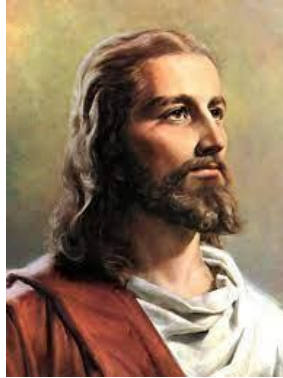


ST. JUDE PARISH



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Opportunities to Grow in Discipleship, 2026-27



Bible Studies / Faith Studies

Bible Study for All Ages – Monday nights, 6pm-7pm, starting September 28

Fr. Jozef Ukaj will be leading parishioners through an in-depth study of the Gospel of Mark – the Gospel that most clearly shows forth Christ's Resurrection. All parishioners are invited to join this weekly study. For more information, contact Fr. Jozef at frukaj@diobpt.org.

Walking With Purpose – Wed. 6-7:30pm (starts Sept 23) or Fridays 9:30-11am (starts Sept 25)

All women of the parish are invited to join us for "Encountering the Divine." This study explores the fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Please join us as we examine the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us, and to discover a deeper relationship with God and each other. Contact Jessica Iannotta for information: familyministry@stjuderc.org.

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study – Saturday mornings, 8am in the Social Hall

All men are invited to join parishioner Bob Lux for a discussion-based Bible Study on Saturday mornings, as we study the Sunday readings. For more information, contact Bob at mjrob08@gmail.com.

Parent Bible Study - Most Sundays during Religious Education in the Social Hall at 10:30 am

Meet with fellow parents while your children are at religious education. All are welcome any time and no signs ups are needed. We do a simple format of bible study or book studies that are easy and meaningful for busy parents. Please join us starting Sunday, 9/27! Email familyministry@stjuderc.org for more information or to sign up for email updates.

Warriors of the Word – Bible Study for younger men, once/month on Saturday mornings

Younger men are invited to join a band of brothers who are intensely seeking the Lord! This Bible Study forms bonds of fraternity as they dive deeper into God's Word and how it applies to their lives as men. Usually the second Saturday of the month in the Rectory Conference Room, but times and locations may differ. For more information, please contact Dan Ridzik at dridzik@alumni.nd.edu or Kevin Smith at kvrsmith@outlook.com.

Prayer

Monday Adoration – Every Monday from 9:30am-9pm at St. Jude's

Come and adore our Eucharistic Lord, Who has been waiting for you for twenty centuries. Eucharistic Adoration is offered every Monday from 9:30am-9pm at St. Jude's from September 14 until Memorial Day.

Padre Pio Prayer Group – Saturdays at 8:30am in the Church

When Our Lady appeared at Fatima, she asked all people to attend Mass and Confession on First Saturdays as a means of reparation for sins against Her Immaculate Heart. We seek to honor her request with Mass, devotional prayers, and Confessions once per month on Saturday at 8:30am. We also seek to cultivate a deeper devotion to St. Padre Pio through talks and fellowship. For more information, contact Bonnie Thibodeau at bonthib@gmail.com.

First Friday Adoration – First Fridays, 7-8pm at St. Jude's

There is no better way to be close to Jesus than to receive Him and adore Him in His Eucharistic presence. Come and join us for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration every month on First Fridays!

Confession Weekend – Confessions offered before and after all Masses

Come and have your soul cleansed in the Sacrament of Confession before and after all Masses on the weekends of Nov 28/29 and Dec 19/20 at St. Jude's. We also have Confessions at 3:30pm on Saturdays, 7:30-9pm on Mondays, and 9:30-10am on Friday mornings.

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosaries – Weekly opportunities to pray with others

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed together every Wednesday at St. Jude's at 3pm. We also pray the Rosary 20 minutes before the Saturday vigil Mass, and the Flame of Love Rosary is prayed every Thursday after the 9am Mass at St. Jude's. For more information, contact Anita Flynn at anita@anitaflynn.com

Heart-to-Heart Healing Adoration Nights – An encounter with our Merciful Lord

Everyone of all ages is invited to join us at St. Jude's for three evenings of Adoration, praise music, prayer teams, a talk, and a powerful encounter with the Eucharistic Lord. Dates are TBD, will be during this upcoming winter at St. Jude's. This is led in conjunction with the Sacred Heart Guild, an apostolate of beauty and the arts in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Media

Formed – A Netflix-like streaming service for the Catholic Faith!

The best in Catholic content is now available for free! Go to www.formed.org/signup and put in the name of St. Jude's to find free access to all kinds of Catholic movies, music, talks, podcasts, and even free books to download or stream! Something for everyone: kids, teens, adults, the whole family!

Podcast – *Aflame for Christ*

All of Fr. Joseph's homilies and talks are available in his podcast "Aflame for Christ" from Spotify, Google Play, Apple Music. They can be also found on the St. Jude website or at <http://aflameforchrist.podbean.com>.

Retreats & Events

Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference – *A men's conference in Waterbury, Oct. 10*

Calling all Catholic men! The Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference brings together men from all across the state for a day of dynamic talks, rousing music, times of prayer, and fellowship with other men who love Jesus. We're trying to get a group to go, and the first ten people to register will go for FREE (contact Fr. Joseph for more information). You can register online at www.ctcatholicmen.org.

Blessing of Pets – *In honor of St. Francis, on October 4 at 1:30pm at St. Jude's*

Bring your pets for a special blessing on the plaza of St. Jude's on Sunday, October 4th, in honor of the feast of St. Francis!

Praying for the Deceased – *November 17 at 7pm*

All parishioners are invited to join us for an evening of prayer and remembrance for all the deceased, especially from the last year. Scripture, music, prayer, and fellowship to pray for the souls of our dearly departed.

Rorate Mass – *Ancient Tradition of Candlelit Mass, December 19 at 7:30pm*

The Rorate Mass, celebrated on the Saturday of the Third Week of Advent, is a beautiful and ancient tradition in the Church. It features a candlelit Mass, sublime music, and a hushed and reverent anticipation for the Newborn King. We are bringing that tradition to St. Jude's this year!

Groups & Ministries

Mom's Group – *Wednesday mornings and Friday evenings at St. Jude's Social Hall*

All moms are invited to gather for prayer, discussion, food, and fellowship with other mothers! Join us every first Wednesday of the month for book discussions, conversations on parenting and faith, and social time. 9:30 am in the St. Jude Social Hall. You are welcome to bring your little ones. Save the date for additional evening moms group meet up events on Friday 9/18 and Friday 12/11, more information will be in the bulletin. For more information, contact Jessica Iannotta at familyministry@stjuderc.org.

Bereavement Group – *Every Tuesday from 3-4:30pm at St. Stephen's Rectory*

If one suffers the grief of losing a loved one, they needn't suffer alone. Bereavement groups can be an aid to healing the pain of loss. We invite all those who struggle with grief to attend the bereavement group at St. Stephen's rectory every Tuesday from 3-4:30pm. There is hope in our Faith and in our community! Contact Carol Gannon for more information at cgannon1626@gmail.com.

St. Jude's "Joyful Journeys" Seniors Group – *Every second Thursday at 1pm*

All those in their "golden years" are invited to join us for our Seniors group – a gathering for prayer, a talk, fellowship, and food! Every second Thursday of the month, from 1-3pm. For more information, contact Ellen Stevens at ellenstevens@charter.net .

Youth

Kid's Club – *Monthly on First Sundays for all kids grades 1-5*

All kids are invited to join us for a fun monthly gathering! Prayer, games, crafts, and encountering Jesus! We will meet every first Sunday of the month (except for September, which will be the second Sunday 9/13), from 3-5pm in the St. Jude Social Hall. Virtus-trained parents are welcome to help chaperone! For more information, please contact Jessica Iannotta at familyministry@stjuderc.org .

Youth Encounters – *For all youth grades 6-12, on Fridays from 7-9pm*

Young people are invited to join us for food, games, fellowship, prayer, and honest conversation about our Catholic Faith on Fridays during the Fall. Our Youth Encounters will take place on Sept 11, 25, Oct 9, 16, 30, Nov 13, 20, and Dec 4 and 18 from 7-9pm in the St. Jude Social Hall. All young people grades 6-12 are welcome! No cost, no sign-up, just show up!