



## December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

**Reading I**  
**Reading II**

Jer. 33:14-16 God's promise for justice will be fulfilled.  
1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Paul offers hope to the waiting  
Thessalonians.

**Gospel**

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 Stand ready at all times; redemption is  
at hand.

### December 9 Advent 2

**Reading I**  
**Reading II**

Bar 5:1-9 A message of hope to those in exile.  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 The imprisoned Paul writes of hope for  
Christians.

**Gospel**

Lk 3:1-6 John proclaims hope for the coming of a savior.

### Masses for the week:

<b>Sat</b>	<b>12/01</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> (St. Thomas) <i>Helen Hinds &amp; Alice Spangler</i> <b>5:30 PM</b> (St. Jude) <i>Joe Sorrentino &amp; Jackie Landers</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12/02</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b> (St. Jude) <i>Hammel, Donovan &amp; Eggen Fam.</i> <b>11:00 AM</b> (St. Thomas) <i>Jim &amp; Mina Walsh</i>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>12/03</b>	
<b>Tues</b>	<b>12/04</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> (St. Thomas) <i>People of the Parishes</i>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>12/05</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> (St. Jude) <i>Frank &amp; Annabelle Losinske &amp; Bill Riggle</i>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>7:15 AM</b> (St. Thomas) <i>Nikki Reed Ziehr.</i>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>12/07</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> (St. Jude) <i>Natalie Durben &amp; Barbara Donovan</i>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>12/08</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> (St. Thomas) <i>Dec. Mem. of the Doyle &amp; Kunz Fam.</i> <b>5:30 PM</b> (St. Jude) <i>Walter &amp; Genevieve Raethz &amp; Kira Morgan</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12/09</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b> (St. Jude) <i>Dec. of the Raymond Fornecker Fam. &amp; Charles Bach</i> <b>11:00 AM</b> (St. Thomas) <i>Mary Wywialowski</i>

### Liturgical Ministers

#### December 8 & 9, 2018

#### 2nd Advent

##### ST. JUDE

	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Kaden Randall	Tiara Hauser Camilla Hauser
<b>Lector</b>	Katie Randall	Jeremy Hauser
<b>Bread Minister</b>	Deacon Jim Davis	Deacon Jim Davis
<b>Greeter Group</b>	Jeff Klein	Duane Bobholz

##### ST. THOMAS

	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Gloria Fillion	Rob Stilson
<b>Lector</b>	Gloria Fillion	Mary Beth Stilson
<b>Servers</b>	Nate Lounsbury	Valente Ortega Jimena Ortega
<b>Bread Minister</b>	Deacon Jim Davis	Deacon Jim Davis
<b>Greeters</b>	Ruth Kolpack Carol Bailey Don Kelley Donna Kelley	Mike Fallon Deb Fallon Ubaldo Martinez Alice Arellano

**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 8, 15, 22, 29 - 8:30 - 9:30 AM

**St. Thomas:**

Saturday, January 5 - 2:30 - 3:00 PM

**Communal Reconciliation:**

Saturday, December 15 - 11 AM at OLA

Wednesday, December 19 - 6:30 PM at St. Stephen

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

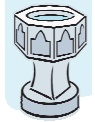
### Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary - Masses

Friday, December 7 - 5:00 PM at St. Thomas

Saturday, December 8 - 7:00 AM at St. Jude

Saturday, December 8 - 8:00 AM at St. Stephen, Clinton

Saturday, December 8 - 8:15 AM at OLA



### 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 7, 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. **10 de Febrero** as **9:30 am**. Comunicarse con Araceli al **(608) 856-0566**.

### Pope Francis



When Saint Francis of Assisi saw that some of his disciples were engaged in teaching, he wanted to avoid the temptation to gnosticism. He wrote to Saint Anthony of Padua: "I am pleased that you teach sacred theology to the brothers, provided that... you do not extinguish the spirit of prayer and devotion during study of this kind". Francis recognized the temptation to turn the Christian experience into a set of intellectual exercises that distance us from the freshness of the Gospel. Saint Bonaventure, on the other hand, pointed out that true Christian wisdom can never be separated from mercy towards our neighbour: "The greatest possible wisdom is to share fruitfully what we have to give... Even as mercy is the companion of wisdom, avarice is its enemy". "There are activities that, united to contemplation, do not prevent the latter, but rather facilitate it, such as works of mercy and devotion".

**Rejoice & Be Glad paragraph # 46**

### Charles Alexander

**Passed away on November 24, 2018.**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Jude Church on Friday, November 30, 2018

Our prayers are with his family.



*May he rest in peace.*



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

**We Are in Need** of more Catechists and classroom helpers for Sunday morning Religious Education classes. If you are interested in helping our young people learn more about their Catholic Faith, please contact Erin Olver at **608-289-7454**.



**Religious Education News**  
**Noticias de Educación Religiosa**



**Registration for the 2018-2019 School year has begun.** Registration can be done online on either Parish website or by contacting the St. Jude Parish office at 364-2820 or the St. Thomas Parish office at 362-1034.

**December 2** Classes  
**December 5 (Wednesday)**  
**5:30 PM Reconciliation Service at St. Thomas.**

**La inscripción para el año escolar 2018-2019 ha comenzado.** La inscripción puede realizarse en línea en el sitio web. Araceli: 608-856-0566. or mhbeloit@hotmail.com  
**Diciembre 2** clase  
**Diciembre 5 (Mercoles)**  
**Ceremonia de confesion en St. Thomas a las 5:30 PM**



Please join the Marian Guild on December 12th as we collect gifts for the Baby Jesus/Domestic Violence Christmas. We will begin at 5:00 with the Rosary. At 5:30 dinner will be salad, Mostaccioli, bread and dessert catered by Domenico's. Following dinner, we will play take-away bingo. Please bring gifts for the shower and a white elephant gift for bingo. Cost is \$10.00 payable at the door. Call Cheryl Donovan at 362-5505 for reservations. Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship to start your Christmas.



**Update on Family Promise of Greater Beloit**

The Family Promise Board has announced the departure of their Executive Director and that they are

taking another break while they search for a new director. I want to express my thankfulness to all of you for your patience during these transitions in 2018. I hope that the next announcement will be in the New Year and that we will begin serving homeless families once again. Your continued support and willingness to serve is such a blessing to St. Jude and St. Thomas Congregations. If anyone has any questions or wants to know more on how you can help in the future, please contact DeAnne Gile, Coordinator, at degile81@gmail.com or 608) 751-3495.



**Helpful Hannah's House**  
**840 E. Grand Ave.**

Is having a 50% off sale during the Month of December  
Open Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Every Saturday 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
Through Christmas

**Bishop Robert Morlino** passed from this life on Saturday, Nov. 24. We pray that he is now being received into the eternal light and joy of the Risen Lord.



His funeral services will be –  
Monday, Dec. 3 – a Prayer Vigil with visitation in at the Chapel at Holy Name Heights (702 S. High Point Rd., Madison) 1-7 PM, with Solemn Vespers at 7 PM.

Tuesday, Dec. 4 – the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Maria Goretti Church (Madison) at 11 AM, with visitation beginning at 9 AM.

Please go to <https://madisondiocese.org/remembering-bishop-morlino> to share memories, or to obtain seating for the funeral (if available)



Our Lady of the Assumption will have a Fish Fry this Friday, December 7. Serving takes place from 5:00-7:00 PM in Assumption Hall. All you can eat baked and fried Cod, baked potatoes, fries, cole slaw, applesauce, bread and beverage. Adults: \$11.00; Children 6-12: \$5.00; 5 & under FREE. Carry outs available. Desserts & soda offered at an additional charge.

**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.

Thank you to all those who participated in the Baby Bottle fundraiser for the Willow Women's Center. If you still have not returned your bottle please return it next weekend, Sunday, December 9. You may also donate by Check.



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 4:30 PM.**

**Scrip gift cards** make wonderful Christmas gifts. If you are interested in purchasing cards that we do not stock please speak to on one of the volunteers or call the St. Jude Parish office at 364-2820. Thank you to all who support Catholic Education and all of our wonderful volunteers!



**Our Gifts to our Parish and to the Lord**  
(Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)

	<b>Offertory Contributions</b>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b>St. Jude Parish:</b>			
November 24 &25, 2018	\$4,327.00	\$5,603.75*	-\$1,276.75
Fiscal Year-to-Date (Week 22)	\$110,297.91	123,282.50	-\$12,984.59
<b>St. Thomas Parish</b>			
November 24 & 25, 2018	\$2,620.50	\$3,586.12*	\$870.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date (week 22)	\$70,318.17	\$76,791.00	-\$6,472.83

\*Weekly average of Annual Budget