amcwhitmore@gmail.com](mailto:amcwhitmore@gmail.com)

St. Jude Mom's Group works to support women in their vocation as Christian mothers through faith enrichment and fellowship opportunities that offer encouragement for daily living. The Mom's Group meets twice/month: the first Wednesday of the month in the Social Hall for a chance for fellowship and faith enrichment provided by various speakers, and the third Wednesday of the month in the Nursery for book club/play date. For more information email [stjudemomsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stjudemomsgroup@gmail.com).

## Tech Ministry

Chris Johnson | 361-5559 | [techteamadmin@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:techteamadmin@stjudecatholic.com)

Our Tech Ministry works to evangelize and enhance our parishioner's experience through various technology platforms. Contact us if you're interested in getting involved in the Tech Ministry. No previous experience is needed.

## Women of St. Jude

Kathy Waldschmidt | 645-5441 | [kathywal@comcast.net](mailto:kathywal@comcast.net)

The Women of St. Jude seeks to support, educate and respond with gospel values to the needs within the parish. We provide an avenue of friendship of the women of our parish through meetings, social time and programs. The Women of St. Jude serve our parish by hosting social events for fundraising, and in turn use the funds to support the various needs of the parish. All women of the parish are invited to come to the meetings, which are held the first Tuesday of the month. Check the bulletin for meeting announcements.

## Youth Soccer

Terry Ho | 708-334-9272 | [tho442@hotmail.com](mailto:tho442@hotmail.com)

The goal of the Peoria Parochial Soccer League is to provide grade school participants with an opportunity to enjoy the sport of soccer, helping them learn and improve their skills while promoting good sportsmanship and Christian attitudes in a competitive environment. St. Jude Parish participates in this fall league by offering teams for boys and girls entering grades 1-8.

**FOR THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE.**

~ Mark 10:45

# SHARED LEARNING MINISTRIES

## Adult Faith Formation

Drew Isbell | 243-7811 Ext. 2212 | [disbell@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:disbell@stjudecatholic.com)

Ken McGarvey | 243-2999 | [mccgarvey11@comcast.net](mailto:mccgarvey11@comcast.net)

Come and join us in a multitude of adult faith studies offered at different times (morning and evening) each year to listen and learn about Christ and His Church...His Word, His light and love for us. Many studies have been offered, including Great Adventure - Bible Timeline, St. Matthew, St. James, Psalms, Exodus, Catholic Scripture Study Bible Studies, Catholicism, Epic - Church History, A Biblical Walk with Mary, 33 Days of Morning Glory, and others. Classes typically last 8-12 weeks.

## CCD School of Education

Drew Isbell | 243-7811 Ext. 2212 | [disbell@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:disbell@stjudecatholic.com)

Loving the faith and desiring to share it with young Catholics is all you need to serve in St. Jude's K - 8th grade Religious Education Ministry. Complete support is offered in teaching, classroom management, material gathering, parent communication and growing in your own personal faith. Each year around 25 adults and several teen volunteers support over 200 families/350 students that are currently using our program. St. Jude Religious Education (CCD) runs September through April each year. We offer classes on Sunday morning from 10:10-11:20 am and Wednesday evening 6:45-8:00 pm.

## St. Jude Catholic School

Sr. Maria Christi Nelson, OP | 243-2493 | [srmchristi@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:srmchristi@stjudecatholic.com)

Founded in 2009, St. Jude Catholic School provides an authentic Catholic education to students in preschool through eighth grade, in the Dominican tradition. Students are immersed in the Catholic faith and challenged to reach their highest potential intellectually, spiritually, and physically. To learn how you can give your child (or grandchild) the gift of Catholic education, please contact our principal, Sr. Maria Christi, for a personal tour.

## Baptismal Class

Drew Isbell | 243-7811 Ext. 2212 | [disbell@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:disbell@stjudecatholic.com)

Baptisms are beautiful celebrations at St. Jude. Newly baptized Christians are cleansed from sin, while being welcomed into the family of God as a new creation. Classes are scheduled monthly to prepare you to experience the purpose and spiritual significance of Baptism for your child.

## Choice Wine

Drew Isbell | 243-7811 Ext. 2212 | [disbell@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:disbell@stjudecatholic.com)

Taste the superabundance of God within your own marriage. The Choice Wine is a multi-week program through Paradisus Dei to help you virtually divorce-proof your marriage.

## Just Faith

Drew Isbell | 243-7811 Ext. 2212 | [disbell@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:disbell@stjudecatholic.com)

Learn about the Catholic teachings on social justice. A facilitator is needed to get these classes started again. No experience is needed.

## RCIA

Daryl Wilson | 240-8318 | [daryl@darylwilsonphotography.com](mailto:daryl@darylwilsonphotography.com)

Members of a welcoming and evangelizing community take seriously their call to share the divine message of salvation. It happens in parish families, in the workplace, in gatherings with friends and neighbors, and in daily contacts. Give thanks to God as he continuously strengthens each of us who seek to do his will in offering a gentle, humble, and clear welcome to the Catholic Faith. Come and learn about the Catholic Faith in this comprehensive study series on Christ and His Church running typically from September into April each year.

## Small Groups

Drew Isbell | 243-7811 Ext. 2212 | [disbell@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:disbell@stjudecatholic.com)

Brian Lock | 472-6151 | [brian.lock@rlcorp.com](mailto:brian.lock@rlcorp.com)

Groups of 8-12 people meet to share a more intimate experience of the Church. Our goal is to deepen our personal awareness of the divine in our lives and strengthen faith in God through fellowship in small group conversation. Various groups meet regularly and share openly, often selecting a book to read together. If you would like to start a new group or join an existing one, please contact me.

## Youth Ministry

Fr. Eric Bolek | 243-7811 Ext. 2216 | [frbolek@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:frbolek@stjudecatholic.com)

St. Jude serves our parishioners in high school by building up community while offering continuing formation for their spiritual lives. We meet regularly once a month usually on Sunday evenings. Our events have three pillars: fun, catechesis, and fellowship. We also do a larger summer time event which we will serve the larger community of our faith and seek to meet other Catholics from around the country.

# SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

## E-Tithing

Linda Boone | 243-7811 | [lboone@stjudecatholic.com](mailto:lboone@stjudecatholic.com)

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is an alternate method for processing sacrificial giving contributions. This streamlined automatic collection process benefits both the parish and the parishioner. Stop by the parish office or Connection Center for an EFT form.