

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

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## Merry Christmas

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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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Norm Jacobs, Grand Knight, 608-364-0495; [jacobsn1978@gmail.com](mailto:jacobsn1978@gmail.com) Website: [www.kc605.org](http://www.kc605.org)**

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES FOR БЕЛОIT AREA CHURCHES

| St. Jude                     | St. Thomas                    | Our Lady of the Assumption           | St. Stephen                  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sat. 5:30 PM<br>Sun. 8:45 AM | Sat. 4:00 PM<br>Sun. 11:00 AM | Sat. 5:00 PM<br>Sun. 8:00 & 10:30 AM | Sat. 5:00 PM<br>Sun. 9:00 AM |

**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 24, 2017**  
**4th Sunday of Advent / Christmas**

- Reading I** 2 Sm 7:15, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Promise of an heir from the . house of David  
**Reading II** Rom 16:25-27 Everyone is offered salvation through Christ.  
**Gospel** Lk 1:26-38 The angel Gabriel announces the prophecy's fulfillment  
**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** Lk 2:1-14 Today a Savior has been born to you.  
**December 31, 2017 Holy Family**  
**Reading I** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Jewish advice on family relationships.  
**Reading II** Col 3:12-17 The virtues of a Christian household.  
**Gospel** Lk 2:22-40 Jesus is presented in the Temple.

**Masses for the week:**

- Sat 12/23 4:00 PM** (St. Thomas) *Mike Sager*  
**5:30 PM** (St. Jude) *William Stein & Carol Mork*  
**Sun 12/24 8:45 AM** (St. Jude) *Larry Korn*  
**11:00 AM** (St. Thomas) *People of the Parishes*  
**Christmas Mass Schedule:**  
**Sun 12/24 4:00 PM** (St. Jude) *Oliver & Lillian Davis & Natalie Durben*  
**4:00 PM** (St. Thomas) *People of the parishes*  
**5:00 PM** (Our Lady of the Assumption, OLA) (St. Stephen)  
**7:00 PM** (St. Jude) *Spanish Mass*  
**9:00 PM** (St. Jude) *Natalie Durben & Oliver & Lillian Davis*  
**10:30 PM** (OLA) *Carols begin at 10:00 PM*  
**Mon 12/25 8:00 AM** (Our Lady of the Assumption, OLA)  
**8:45 AM** (St. Jude) *People of the Parishes*  
**9:00 AM** (St. Stephen)  
**10:30 AM** (Our Lady of the Assumption)  
**11:00 AM** (St. Thomas) *People of the Parishes*  
**Tues 12/26 11:00 AM** *Word & Communion at Premier Rehab*  
**Wed 12/27 7:00 AM** (St. Jude) *Charles Bauer & The Dec. Members of the A.A. Ballou Fam.*  
**Thur 12/28 7:15 AM** (St. Thomas) *Norma Rockwood*  
**Fri 12/29 7:00 AM** (St. Jude) *Jean Julius*  
**Sat 12/30 4:00 PM** (St. Thomas) *Marilyn Kubsh*  
**5:30 PM** (St. Jude) *Joyce Loizzo*  
**Sun 12/31 8:45 AM** (St. Jude) *Peter Clemens Fam.*  
**11:00 AM** (St. Thomas) *People of the Parishes*  
**New Year's Masses**  
**Sun 12/31 4:00 PM** (St. Thomas) *People of the Parishes*  
**Mon 01/01 8:45 AM** (St. Jude) *People of the Parishes*

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Holy Family December 30-31, 2017**

**ST. JUDE**

- |                       |                                                 |                                                 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Servers</b>        | <b>5:30 PM</b><br>Noah Franzen<br>Kaden Randall | <b>8:45 AM</b><br>Tiara Hauser<br>Camila Hauser |
| <b>Lector</b>         | Gloria Novy                                     | Jeremy Hauser                                   |
| <b>Bread Minister</b> | Sr. Becky Perez                                 | Bev Brown                                       |
| <b>Greeter Group</b>  | Jeff Klein                                      | Duane Bobholz                                   |

**ST. THOMAS:** There will be sign-up sheets for:  
 Saturday, December 30: 4:00 PM  
 Sunday, December 31: 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM

**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.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**St. Jude:**

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

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.**

We know the story of the birth of Jesus, and we love it. Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room in the inn. This is an amazing way for the life of Jesus to begin. As God becomes human and begins his life, there are images of homelessness, poverty, helplessness, and exclusion. Mary and Joseph are two peasants who are at the mercy of the demands of the Roman Empire; they do not enjoy the benefits of citizenship.

I imagine that most of us would provide different (better?) arrangements for the birth of Jesus. We would have Jesus born in better surroundings and with less difficulty. We would never say that his parents could not find a place to stay for the night. I think that the story of the birth of Jesus reminds us to look for God in all kinds of places, and especially in the places where we would not expect to find God.

When the angel Gabriel came to Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of Jesus, Mary was troubled. But as Mary pondered the message of the angel, she came to understand what it meant. As we ponder the Christmas story, we understand more about the ways of God in our world and in our lives. - **Fr. John** -



A New Look for St. Thomas Church – Thank you for your response in support of the project to repaint St. Thomas Church. This week the Capital Campaign reached \$136,040.00 in gifts and pledges. The goal of the campaign is \$175,000.00, so we continue to welcome gifts and pledges. The Finance Committee of the parish met this week, and we feel confident in going ahead with the project. Affiliated Artists plan to begin work during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January. There will be more information in the bulletin next week. Again, thank you for your interest and support.

**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.

## 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

**Feast of Mary, Mother of God** – Because this feast (January 1) is on a Monday this year, it is not considered a day of obligation within the Church. We are encouraged to participate in Mass as we are able. The Mass schedule is included in this bulletin.



**Thank you** for your support of the *Priests for Our Future: the Church Is Alive!* campaign.

Please continue to fulfill your pledge to ensure enough funds to educate our future priests. As a reminder, mail all payments to:

**Priests for Our Future Campaign**

**P.O. Box 44983**

**Madison, WI 53744-4983**

### Priests for Our Future: The Church Is Alive! Overall Results to date

|                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Goal:</b>                  | \$32,770,000.00 |
| Campaign Pledge Total:        | \$42,688,200.00 |
| Paid to Date:                 | \$29,791,818.00 |
| Percentage of goal Collected: | 91%             |

#### Parish Results to date:

|                               | <b>St. Jude</b> | <b>St. Thomas</b> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Goal:</b>                  | \$265,000.00    | \$125,000.00      |
| Parish Pledge Total:          | \$300,480.00    | \$169,625.00      |
| Paid to Date:                 | \$199,385.00    | \$103,649.00      |
| Percentage of goal Collected: | 75%             | 83%               |



Thank you for all of the Scrip orders for Christmas and to all of the wonderful volunteers who sell scrip at the weekend Masses. I order on a regular basis. If there are vendors that you would like a card for please call the St. Jude Parish office at 364-2820.



**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!



**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.**

This weekend we welcome

**Fr. Tom Doheny**  
who will celebrate the  
4:00 PM Mass at St. Jude

*Welcome!*



### Spiritually Adopt a Baby - Month 3

Your spiritually adopted baby is quite active. Even though her mother cannot feel her yet, your baby kicks and flips herself around her secure, watery world. Her eyes have closed so that the delicate eyeballs can finish developing. Her cartilage skeleton begins to change over to real bone. Your baby sucks her thumb, hiccups when she swallows the amniotic fluid, and can close her fingers around an object placed in her hand. Your baby's face is very expressive – she will squint, frown and smile! Your baby is now 3 inches long and can hear outside noises. Her favorite sound is her mother's voice!

### 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



### The Knights of Columbus

invite you to join us at our annual Wild Game Dinner. This year's dinner is on Saturday January 27, 2018 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 939 Liberty Ave. in Beloit. Dinner tickets are a \$15 donation each and raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 with a \$200 first prize. Dinner & raffle tickets are available from any KC member or by calling Grand Knight Norm Jacobs. Tickets will also be available at the door. Carryout's, a cash bar and other raffles will be available. Snacks and social hour begin at 6:00 pm, with dinner to follow at 7:00 pm and the raffle drawing at 8:00 pm. Please plan to join us for this unique dining tradition.

Please join the **Knights of Columbus** as we pray the **Rosary for Life** on the first Monday of each Month.  
We meet in the **chapel at OLA at 4:30pm.**



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

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

|                               | Offeratory Contributions |                 |                   |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
|                               | <u>Actual</u>            | <u>Budgeted</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
| <b>St. Jude Parish:</b>       |                          |                 |                   |
| December 16 & 17, 2017        | \$9,094.85               | \$5,711.50*     | \$3,383.35        |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date (week 25) | \$155,169.55             | \$142,787.50    | \$12,382.05       |
| <b>St. Thomas Parish</b>      |                          |                 |                   |
| December 16 & 17, 2017        | \$3,217.00               | \$3,461.50*     | -\$244.50         |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date (week 25) | \$82,948.20              | \$86,537.50     | -\$3,589.30       |

\*Weekly average of Annual Budget

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