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SAINT JUDE
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Welcome to St. Jude Parish here in Indianapolis. We are looking forward to a personal visit from you when you can celebrate Mass with us and get to know us.

I have been a priest for 35 years and this is my fifth pastoral assignment, serving as pastor at St. Jude since 2002. From the first time I drove upon the property in September, 2002, I could tell this is a parish with people truly invested in themselves and their mission. From the early hours of the morning, beginning with 5:30 a.m. exercise opportunities, to

late nights of meetings, gatherings and parish functions, the parking lot is rarely empty and the lights never dim. Our theme for our 50th Anniversary that we celebrated in 2009 was *"Looking back with Pride...and Forward with Hope."* We continue to do this.

Here is a little information about us. St. Jude is one of the larger parishes in the archdiocese with over 5,000 active members and a school with 509 children. We reside on a campus of nearly 12 acres which includes our Church, parish center, school and newly remodeled youth center. We operate on a current budget of \$4,126,527 and employ 86 paid staff members and, of course, benefit from the work of hundreds upon hundreds of our dedicated volunteers.

The warmth, openness, willingness to forgive and generosity of so many in giving, volunteering and supporting those in need have shown me that St. Jude is truly founded on the principles of what a parish is called to be. I feel gifted to be a part of this community and I hope you will be able to visit us in near future for you to see what a treasure we are to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Peace and Prayers for you as our Archbishop,

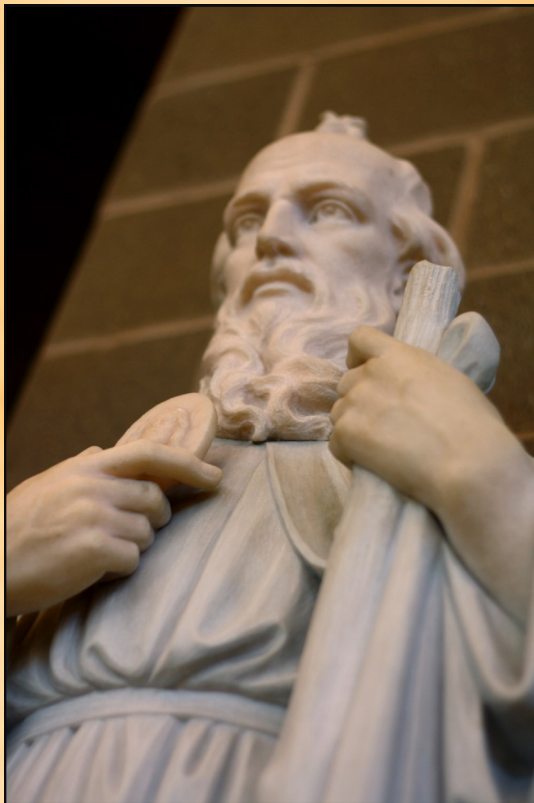
Fr. Stephen Banet
Pastor



Our Mission

Called to be the Body of Christ to the world, the people of St. Jude Parish family strive to live out the moral values and teachings of the Catholic Church through celebration with and guidance from, our appointed shepherds in the Church. Celebration

of the Eucharist brings us into one with Christ. From this liturgical celebration shall flow our unity; awareness and loving response to the needs of our brothers and sisters in our parish family; as well as, in the community around us. Our total commitment as the Body of Christ, which gathers us into one enables us to serve the world through out various ministries.





St. Jude School



St. Jude Catholic School operates as an extension of the family to unite faith and educational excellence through Gospel values, high educational standards, prayer and sacraments.



Fifty-two dedicated faculty and staff members serve 509 students .





Spiritual Life

Approximately 2,400 faithful parishioners and visitors attend our weekend liturgies. We provide our parishioners with individual and communal opportunities for spiritual growth through the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. Last year at St. Jude, 72 Baptisms were performed, 86 individuals received First Holy Eucharist, 76 were Confirmed, 43 Funerals were

held, and 17 couples were united in Holy Matrimony.





Adult Faith Formation

We seek to invite and empower adults to strengthen their faith by teaching Catholic beliefs and offering a variety of formation programs to enhance the spiritual life of our community through programs such as RCIA, MOMS, bible studies, bereavement support groups, couples enrichment programs and more.





Religious Education

At St. Jude, we believe the faith development of a child is a lifelong journey shared between families and the parish community. Since parents are the primary educators of their children, our Religious Education program seeks to support parents in this lifelong journey of faith formation by providing programs which instruct in scripture, doctrine, prayer and worship. We also assist in preparing children for their Sacraments; all in the hopes of nurturing personal and spiritual growth. Currently, 145 children are enrolled in our first through eighth-grade Religious Education program; 85 attend Children's Liturgy of the Word, 45 attend Sunday preschool, 150 enjoy Vacation Bible School and 80 children are preparing for sacraments.





Young Adults

Invite. Invest. Ignite. This is our mission at St. Jude for our young adult ministry. Through a culture of hospitality, we desire to *invite* people into community and fellowship with one another, *invest* in each other through authentic relationships, and *ignite* a fire in their hearts to live intentionally for Christ and evangelize our world. So whether you are a college student, a young parent, spouse, or anything in between, please know that there is a community of young adults for you at St. Jude.





Young At Heart

Did you know that having a variety of positive social supports can contribute to psychological and physical health? In some studies, successful aging is positively related to socializing with neighbors, religious participation and volunteering. You can do all three of these activities by joining Young at Heart, St. Jude's senior ministry for those over 55. We meet monthly, usually on the second Friday of the month at 11:00 am in the Parish Center Assembly Room. Bring your own lunch and eat as we plan activities, share information on upcoming community events, listen to a speaker or play cards. We often participate in church activities as a group such as the Mardi Gras and Parish Festival.



Young at Heart



Youth Ministry

St. Jude's Youth Ministry is based on the Life Teen program that leads teens closer to Christ through a weekly youth-centered Mass Sunday at Noon, Sunday evening Youth Group for high school students, monthly gatherings for 5th grade students and weekly get-togethers for 6th/7th/8th grade students.

More than 300 youth are served through our programs. These fun-filled, high energy activities reach our youth spiritually, emotionally, and socially. Our youth program also encompasses sacramental preparation for Confirmation, scouting programs and CYO.





Social Justice & Outreach

As witnesses to God's call for justice, the Social Justice & Outreach Ministry of St. Jude Church seeks to celebrate diversity, build inclusiveness and ensure equity for God's people locally, nationally and internationally.



As Christian servants we are called to minister the whole church giving the showing compassion to all. Our activities Pro-Life, St. Vincent de Paul, Christmas Giving Tree, blood drives, International outreach, assisting St. Philip Neri Parish here in Indianapolis, and volunteering at Beggars for the Poor and The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House.




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Family & Social Ministry

Coming together for fun and fellowship meets our human and God-given desire for community and offers the chance to support one another on our Christian walk. We offer ample opportunities for socialization through our annual Festival, ministry of Fellowship & Hope, Men's & Women's Clubs, Bridge Club, bowling league, 50 and Over and Welcoming Committee.

