

# St. Jude & St. Thomas Parishes, Beloit, Wisconsin

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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Please telephone your parish office to make arrangements. A preparation session for parents is required, please check the bulletin for upcoming dates and times. Para las clases de preparacion del Sacramento del Bautizo favor de llamar a Araceli al (608) 856-0566.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Weddings must be scheduled 6 months before the date of the marriage. Contact your parish office.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:** If you or someone you know needs Communion brought to them, please call your parish office.



## Third Sunday Of Advent

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### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES FOR БЕЛОIT AREA CHURCHES

<b>St. Jude</b> Sat. 5:30 PM Sun. 8:45 AM	<b>St. Thomas</b> Sat. 4:00 PM Sun. 11:00 AM	<b>Our Lady of the Assumption</b> Sat. 5:00 PM Sun. 8:00 & 10:30 AM	<b>St. Stephen</b> Sat. 5:00 PM Sun. 9:00 AM
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**SERVICIOS CATÓLICOS EN ESPAÑOL - Parroquia Catolica de san Judas, Beloit,** El 3<sup>er</sup> domingo de cada mes a las 11:00 AM.  
**- Parroquia Catolica de san Pedro, South Beloit**  
 Sabado Confesiones: 3:45-4:45 PM; Misa Sabado: 6:30 PM; Misa Dominical: 12:30 PM



## December 17, 2017 3rd Sunday of Advent

**Reading I** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 "Comfort, give comfort to my people."  
**Reading II** 2 Pt 3:8-14 The day of the Lord will be unexpected.  
**Gospel** Mk 1:1-8 The Baptist foretells the Messiah's coming.

**December 24, 2017 4th Sunday of Advent**

**Reading I** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 The prophet announces glad tidings and vindication.  
**Reading II** 1 Thess 5:16-24 Awaiting Christ's promised return.  
**Gospel** John 1:6-8, 19-28 "There is one coming among you..."

**December 25 Christmas**

**Reading I** Isa 9:1-6 A Son is Given Us.  
**Reading II** Paul 2:11-14 The Grace of God has appeared to all.  
**Gospel** Luke 2:1-14 Today a Savior has been born to you.

### Masses for the week:

<b>Sat</b>	<b>12/16</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> (St. Thomas) <i>Donald Borley &amp; Doug Vedra</i> <b>5:30 PM</b> (St. Jude) <i>Ethel Fitzsimmons</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12/17</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b> (St. Jude) <i>Duane Anderson</i> <b>11:00 AM</b> (St. Jude) <i>Spanish Mass</i> <b>11:00 AM</b> (St. Thomas) <i>Donald &amp; Frances Olmstead</i>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>12/18</b>	
<b>Tues</b>	<b>12/19</b>	<b>5:00PM</b> (St. Thomas) <i>People of the Parishes</i>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>12/20</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> (St. Jude) <i>Marvin Mauel</i>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>12/21</b>	<b>7:15 AM</b> (St. Thomas) <i>Mary Wywialowski</i>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>12/22</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> (St. Jude) <i>Bill Riggle</i>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>12/23</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> (St. Thomas) <i>Mike Sager</i> <b>5:30 PM</b> (St. Jude) <i>William Stein &amp; Carol Mork</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12/24</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b> (St. Jude) <i>Larry Korn</i> <b>11:00 AM</b> (St. Thomas) <i>People of the Parishes</i>
<b>Christmas Mass Schedule:</b>		
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12/24</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> (St. Jude) <i>Oliver &amp; Lillian Davis &amp; Natalie Durben</i> (St. Thomas) <i>People of the parishes</i> <b>5:00 PM</b> (Our Lady of the Assumption, OLA) (St. Stephen) <b>7:00 PM</b> (St. Jude) <i>Spanish Mass</i> <b>9:00 PM</b> (St. Jude) <i>Natalie Durben &amp; Oliver &amp; Lillian Davis</i> <b>10:30 PM</b> (OLA) <i>Carols begin at 10:00 PM</i>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>12/25</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> (Our Lady of the Assumption, OLA) <b>8:45 AM</b> (St. Jude) <i>People of the parishes</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> (St. Stephen) <b>10:30 AM</b> (Our Lady of the Assumption) <b>11:00 AM</b> (St. Thomas) <i>People of the parishes</i>

### Liturgical Ministers

There will be sign up sheets for the

#### Weekend Masses

12/23 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM  
12/24 8:45 AM

#### Christmas

12/24 4:00 PM & 9:00 PM  
12/25 8:45 AM & 11:00 AM

**WordOnFire.org** – This website is produced by **Bishop Robert Barron** and offers audio and written commentary on a wide range of topics that are related to faith and Church.  
**www.catholicwomenpreach.org**. This site has a reflection on the Scripture readings each Sunday.



### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**St. Jude:**

Saturday, December 23, 30 - 8:30-9:30 AM

Wednesday, December 20 - 4:00-5:30 PM

**St Thomas:**

If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at another time, please call Fr. John at either parish.



### Baptism Preparation for New Infants

We have a Baptismal Preparation Class every other month in the **St. Jude Parish Center**. The next class will be on **Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM**. Please call either parish office between **8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**, if you wish to register.  
**St. Jude, 608-364-2820 or St. Thomas, 608-362-1034.**  
**Platicas Prebautismales en español.** Una sola clase en St. Thomas Parish, 822 E. Grand Ave, Beloit. **14 de Enero las 9:30 am.** Comunicarse con Araceli al **(608) 856-0566.**

### Pope Francis



In our time humanity is experiencing a turning-point in its history, as we can see from the advances being made in so many fields. We can only praise the steps being taken to improve people's welfare in areas such as health care, education and communications. At the same time we have to remember that the majority of our contemporaries are barely living from day to day, with dire consequences. A number of diseases are spreading. The hearts of many people are gripped by fear and desperation, even in the so-called rich countries. The joy of living frequently fades, lack of respect for others and violence are on the rise, and inequality is increasingly evident. It is a struggle to live and, often, to live with precious little dignity. This epochal change has been set in motion by the enormous qualitative, quantitative, rapid and cumulative advances occurring in the sciences and in technology, and by their instant application in different areas of nature and of life. We are in an age of knowledge and information, which has led to new and often anonymous kinds of power.

**Pope Francis, "The Joy of the Gospel", #52**

### Bless Our Priests Collection for Diocesan Retired Priests



Bless Our Priests Collection Envelopes  
 Make sure to remember the retired priests of our diocese by making a gift to the Bless Our Priests collection. This collection is used to directly support all retired priests welfare including the rising cost of healthcare, long-term care and medical costs. Please return your gift in the envelopes available at all Masses this weekend. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 11 counties of our Diocese!

**For prayer requests**, please call, **(St. Jude)** Mary Schindler, 362-8912, Irene Popp, 364-4367, Jeanne Grathwohl, 365-6703, **(St. Thomas)** Fran Clark, 362-2203.

## Religious Education News Noticias de Educación Religiosa



Classes are available for students in 4K through 12th grade and are held in Brother Dutton School on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45

January 7, 14, 21 - Class

January 28 - Classes and First Communion Parent Meeting

Clases disponibles para estudiantes de 4k hasta el 12vo grado, en la escuela Brother Dutton los domingos de 9:45 a 10:45

Enero 7, 14, 21 - clase

Enero 28 - Clase y Reunión para padres acerca de la primera comunión

This weekend we welcome  
**Msgr. Terry Connors**  
who will celebrate the  
8:45 AM Mass at St. Jude and the  
11:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas.

Welcome!

### Preparing the churches for Christmas –

If you would like to help decorate the churches for Christmas, we welcome your help at these times:  
St. Jude Church – Sunday, Dec. 17 at 12 noon.  
St. Thomas Church – Thursday, Dec. 21 at 2:00 PM.



### Christmas Pageants Peregrinos de Navidad

This year we are hoping to have pageants at the St. Jude and St. Thomas 4:00 pm Masses and the 7:00 pm Spanish Mass at St. Jude.

### Christmas Pageant

Este año esperamos tener Pastorela en las misas de St. Jude y St. Thomas a las 4:00 p.m. y la misa en español a las 7:00 p.m. en St. Jude.

If your children are interested in participating please email, text, or call / Si sus hijos están interesados en participar, envíe un correo electrónico, un mensaje de texto, o llame a:

Erin Olver [religiouseducation@stjudebeloit.org](mailto:religiouseducation@stjudebeloit.org) or 608-289-7454  
Araceli Montoya 608-856-0566 or [mhbeloit@hotmail.com](mailto:mhbeloit@hotmail.com)



Last weekend the **Confirmation class** did a service project and created 156 cards for service men and women. What a wonderful way to send Holiday cheer to our service members. If you would like to send a card to our heroes you may send it to:

**Holidays for Heroes  
American Red Cross  
2600 W. Wisconsin Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53233**

### ESTATE PLANNING

Please consider to include St Jude Parish or St. Thomas Parish in your will. Everything is a gift from God. To include your parish is another way to acknowledge this.



It's not too late to sign-up for volunteering this coming week. There are several opportunities to give of your time - meal (provide and/or serve), activities, overnight,

and a couple spots open to drive the van.

We are currently accepting pillows to be used during our hosting week. Please drop them off at church.

Also, anyone wishing to donate money or an item for Christmas gifts for the families that we will be hosting, please contact DeAnne Gile at [degile81@gmail.com](mailto:degile81@gmail.com) or (608) 751-3495.



### Helpful Hannah's House 840 E. Grand

Will be open every Friday from  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and  
Saturday 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM from November  
24th until December 23. 30% off of everything.



If you are ever in Madison, I would love to see you.  
My address:  
All Saints Main Street  
511 Commerce Drive, Apt. #418  
Madison, WI 53719  
Phone: 608-827-3646.

Blessings, Fr. Bill Connell



**The end of the year** is quickly approaching. Please have all contributions for 2017 in by **December 31, 2017** prior to statements being printed. **Thank you for your generosity.**



The **Beloit Domestic Violence Center** is currently in need of donations of dish soap and garbage bags. If you are able to help please call their office at 364-1083.

Thank you for your help!

### Donation Needs List



#### Diaper Room:

Diapers size 3 – 6, pull ups are great too,  
Wipes, Baby hygiene items, Body Wash, oil,  
Lotion, Desitin, Winter Clothing size New Born to 4 Toddler

#### Merrill Pantry:

Canned Veggies, Canned Fruit, Canned meat (tuna chicken),  
Pasta, White Rice, Meal makers (Hamburger helper, tuna Helper  
Pasta kits etc.), Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pancake Mix, Bottled Juice

#### Back Pack Program:

Fruit Cups with pull tabs, Spaghetti O's pull tabs, Single Serve  
Oatmeal, Single Serve Cereal, Pudding Cups, Jell-O Cups,  
Granola Bars, Juice Boxes

### Our Gifts to our Parish and to the Lord

(Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)

	Offeratory Contributions		
	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
<b>St. Jude Parish:</b>			
December 9 & 10, 2017	\$6,771.74	\$5,711.50*	\$1,060.24
Fiscal Year-to-Date (week 24)	\$146,074.70	\$137,076.00	\$8,998.70
<b>St. Thomas Parish</b>			
December 9 & 10, 2017	\$3,436.31	\$3,461.50*	-\$25.19
Fiscal Year-to-Date (week 24)	\$79,731.20	\$83,076.00	-\$3,344.80

\*Weekly average of Annual Budget



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