

The Louisa Catholic Community “United in Faith, United in Love”
Saint Jude Catholic Church, 1937 Davis Highway, Mineral, VA 23117
Immaculate Conception Church, 1107 Fredericks Hall Road, Bumpass, VA, 23024
Bulletin for Sunday, February 16th, 2025



2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal:
Sharing His Love with Others

Supporting the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal is about providing for 21 important ministries of our Catholic Church. For example, did you know that the Appeal:

Provides formation opportunities for youth and young adults aimed at community building, prayer, worship, service, and education.

Expands opportunities for college students to deepen their commitment to the Catholic Church.

Funds the cost of room, board, tuition, and health insurance for our seminarians.

**December Collection and (Fiscal) Year to Date Collection
 (July 1, 2024 - January 31, 2025)**

Saint Jude		
Monthly Giving		
Collection Report	January 2025	Year to Date
Sunday and Holy Days	23,337.70	201,917.66
Maintenance Funds	1,595.00	15,311.22
Total Received	24,932.70	217,288.88
Total Income Budgeted	29,918.23	209,427.64
Better (Worse)	(4,985.53)	7,801.24
Immaculate Conception		
Monthly Giving		
Collection Report	January 2025	Year to Date
Sunday and Holy Days	17,162.00	143,876.80
Maintenance Funds	828.00	8,553.00
Total Received	17,990.00	152,429.80
Total Income Budgeted	18,193.86	127,356.30
Better (Worse)	(203.86)	25,073.50

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Cemetery Director	SJ Rev. Mr. Tom Fursman IC Steve Falkenthal
Finance Council	SJ Martin Ried IC David Failacci
Pastoral Council	SJ IC Wayne Gordon
Community Life	SJ Rosemarie Ayers IC Karen Donnelly
Worship	SJ Ron Brassard IC Amy Schnetzler, Kathy Fleser
Social Ministry	Becky Chidester
Music Coordinator	Becky Snyder

**Immaculate Conception Bible Study
 February through June 2025**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5 through Holy Thursday, April 17. During this Lenten time there will be no bible study on the second Thursday of March and April since the Stations of the Cross will be presented every Thursday after the 9:00 AM mass during Lent except for Holy Week which is between Palm Sunday, April 13 and Easter Sunday, April 20.

April 24, Steve Falkenthal will be the presenter, his topic will be “**PENTECOST.**”

May 8, Marijane Lazzaro and Jane Bono will be the presenters, and their topic will be “**Numbers.**” Not the book of Numbers but actual numbers in the bible.

June 12, Linda Lethbridge will be the presenter, the topic is TBD.

Randall Joseph Reicher, ☩ 2/3/2025
 It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Randy Reicher, husband of Pam Reicher, on February 3, 2025. We ask that you join us in offering prayers of comfort for her, as well as for their children and grandchildren, during this difficult time of loss. May they find peace and strength in the love and support of those around them.

Saturday, February 15

SJ 9:00 AM, RCIA
 SJ 4:00 PM, Confessions
 SJ 5:00 PM, Ann Marie Worosz† by: *Laura and George Foussekis*
 SJ 6:30 PM, Heart and Soul Program by: **Don Brideau, HALL**

Sunday, February 16

IC 9:00 AM, Dorothy Jean Arp † by: *Becky Chidester*
 SJ 11:00 AM, Thomas O'Keefe† by: *Judy O'Keefe*

Monday, February 17

SJ OFFICE CLOSED, President's Day
 IC 5:30 PM, Holy Hour

Tuesday, February 18

SJ 9:00 AM, Margie Stanton †

Thursday, February 20

IC 9:00 AM, Joseph Shircliff† by: *Melissa King*
 IC 7:00 PM, Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, February 22

SJ 9:00AM, RCIA
 SJ 4:00PM, Confessions
 SJ 5:00 PM, Ann Marie Worosz † by: *Stuart and Caroline Lowry*

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. Calixtus or one of our Deacons, their numbers are in this bulletin.

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

February 22, 2025 Ladies Guild sponsored bus trip to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

The Ladies Guild has planned a day trip to the Basilica in Washington DC. We have approximately 30 seats left and are offering them to interested members of the parish. The field trip is Saturday, February 22, 2025. We will be leaving at 7:00am from the St Jude's parking lot and returning that evening. We will have a tour of the Basilica and a private Mass in one of the side Chapels. Confession is also available during the day. Please bring lunch, but there is a cafe on site if you would prefer. The cost per person is \$20.00. It is a Jubilee Year, and the Basilica is a pilgrimage site. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Michele Miller at (540) 748-7063 or mmmiller0727@gmail.com. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Hope to see you all there!

Position: Administrative Assistant at Saint Jude and Immaculate Conception Church

We are currently seeking a full-time (35 hours per week, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM) Administrative Assistant to join our team. The ideal candidate should be a Roman Catholic with a strong understanding of the Catholic Church, its sacraments, and liturgies. A friendly and welcoming attitude, as well as the ability to work both independently and collaboratively, is essential.

Key responsibilities include:

- Answering phone calls and greeting visitors
- Managing the parish calendar
- Maintaining and updating the parish website
- Preparing bulletins, worship aids, and prayers of the faithful
- Registering parishioners in Parish Soft

Proficiency in Microsoft Office is required, and familiarity with Parish Soft is a plus (training will be provided). The candidate must have excellent communication and organizational skills, and the ability to work effectively in a fast-paced office environment.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and a completed Richmond Diocese Employment Application to: office@louisacatholics.org, Attn: Fr. Calixtus Barfi. All applications must be received by the close of business on Friday, February 21, 2025.

FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Hearts Council #11262 and the Louisa Catholic Women's Guild will serve Friday Lenten Fish Dinners at St Jude Catholic Church on March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4 and 11. The dinners are \$12 each for adults and \$5 each for children. The menu is a choice of baked fish, fried fish or fried shrimp. Also included are hushpuppies, a choice of two sides (homemade coleslaw, homemade macaroni and cheese, applesauce or French fries); choice of coffee, iced tea and lemonade; and a homemade dessert. Extra fish or shrimp is \$4. Eat in is from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. carry out from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m

Social Ministry News

"Souper" Bowl Collection Extended

We extended the soup collection drive through **Sunday the 23rd of February**, because so many Parishioners requested more time. Canned, boxed, and bagged soups are all acceptable. Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Souper Bowl" and may be placed in any collection basket. If donating by check, note " Souper Bowl" in the memo line.

Also, while travelling, please collect complimentary unopened toiletries.

These items cannot be purchased with the Electronic Benefit Transfer cards. These toiletries will be donated to support families in the West Virginia Appalachia area.

Women's Guild College Scholarship

"The 2025 Louisa Catholic Women's Guild Scholarship Application is now posted to the church website. The Guild annually awards 2 separate \$1,000.00 scholarships and all high school students who are graduating in May/June 2025 including home schooled, are eligible to apply. Any post high school education be it a 2-year or 4-year college or a technical school are eligible. In addition to the application and questions you are required to obtain signed references, and your transcripts so please do not wait until the last minute. The deadline for applying this year is Friday, March 28th. Applications received by the office after this date will not be considered. If you have any questions please contact Wendy Smith at 540-223-1144."