

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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Worship	SJ Ron Brassard IC Amy Schnetzler, Kathy Fleser
Social Ministry	SJ & IC Becky Chidester
Music Coordinator	SJ Lauren Cunningham Headley IC Becky Snyder

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.

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 December 8th and December 15th, 2024

The Second Sunday of Advent and Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday



Please come to our Jubilee Mass on Sunday, December 8th at 10:00 AM at Saint Jude. Bishop Barry Knestout, Father Walter Wagner, O.P., Pastor of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Dean of Deanery 10, Father Michael Duffy, J.C.L., former Pastor of the Louisa Cluster, Deacon Liem Do, Master of Ceremonies, will all be here to complete our Jubilee year with a Mass. We have had a wonderful year remembering our origins as two small Missions that were joined to make one Parish in Louisa County. We have grown closer as a group and hope to continue growing in Faith and Love together in the next 50 years.



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation

Masses are as follows:
The Holy Day will be Observed on Monday December 9, 2024

- 9:00 AM, Saint Jude, Mineral and
- 6:00 PM, Immaculate Conception, Buckner, with a reception in the Parish Hall after Mass.

"No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and the birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin."

(United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 142-143)

The Blessed Mother, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, has been a patroness of the United States since 1846.

Advent Confessions and Adoration

Fridays in Advent, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Confession available at Saint Jude:

**10:00 AM on Friday
December 13 and December 20**

The Festival of Lessons and Carols

**4:00 PM, Sunday, December 15, at Saint Jude
Bring a plate of homemade cookies to share in the Parish Hall afterward.**

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

ADVENT ANGEL TREES AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEEDY



Advent Angel Trees and Assistance for the Needy Collections are Happening Now

There are still Angels that need sponsors. If you are able please choose a card from the Angel Tree after Mass. Your **WRAPPED** gifts are due in by Sunday, the 15th of December. Contact Becky Chidester (703) 582 - 0827 if you will have a problem meeting this date. Along with the gifts for the children, each family is also given a Food Lion gift card. The "Assistance for the Needy" envelope (attached to the Bulletin) funds the purchase of these cards. E-givers note that "Assistance for the Needy" is a giving option in Faith Direct. Your generous support of this program will make a huge difference for many children and their families experiencing financial difficulties and who would otherwise go without during this Holy Season. God Bless. Becky Chidester, CH Social Ministry

Calendar - December 7th through December 22nd 2024

Saturday, December 7
 SJ 8:30 AM—We're Done, Set up for Jubilee Mass and Reception
 SJ 9:00 AM, 1st Sat. Mass, Bryce Carrasco †, by Ron & Mary Hohenstein
 SJ 4:00 PM, Confessions, Church
 SJ 5:00 PM Vigil Mass, Hermann and Anne Weber †, by Ron & Ursula Canada

Sunday, December 8
 SJ 10:00 AM Mass, (note time) 50th Jubilee Mass with Bishop Knestout
 SJ 12:00 Noon, Jubilee Reception, Parish Hall

Monday, December 9
 SJ, 9:00 AM, Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
 IC, 6:00 PM, Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass and Reception

Tuesday, December 10
 SJ 9:00 AM, Paula Staub † by: Mike and Sue Handrahan
 SJ 10:00 AM, Bible Study, Larry Kavanagh

Thursday, December 12
 IC 9:00 AM, William Donnelly † by: Karen and Steve Donnelly
 IC 9:45 AM, Bible Study by Larry Kavanagh
 SJ 5:30 PM, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Reception, Church and Hall

Friday, December 13
 SJ 10:00 AM, Adoration and Confessions

Saturday, December 14
 SJ 4:00 PM, Confessions, Church
 SJ 5:00 PM, Vigil Mass, Marion Walzel † by: Kim and Mike Moyer

Sunday, December 15
 IC 9:00 AM, Alleyne Monkman † by: Karen and Steve Donnelly
 SJ 11:00 AM, Nate Capps, Health & Healing, by: Ron & Mary Hohenstein
 All Angel Gifts are Due, take them to the same church where you got the Angel

Tuesday, December 17
 SJ 9:00 AM, Pamela Cibula † by: The Wilson Family

Thursday, December 19
 IC 9:00 AM, Phyllis B. Kneifly † by: Ron and Mary Hohenstein
 SJ 6:30 PM, Knights of Columbus, Officer Meeting

Friday, December 20
 SJ 9:00 AM, Knights, Fish Fry Meeting
 SJ 10:00 AM, Adoration and Confessions

Saturday, December 21
 SJ 4:00 PM, Confessions, Church
 SJ 5:00 PM, Marcella Chandler Bloomberg † by: George & Laura Foussekis

Sunday, December 22
 IC 9:00 AM, Judy Brennan †, by: Jim and Jane Bono
 SJ 11:00 AM, Kathie Fridley †, by: The Women's Guild

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.

Our Fund Raisers were a big success, thanks the whole Community for supporting these events!



The 2024 Women's Guild Christmas Bazaar (November 23rd) Was a Success

Thank you everyone who made crafts, donated Silent Auction items, worked the sale and came to buy a beautiful hand crafted item or baked good. We could not have done it without you! Vendors and Community members have enjoyed this event each year since it began in the mid-1970's when we first became a Parish. The Guild Craft Table, Silent Auction, Kitchen, Vendor Raffle, Table Fees, and Baked Goods had a net income of \$4,383.72. Look for it again next November and be sure to join us!



Immaculate Conception's Annual Brunswick Stew, Yard Sale and Bake Sale on November 2

was a great success and a lot of fun. Three large pots made 362 quarts of stew at \$8 each, or \$2,896, plus \$272 in cash donations! The Yard Sale and Bake Sale also had great donations and workers who organize the Hall into a little store for the day. They tallied up \$3,268.41 in sales. This event has a long history in the Parish and is popular with the whole community. Be sure to join in next year!

November Collection and (Fiscal) Year to Date Collection (July 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024)

Saint Jude		
Monthly Giving		
Collection Report	November, 2024	Year to Date
Sunday and Holy Days	22,556.97	121,526.16
Maintenance Funds	1,630.00	10,999.70
Total Received	24,186.97	132,525.86
Total Income Budgeted	29,918.23	149,591.15
Better (Worse)	-5,731.26	-17,065.29

Immaculate Conception		
Monthly Giving		
Collection Report	November, 2024	Year to Date
Sunday and Holy Days	19,541.15	100,249.30
Maintenance Funds	1,312.00	6,454.00
Total Received	20,853.15	106,703.30
Total Income Budgeted	18,193.74	90,968.70
Better (Worse)	2,659.41	15,734.60

Adult Bible Studies are Scheduled at Immaculate Conception and Saint Jude
 All classes will be held in their respective Parish Halls after the Daily Mass.

Larry Kavanagh will present: The Birth of Jesus. Tuesday December 10th, after 9:00 AM Mass at Saint Jude. And again at 9:45 AM on Thursday, December 12th, after the 9:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception.

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.

