



**SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 18, 2024  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Rdgs: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15**

**“The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert for 40 days & he was tempted by Satan”**

MASS SCHEDULE				
Sun	Feb	18	9:00AM Sung	1st Sunday of Lent For the People
Mon	Feb	19	9:30AM Latin	Suzanne Monica Schroeder + By The Sledge Family
Tue	Feb	20	7:00PM Spanish	Available
Wed	Feb	21	9:30AM	Rosemary Tuite + By Joe & Maryann Miglino
Sun	Feb	25	9:30AM Sung	2nd Sunday of Lent For the People

**Mass Description**

**Low Mass: little / no singing and no incense.**

**Sung Mass: hymns & moderate chanting; may have incense.**

**Solemn Mass: hymns, extensive chanting & incense.**

**To Schedule a Mass Intention**

Please call the Church Office  
828-743-5717

**St. Jude - Offertory**

(Sunday – February 11, 2024)

Offertory: \$3375.00    Attendance: 135

**May He Rest In Peace**



**Donald Haug +**



*“I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”*

**The Ladies of St. Jude**

The Ladies of St. Jude meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 10:00am and **now** on **Zoom**. This ministry provides fellowship for the Ladies in the parish while supporting the outreach programs and special needs of the parish. For information, contact Kathy Piontek or the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Denis & Bea Benardello, Helen Bloodgood, Caroline Bruce, Buddy Burkhardt, Bonnie Chandler, Janet Cracraft, Tom & Judy David, John Ezzell, Susan Bragdon Field, Gordon Geisel, Sally Hays, Todd House, Stell Huie, Don & Julie Huizer, Debbie Jones, Cathy Keir, Mack Kieper, Anne Krohn, Elly Lane, Annette Licari, Rini Marcus, Mary Jane McAlister, Leona McCall, Ray McCall, Jim McCarthy, Fran Miglino, Hannah Moss, Ken Newburger, The Newton Family, Tommy & Mary O’Neil, Patricia Philpott, Maureen Pierce, Kit Coleman Porter, Sherman & Mary Jo Runions, Melsie Saunders, Keith Shemek, Eileen Sledge, Margo Wilkinson, Katherine Wise.*

**Military Prayer List**

*All Members of All the U.S. Armed Forces  
Benito Morales Vargas (Marines)*

**St. Jude Prayer Group**

The St. Jude Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. We pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, spend some silent time in Adoration, and pray for the needs of our Church and world. Please contact Donna Quinlivan or the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

**Emaus Prayer Group**

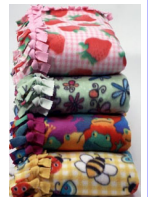
Emaus Prayer is a spiritual movement of faith that is called to prayer, obedience and adoration of the Holy Sacrament. They meet at 6:00pm on Thursday evenings in the Sanctuary. For more information contact Yuliana Vargas, Efrain Morales, Alejandro (Alex) Valerio or Church Office at 828-743-5717.

**Knights of Columbus**

The St. Jude Knights of Columbus Meet at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month. For information, please contact the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

**Prayer Blanket Ministry**

The Prayer Blanket Ministry’s - Winter Schedule (Nov - April) meets on an as needed basis at 10:00am in the upstairs classroom. You don’t have to know how to sew, crochet or knit. If you need a prayer blanket for yourself or for someone in need, please contact: Church Office at 828-743-5717.



## Fr. Barone's Column

### Reflections on Lent by Archbishop Fulton Sheen

[1] **It's never too late.** In Lent, we should look ahead rather than back. Though time is too precious to waste, it must never be thought that what was lost is irretrievable. Once the Divine is introduced, then comes the opportunity to make up for losses.....  
**GOD IS THE GOD OF THE SECOND CHANCE.**

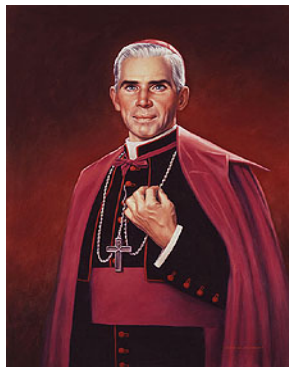
Peter denied, but he had the second chance in which to become as solid as a rock. There really is such a thing as a "second birth". Being born again means that all that went before is not held against us. The thief on the right side of the Lord on Calvary wasted a human life, but in accepting pardon won eternal life.

[2] **Season of Love.** We can think of Lent as a time to eradicate evil or cultivate virtue, a time to pull up weeds or to plant good seeds. Which is better is clear, for the Christian ideal is always positive rather than negative.

A person is great not by the ferocity of his hatred of evil, but by the intensity of his love for God. Asceticism and mortification are not the ends of a Christian life; they are only the means. The end is charity. Penance merely makes an opening in our ego in which the Light of God can pour. As we deflate ourselves, God fills us. And it is GOD's arrival that is the important event.

[3] **Dying daily.** If we are to live for Christ, we must "die daily". Lent is an ideal time to think about our own death. A happy death is a masterpiece and no masterpiece is ever perfected in a day. Dubois spent seven years in making the wax model for his celebrated statue of Joan of Arc – and it stands today as a ravishing perfection of the sculptor's art. In like manner our death must appear as a ravishing perfection of the many years of labor we have given over to its mold by dying daily.

The greatest reason we fear death is because we have never prepared for it. Most of us die only once – **WHEN WE SHOULD HAVE DIED A THOUSAND TIMES** – yes, even daily. Death is a terrible thing for one who dies only when he dies; but it is a beautiful thing for him who dies before he dies.



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## Lenten, Holy Week & Easter Schedule



### Stations of the Cross

**English:** Wednesdays @ 10:00am  
Feb. 21 ..+. March 6, 13 & 20

**Spanish:** Fridays @ 7:00pm  
Feb. 16 & 23  
March 1, 8, 15 & 22

### Palm Sunday Mass

March 24 @ 9:00am



## Holy Week - Our Lady of the Mtns - Highlands



### Holy Thursday—March 28

Mass @ 6:00pm

\*Adoration - 7:00pm - 11:45pm

### Good Friday—March 29

Stations of the Cross: 1:30pm

Confessions: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Good Friday Liturgy, 3:00pm

### Easter Vigil - March 30

Mass @ 8:30pm



### Easter Sunday @ St. Jude - March 31

Mass @ 9:00am

## The Season of Lent

The Season of Lent, is the liturgical season which is 40 days before Easter (Sundays are not included in the count). It is a period of **penance: prayer, fasting & almsgiving...** in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.



## Church Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 18 , **First Communion Class**, 10:15am



Monday, Feb. 19,  
**Pastoral Council Mtg**, 10:30am  
(Parish Hall)

Tuesday, Feb. 20, **St. Jude Prayer Group**, 3:00pm

Tuesday, Feb. 20, **Confirmation Class**, 6:00pm








Thursday, Feb. 22, **Emaus**, 6:00pm

Sat., Feb. 24, **Town Hall - Focus Group**, 10:00am

Sunday, Feb. 25, **First Communion Class**, 10:15am

# ST. JUDE - CALENDAR - 2024

February 18 — March 2

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>18</p>  <p>10:15am</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>Pastoral Council Meeting</b></p> <p>10:30am (Parish Hall)</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>Confirmation 6:00pm</b></p>  <p><b>Spanish Mass 7:00pm</b></p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>English</b></p>  <p>10:00am</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Spanish</b></p>  <p>7:00pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>Town Hall Focus Group Meeting</b></p> <p>10:00am - 12:00 (noon)</p> <p>*see below*</p>
<p>25</p>  <p>10:15am</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>Confirmation 6:00pm</b></p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>1</p> <p><b>Spanish</b></p>  <p>7:00pm</p>	<p>2</p>

## You're Invited to a Special Event

The **Long Range Strategic Planning** committee at St. Jude's has been studying the state of our church building and its campus, including the offices, parish hall, storage and parking. As a result, St. Jude Church has hired Kucia Consulting to assist with completing a Feasibility Study to address our needs. Your input is vitally important to the completeness and accuracy of this study and thus we are inviting you to a **Town Hall Focus Group** to be facilitated by Kucia Consulting along with Father Barone and members of the Long Range Strategic Planning committee. After the presentation there will be opportunities for discussion & questions.

**When:** Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024

**Where:** St. Jude Parish Hall

**Time:** 10:00am

**Brunch** will be provided, so please **RSVP** to this event by emailing [Campaign.StJudeofsv@gmail.com](mailto:Campaign.StJudeofsv@gmail.com) or by calling the **Church Office** at 828-743-5717.

*Hope to See You There!*



## QR Code - Fr. Barone's Homily Fallen Away Catholics

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On YouTube



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