

70 ½ or Older? Making Year End Tax plans?

The Holy Spirit brought the early Church alive by giving individuals gifts that would sustain the Church. By sharing your gifts, you can keep the church alive for years to come. Don't miss the chance to make an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift this year! If you are 70 ½ or older please consider making an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution before December 31. You can make a gift up to \$105,000 directly from your IRA to our parish. For more information about how you and the Church can benefit from an IRA qualified charitable contribution, contact your IRA administrator, or tax preparer.



The Parish Office & both Churches have one new mailing address. Please update your address book. All mail for both churches must be sent to 1937 Davis Highway, Mineral, Virginia 23117. Do you use bill pay for church donations? Log on to your bank and update this mailing address. Thank-you!

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Community Life	SJ Rosemarie Ayers IC Karen Donnelly
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Social Ministry	SJ & IC Becky Chidester
Music Coordinator	SJ Lauren Cunningham Headley IC Becky Snyder

Little Blue Books for Advent are available at each church. Start each day of Advent with a six-minute meditation to help you reflect and prepare for the birth of the King of Kings.

The Louisa Catholic Community "United in Faith, United in Love"

Saint Jude Catholic Church, 1937 Davis Highway, Mineral, VA 23117 and
Immaculate Conception Church, 1107 Fredericks Hall Road, Bumpass, VA, 23024

Bulletin for: Sunday November 24th and December 1st 2024

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and The First Sunday of Advent



On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or **Christ the King**. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

On December 1st the Church will begin a new liturgical year, with Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of **Christmas**. The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. Note, the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. **Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world.**



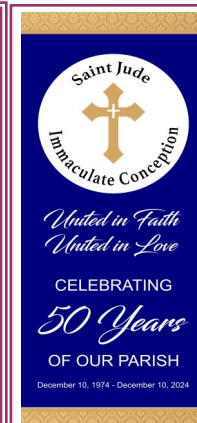
Save the Date Make a Note!

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Masses are as follows:

The Holy Day will be Observed on
Monday December 9, 2024

- 9:00 AM, Saint Jude, Mineral
- 6:00 PM, Immaculate Conception, Buckner, Followed by a little reception, it is our Feast Day.

Update Your Records, Fr. Calixtus' email is now:
pastor@louisacatholics.org



On Sunday, December 8th, Bishop Knestout will celebrate our 50 Jubilee with us at a 10:00 am Mass at Saint Jude.

- On December 8th:**
- There will be no 9:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception
 - There will be no 11:00 Mass at Saint Jude

We would like to make a slide show of Historic photos from both churches, and their congregations from the last 50 years. One person has shared one photo! Please share yours soon. Seeing our small beginnings and growth tells our story of Faith and Love. If you have photos, bring them to the office, a digital copy will be made and the photo will be returned to you right then. Thanks!



ADVENT ANGEL TREES AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEEDY

The Social Ministry's annual Angel Tree and Assistance for the Needy Advent program begins next weekend. With your support, we are able to provide clothes and toys for needy children in our community. The Angel Trees will be up on **Saturday, November 30th at Saint Jude and Sunday, December 1st at Immaculate Conception**. The "Angel" cards on the trees are for local needy children, their Christmas wish lists will be on the cards. Along with the gifts for the children, each family is given a Food Lion gift card. The Angel Program Guidelines are printed on the back of the Advent Calendar attached to this Bulletin. Also attached is an Assistance for the Needy envelope for monetary donations. For Faith direct (E-giving) subscribers, this is a donation choice. This envelope is also included in the November monthly mailed collection envelopes. These donations are used to purchase the Food Lion gift cards. If you are unable to select an Angel or unable to shop for one, contact Becky Chidester (703) 582- 0827 for help. Your generous support of this Program uplifts those in need and brightens this Holy Season for our families who might otherwise go without. GOD BLESS. Becky Chidester, CH, Social Ministry

Dedicated to helping you heal

Virtual Support Group for those who have suffered abuse by clergy or lay personnel residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

We invite you to join the group on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, support, and heal.

Spouses and affected community members are also welcome.

Questions? Email vac@richmonddiocese.org

QR code for joining the virtual support group.

Calendar - November 24th through December 8th, 2024

Saturday, November 23

SJ 9:00 AM—2:00 PM. Women’s Guild Bazaar, Narthex, Hall and Kitchen
SJ 4:00 PM, Confessions, Church
SJ 5:00 PM Mass, Ray Siewert by: Mike & Sue Handrahan

Sunday, November 24

IC 9:00 AM Mass, Mark Stangler † by: Mike and Amy Schnetzler
SJ 11:00 AM Mass, John “Jackie” Simmons, Jr. - 7th Anniversary
SJ 12:00 Noon, Choir Practice and Lunch

Monday, November 25

IC 5:30, Holy Hour, Church

Tuesday, November 26

SJ 9:00, Mass, Warren Rose † by: Mike and Sue Handrahan
SJ 5:30-9:00 PM, 4th Degree Knights, Parish Hall & Kitchen

Wednesday, November 27

IC and SJ, Offices Close at 12:00 PM for Thanksgiving
SJ 7:00 PM, Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday, November 28th

No Mass at IC today, Thanksgiving Day

Thurs & Fri. Nov 28th & 29th

SJ & IC Offices closed for Thanksgiving,

Saturday, November 30

SJ 4:00 PM, Confessions, Church
SJ 5:00 PM, Vigil Mass, Maureen O’Hara † by: Eileen and Rick Perks
SJ 6:30 PM, Hispanic Ministry, Church, Hall and Kitchen

Sunday, December 1

IC 9:00 AM, Laura McCaul †, by: Margo McCaul
SJ 11:00 AM, Francis C. Swann Health & Healing by: The Hohensteins

Tuesday, December 3

SJ 9:00 AM, Timothy Hoover † by: Meg Hoover
SJ 9:45 AM, Ladies Clean SJ for Bishop’s visit and Christmas

Thursday, December 5

IC 9:00 AM, Patricia Kelly † by: Ron and Mary Hohenstein

First Friday, December 6

SJ 9:00 AM, Bryce Carrasco † by: Ron and Mary Hohenstein

Saturday, December 7

SJ 9:00 AM, 1st Sat., Robert E. Branard † by: The Hohensteins
SJ 4:00 PM, Confessions, Church
SJ 5:00 PM, Hermann and Anne Weber † by: Ron and Ursula Canada

Sunday, December 8

IC No Mass at Immaculate Today
SJ 10:00 AM, Jubilee Mass with Bishop Knestout
SJ 11:00 AM, Jubilee Reception, Saint Jude Parish Hall

Sacraments and Sacramentals

If you are in need of a Sacrament:

Baptism, please call or write the parish office to schedule a baptism. First time parents, must meet with Fr. Calixtus, and then a date can be set.


First Communion Please contact our Coordinator of Religious Education, Melissa King, for details.

Reconciliation (Confessions) are every **Saturday from 4:00-4:50 PM at Saint Jude**, and by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick, call the parish office to speak with Fr. Calixtus to schedule.

Marriage, engaged couples should approach their priest first to begin planning a wedding! Please call the office to schedule a meeting with Fr. Cal or one of our Deacons, their numbers are in this bulletin.

Hospital visits If you or a member of your family want Fr. Cal to know about a hospital stay, call the parish office.

 Please join us when we say the Holy Rosary before Daily Masses. Please arrive by 8:30, Mass is at 9:00am; Tuesdays at Saint Jude, and Thursdays at Immaculate Conception. All are welcome!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:



At Saint Jude, 10:00 am on the second Wednesday of the Month.
At Immaculate Conception, 5:30 PM each Monday evening, and on the first Wednesday of the month.

Meetings, Reminders, Events

***** RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Events and Important Dates -

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE – We Must Register by November 24th.
Event dates: February 8-10, 2025 in Richmond (This event is open to 8th grade and High School students ONLY)



The Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) is an annual weekend event that gathers high school youth from Diocese of Richmond parishes in one central location. DYC is a highly energetic and engaging opportunity for our teenagers to gather as a larger Church community and celebrate the richness of our Catholic faith. There will be music, speakers, food, games, small group activities, prayer, Mass, Adoration, Confession...they will be kept very busy!

Registration forms for DYC must be completed by November 24th, to receive a significant early registration discount. Adult chaperones are needed!

December 29th, CUPCAKE WARS, for K-12 Kids! Home School, Immaculate Conception, Saint Jude kids, come at 12:30-3:00 to the Saint Jude Hall, Pizza Lunch, Cupcakes and Fix-ins provided, please RSVP (we need to know for supplies, please) to Melissa King cre@louisacatholics.org or Joan Kelly, momkellyjlk@gmail.com. See you there!

*****Position: Administrative Assistant at Saint Jude Catholic Church (Mineral) and Immaculate Conception Church (Buckner)** The Louisa Cluster in Mineral, VA, has an immediate opening for a Full-Time (35 hours per week M-F 9:00AM – 4:00 PM) Administrative Assistant responsible for performing a wide range of clerical/administrative duties. The qualified candidate should be Roman Catholic with knowledge of the Catholic Church, sacraments and liturgies, should enjoy working with people in a friendly and welcoming manner, must possess the ability to work independently as well as collaboratively. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: answering phones; greeting walk-ins; managing the parish calendar; maintaining/updating parish website; preparation of bulletins, worship aids, prayers of the faithful; coordinating volunteers; registering parishioners in Parish Soft; and updating sacramental records in accordance with diocesan guidelines. The selected individual must be proficient in Microsoft Office Suite for Business, knowledge of Parish Soft is helpful (will train), must have strong communication skills, be organized, and able to perform in a busy office environment. Interested candidates should please send a cover letter, resume, and completed diocesan application to: office@louisacatholics.org Attn: Fr. Calixtus Barfi.

Saint Thomas Aquinas University Parish is honored to host the major relics of Saint Thomas Aquinas on Monday, December 2, 2024, in a special event marking the 750th anniversary of the death of Saint Thomas Aquinas, one of the Catholic Church's most revered theologians. Pilgrims who visit the relics may receive a plenary indulgence for their pilgrimage to a holy site associated with the Order of Preachers, under the usual conditions.

Public Veneration of the Relics: The relics of Saint Thomas Aquinas will be available for public veneration in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help chapel following the 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass until 7:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., the relics will be brought in a solemn procession to the church for *Awaken Wisdom*.

****Because it is necessary for the relics to be attended at all times**, we are asking those who are able to sign up for 30 minute shifts. In order to make prayer time more fruitful, a booklet of Aquinas’ prayers and reflections will be provided for those who would like some guidance. The signup link is: <https://stauva.flocknote.com/signup/188978>

Confessions: Confessions will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to offer pilgrims to fulfill the usual conditions for a plenary indulgence.
Awaken Wisdom: an Advent Evening of Adoration and Choral Reflection; This special service will feature Choral Vespers and the Eucharistic hymns of Saint Thomas Aquinas, inviting attendees to begin their Advent Season with prayer and reflection. The relics will be available for veneration after the service. Following **Awaken Wisdom**, all are invited to a festive reception in St. Thomas Hall. Guests can enjoy a hot chocolate toppings bar and an assortment of holiday treats as we continue the evening in fellowship and celebration.

Event Location: Saint Thomas Aquinas University Parish
401 Alderman Road
Charlottesville, VA 22903
[\(434\) 293-8081](tel:(434)293-8081)

The faithful are warmly invited to join in this spiritually enriching day, honoring the legacy and teachings of Saint Thomas Aquinas through veneration, reflection, and communal prayer. For additional information, please contact media@stauva.org

E-Giving Through FAITHDIRECT: Saint Jude and Immaculate Conception offer our parishioners secure online giving through FaithDirect. You can use your computer, tablet or phone to sign up at: www.https://faith.direct/VA1052 to give to Immaculate Conception OR www.https://faith.direct/VA1007 to give to Saint Jude. OR call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757. Many giving and reporting options are available.

