Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 29 & 30, 2017

Parish School of Religion catechism registration for 2017-2018 year is ongoing. All St. Jude families with children entering grades K-10th (except those in Catholic schools) should be attending catechism classes at St. Jude. **Children entering first grade MUST attend first grade PSR classes** in order to enroll in the First Eucharist program in second grade.

Daily Masses
- Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 8:15am
- Tuesday at 5:30pm (followed by Benediction and Adoration)
- Wednesday at noon also

Weekend Masses
- Saturday 4:00pm Vigil
- Sunday at 8:00am, 9:45am, and 11:30am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:45pm
- or by appointment

Parish Contact Information
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Emergencies: after hours, please call 766-2431 and follow the directions given on the voice mail message.
“...the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty fold." (From Matthew 13:1-9)

Dear Friends,

Once a year each parish in our diocese welcomes a visiting priest to offer an appeal on behalf of the church’s missionary activity in various parts of the world. This weekend we are visited by Fr. Steve Rodrigues, who will be speaking with us at all Masses regarding the work of the church in his native land of India. I truly appreciate the welcome that you will extend to him. For more information on Fr. Steve’s visit, please see the cover of this bulletin.

His presence allows me to be away for the weekend. As you may know, it has become increasingly difficult for priests to obtain help for weekend Masses, so I am taking advantage of this opportunity. Saturday is my 55th birthday, and I will be away celebrating with some of my family and friends. If the weather is good, I hope to even do a little fishing!

As we approach the last days of summer, I invite us to keep all of our children, teachers, and administrators in our prayers for another school year filled with many blessings.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Fr. Trey

Fr. Trey Nelson
Pastor
**Confirmation News**

**The Age of Confirmation:** In the Diocese of Baton Rouge the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated (conferred) during the 11th grade year. While this is the case, diocesan guidelines also ask that we begin preparation for the sacrament when our youth are in the 9th grade. There is only one gathering during the 9th and 10th grade years, but, nonetheless, these sessions are required.

**Mandatory Meeting** - we will offer a very brief information meeting: **Sunday, August 13, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m. in the church.** The meeting will last no more than 30 minutes. This is a requirement for each student and at least 1 of their parents.

If you have any questions please call Melanie Chabarria, Director of Christian Formation, in the parish office at (225) 766-2431 or by email: melaniec@stjudecatholic.org.

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**R.C.I.A.**

**WHAT IS RCIA?**

RCIA, or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process whereby those interested in learning about the Catholic faith come together on a habitual basis to learn about the scriptures and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and at the same time, to discover where God is present in their lives.

The process is designed for those adults and children over the age of seventeen who are un-baptized, or who are baptized in another tradition, or who were baptized Catholic but with no further religious training or who have not experienced the sacraments of the Church. If you or someone you know is interested in more information please call, Melanie Chabarria, Director of Christian Formation, at (225)-766-2431 or by email: melaniec@stjudecatholic.org.
LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God’s question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

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St. Jude After-School Extension Program
is looking for dedicated, reliable and passionate after-school care workers. You must be at least a high school senior or older. In this position you will assume responsibility of supervising children and assisting with homework. If you qualify and are interested, please call St. Jude School at 769-2344 for more details.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES BEGINNING SOON!

Twice a year, parishioners gather in small groups to participate in faith sharing sessions held weekly for six weeks. These occur during Advent and Lent and help us prepare for these very important church seasons.

The small groups are great for helping us to slow down our hectic pace and focus on making connections between everyday life and our faith as taught through Scripture. While they help build our individual faith needs, they also build up our parish community. Parishioners who have participated in groups in the past can testify to the big difference it makes in their lives.

Groups are usually 8-12 adults. Registration for the Advent season will begin in September and will be advertised in our bulletin and on our website.

Facilitator needed for a Young Mom’s Small Christian Community Bible Study Group

No experience necessary

Lead a group of young mom’s in a prayerful Bible study group
6 once-a-week sessions
Sessions held twice a year; preparing for Advent & for Lent
Next Advent session begins at the end of September

For more information, contact Charmaine Biossat at 766-2431 or email charmaineb@stjudecatholic.org.
Culture of Life Reflections

“Children are in themselves a treasure for humanity and for the Church, because they constantly remind us of the necessary condition for entering the kingdom of God: not to consider ourselves self-sufficient, but in need of help, love, forgiveness. And all of us, we are in need of help, love and forgiveness ... all of us!”

--Pope Francis, March 2015