

# St. Jude's Episcopal Church Annual Parish Meeting 2021

**Agenda-November 14, 2021**

**Call to Order & Opening Prayer**  
Pastor-V, Priest-in-Charge

**Appointment of the Secretary**

**Appointment of Parliamentarian**

**Approval of Minutes**  
December 6, 2020

**Vestry & Delegate Elections**

**Committee Reports and Ministry Reports**

**Announcement of Voting Results**

**Adjournment & Closing Prayers**

**Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting  
St. Jude's Episcopal Church  
Niceville, Florida 32578  
December 6, 2020**

At 10:35AM, Father Greg Hein called the 2020 Annual Meeting to order. He then opened with a prayer asking specifically for blessing and guidance for members as they participate in the annual meeting of the parish. In welcoming those in attendance, Father Greg said this meeting was a first of its' kind for St. Jude's. This year the parish was providing the opportunity for members to attend virtually, via Zoom, along with those attending in person.

The first order of business was to elect a Secretary for the meeting. Father Greg Hein nominated Cathy Self. There being no other nominees from the floor, a motion was made to close the nominations. It was seconded and unanimously passed. She was duly elected by a vote of those in attendance. Father Greg Hein appointed Jerry Fowler to serve as Parliamentarian.

After allowing time for the attendees to review the minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously passed with no further discussion.

The next order of business was to elect three new vestry members who will each serve a three-year term. Father Greg informed the gathering that there was an error on the election ballot. There should have been three names shown as candidates and only two names were listed. He further explained that with the recent resignation of the Senior Warden, he was appointing Cathy Self to serve as Senior Warden for the remainder of 2020 and until such time as a new priest has been called to St. Jude's. The correct roster of vestry nominees were Heidi Morgan, Gloria Witkos and Cathy Self. There being no other nominations from the floor, those nominated were duly elected by acclamation.

In addition to electing vestry members, the parish also needed to elect three delegates to represent St. Jude's at the 2021 Virtual Diocesan Convention. The floor was opened for other delegate nominees. There being none, Michelle Crawford, Debra Kosche and Eric Kosche were duly elected convention delegates by acclamation. Jeff Howard volunteered to serve as an alternate delegate should the need arise.

Father Greg then referred those in attendance to the Annual Report booklet in which reports were submitted by the ministry heads and opened the floor to any who would like to say a few words about 2020 or what's to come in 2021. Parish committee and ministry reports were presented in person or by title, in the order in which they appeared in the annual report booklet.

In closing, Father Greg thanked those in attendance, saying it has been his privilege to serve at St. Jude's, and he is looking forward to the future. There being no further parish business, he closed the meeting with a prayer, adjourning at 11:25AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Self  
Secretary

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**Annual Report  
of the  
Priest-in-Charge  
November 14, 2021**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If you look at the scores of J. S. Bach's musical masterpieces, after his name you will see the letters, SDG. Those letters stand for the Latin phrase, *Soli Deo Gloria*, which means "to God alone be the glory." I would like for that to serve as a preamble to my Annual Report to the congregation

Since February 21<sup>st</sup>, the First Sunday in Lent, it has been my privilege and joy to serve as your Interim Priest-in-Charge during this period of transition in the life of St. Jude's. You have embraced me with love and respect and have shown great appreciation for my work with you.

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One of the special joys has been your response to my leadership in worship, especially your response to the sermons, and you have graciously put up with a few of the “Lutheranisms” I have interjected into worship. I must confess that on over 40+ years of ministry I have never experienced a congregation that pays so much attention to sermons. I have been amazed to discover that some of you take notes to capture and process the message, while others make comments about the content evidencing a dialogical interaction with the sermon. It inspires me to know that you are not passive listeners in the preaching event.

My time serving St. Jude’s has shown me that you are a wonderful congregation with a core of deeply committed and caring brothers and sisters in Christ. The love and compassion you show for one another attests to the way you watch out and care for each other. You truly embrace each other in the arms of your love.

Even so, there are challenges facing St. Jude’s during this time of transition. Some of those challenges are due to circumstances beyond our control, namely the impact of Covid-19 and the effect it has had on our worship services and attendance, as well as the other ministries of the congregation.

However, some of the challenges we face are the result of our focus on the family of St. Jude’s. While our closeness to one another is a blessing, it also presents us with challenges. Our closeness can make it difficult for the *stranger in our midst* to become a part of us. When guests come to worship with us, I have noticed there is a tendency to be too effusive in our welcome. Being too welcoming can be just as counterproductive as being unfriendly and indifferent. Finding the balance is critically important.

Through my experience over the years as a pastor and as a visitor at churches, the best course of action in welcoming the guest is to engage them in a light, welcoming conversation that thanks them for worshiping with us. Let them take the lead in deciding the length and depth of the conversation. If you are seeking to find out about their interest in St. Jude’s, you might ask them, “What led you to worship with us today?” Then listen carefully to what they have to say.

Another aspect of this challenge is the fact that while we welcome the visitors that come to worship with us, we do not do a good job of inviting people in the community to come and share the joy of Christ’s love. I can’t help but wonder why we include in the Prayers of the People each week a prayer for the Body Life of St. Jude’s “to invite someone to encounter Christ with us next Sunday.” I see little evidence any of us are doing that. I say this not to be critical but rather to open our eyes to see the many opportunities we are missing to share Christ’s love with others.

In regards to worship, Covid-19 played havoc with our worship practices and attendance. There was a period of no in-person worship, and when it resumed, there were restrictions on spacing, music and sacraments. On the positive side, one of the blessings that has come out of these limitations is the development of our online worship capabilities. Even as we resume in-person worship, we continue to offer our worship online for those who for a variety of reasons are unable or choose not to attend in-person. Unfortunately, as the Covid-19 threat decreases, it is sad to see that some of our families have yet to return to in-person worship. How can we reach out to them to let them know how much they are missed—and how much they are missing—during their time away?

As we face the challenges of this time of transition, I am thankful for the faithful and capable leadership of the congregation: Cathy Self, Senior Warden, Frank McCarty, Junior Warden, the members of the Vestry, the various ministry leaders, and Dottie Doherty and the Search Committee, as well as Anna Wells, our Parish Administrator. Their efforts have made my work much easier and more effective.

Peace and Joy in Christ,

Pastor-V  
Priest-in-Charge

**Pastoral Acts Report - continued on back page.**

**Senior Warden**

**Cathy Self**

It has been a privilege to serve as your Senior Warden this year. Each of you, in your own way, have done so much to help keep our parish connected and alive. Many have gone above and beyond by sacrificing personal time to help one another, and to help maintain a happy and healthy congregation. I have watched you rise to every occasion to meet a need and to contribute in your own unique way. You have shown me that you are helpful, loving people who gather to support one another and our church. Through your effort and commitment, St. Jude’s has maintained an even keel during this time of transition. Additionally, we have been blessed to have Pastor V serve as our Priest-in-Charge. This parish accepted him with warmth and hospitality, and he has reciprocated in kind. Through his leadership, spiritual teachings, and willingness to give his all to this congregation, we continue to move forward in a positive direction. I thank you for all your support this year and look forward to welcoming the priest God has chosen to lead St. Jude’s into the future. May God continue to bless our beloved parish.

**Worship Assistants**

**Cathy Self**

This has been a year of change and challenge. We have had to adapt to various protocol requirements that have affected how we conduct our worship service. From those serving on the altar to the ushers/greeters at the front door, everyone has been asked to make frequent adjustments to how ‘we’ve always done things’. Throughout 2021, our worship assistants have been patient, flexible, and willing to contribute more of their time. Whether complying with Covid restrictions or conducting Morning Prayer, no one hesitated or complained as we worked through the changes. Each person who comprises our Worship Assistant team is to be commended for their spirit and attitude. We are fewer in number but being asked to do more, and everyone has exceeded expectations. Words cannot express my admiration and gratitude to everyone who has served our parish in this ministry this year. I can only say thank you! Early in 2022, we will begin offering training/refresher classes for readers, acolytes and chalice bearers. As I write this article, Nancy Turner is updating the training material for ushers/greeters. All are welcome to participate in this important ministry.

Please contact Cathy Self or Pastor V if you have questions or have a desire to join our team.

**2021 Annual Report: Music Ministry**

**Director/Accompanist:** Pam Smith

**Choir Members:** Ken Copeland, Ruth Copeland, Michelle Crawford, Dottie Doherty, Carol Evans, Don Ramsden, and Jackye Thompson.

**Summary:**

The Choir has resumed supporting worship by supporting congregational singing and providing offertory music. We are rehearsing each Sunday morning before the 10:30 service. We are excited about including some of our young people in our choir when they are available. Thank you for the Choir’s commitment to our parish and our God as they provide music to our in-person and online worshippers.

Thank you to each of you for your prayers and support for our church’s music ministry. I appreciate your positive comments about our music. Each day I am thankful that God gives us music to enrich our lives through expression, enjoyment, and performance. Contact Pam Smith at 850.678.5484 or [pamsmith1955@yahoo.com](mailto:pamsmith1955@yahoo.com) with questions and comments related to the music ministry. If you are interested in providing special music or periodically singing with the choir, please let me know.

**HELPING HANDS ANNUAL REPORT**

**Jenny Stuckey**

Helping Hands provides emergency food for members of our church family that are discharged from the hospital, have experienced a death in the family or any other crisis where food is needed. Our team is comprised of individuals and couples that work together to provide this ministry. This year we prepared and delivered 19 meals.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenny Stuckey

## 2021 Parish Report Men's Group

The Men's Bible and religious-studies group meets both in person and via Zoom, 07:30 - 08:30 Wed mornings. If you are interested in some great fellowship and "spirited" discussion" – please join us! Additionally, with the help of several other parishioners, we host a monthly "Fellowship Breakfast" whose purpose is to share our love for our fellow congregants, and extend that love and fellowship to others in our community (first time Breakfast visitors are FREE!) Proceeds from these breakfasts go to support the church, diocesan programs, our community and those in need.

This year, through the generous donations of this church, we were able to donate **\$2,021 to Outreach** (the CALM [Crisis Aid for Littles and Mom's] center, Children in Crisis, and Diocesan Hurricane Relief), **\$1,508 for Youth and Youth Education** (Beckwith camp scholarship and youth summer activities fund), **\$894 to St Jude's Special Activities and Programs** (Sewing Guild and Hymnals), **\$611 for Church Maintenance** activities, and **\$270 to support Diocesan Programs** (Wilmer Hall). **A total of \$5,304 !** - Thank-you St Jude's!

1	December	Children In Crisis	300
2	January -	Beckwith Scholarships	350
3	February	CALM (Crisis Aid for Littles and Moms)	733
4	March	Beckwith Scholarships	758
5	April	Roof Repair Fund	300
6	May	Summer Youth & Family Activities	400
7	June	Purchase Hymnals	468
8	July	Sewing Guild	426
9	August	No Breakfast	0
10	September	Hurricane Relief	988
11	October	Church Maintenance Fund	311
12	November	Wilmer Hall	270
			\$ 5,304

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Morgan

### \$ Category

**\$2,021 Red** = Out-Reach

**\$1,508 Blue** = Youth, Education

**\$270 Tan** - Diocesan programs

**\$611 Green**- Maint/upkeep

**\$894 Teal** = St Jude Activities & Spec Programs

**\$5,304**

## Search Committee

The search committee in conjunction with the members of St Jude's completed its parish survey and focus groups in the Spring. Using that information, we have compiled a parish profile and information that was used to complete the Office of Transitional Ministry (OTM) profile. This is used by the greater Episcopal church to advertise openings at churches nationwide. The committee was originally told that it would just receive names from Bishop Kendrick and Massey Gentry, our diocesan head of transitional ministry, but that did not occur and thus the reason for going to the OTM profile. The committee and parish now begin a waiting period to see who and when we have someone apply.

We are blessed to have a faithful Priest in Charge to care for our parish while we are in this waiting period. We ask you to continue to pray for the committee, Pastor V and the parish as we wait to find someone who is called to serve our parish and help us obtain our vision for St Jude's.

Faithfully submitted

Dottie Doherty, Dorothy Briley, Kevin Diggs, Terry Griffin, Michelle Crawford, Tom Palumbo, and Cathy White

## Treasurer's Report 2021

Heidi Morgan, Treasurer

Again this year, I want to thank the people who make it possible for me to act as your treasurer by keeping up with the everyday tasks that make the financial aspect of the church run smoothly. We are blessed to have Anna Wells, our faithful Office Manager; and our new bookkeeper, Karin Ingram, to keep up with the weekly details. And I would be remiss if I didn't thank our faithful counters, Doug Smith, Jeff Howard, Cathy White, and Cathy Self who make sure the weekly donations are accounted for properly – every week. THANK-YOU!!

As of the end of October our financial position shows that we have a **net gain for the year of \$72,996**. Our income for the year through October was \$250,388 and expenses were \$177,392. Our monthly expenses (salaries, insurance, utilities and the building upkeep as shown below) are \$23,219. Here is a summary of our average expenses for 2021:

	Annual	Monthly
Building & Grounds	\$ 48,516	\$ 4,043
Clergy	101,496	8458
Lay Employees	77,940	6495
Office & Administrative	7,092	591
Outside Parish	30,732	2,561
Other Expenses	<u>12,852</u>	<u>1,071</u>
	278,628	23,219

This year, our expenses have been much less than what was budgeted, mostly because we did not call a new rector. Many, many thanks go to everyone for their diligence in continuing to fulfill their pledges. I encourage everyone to check their statements to ensure that they are up-to-date with their giving as well as to ensure they are getting the proper credit for their giving.

The continuing job of your vestry, finance committee and treasurer, is to carefully consider the spending of gifts which the congregation generously provides for our mission here in Niceville. As your treasurer I pledge to faithfully oversee and account for St. Jude's assets and liabilities, according to the decisions of the congregation and vestry, as a servant to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Morgan,



## 2021 On-Line Streaming Annual Report

Our live-streamed services began August 2, 2020, and continue through the present. Once we resumed in-person services, we began using Facebook to stream as well as YouTube. Facebook tends to attract a higher number of viewers simply because of how it works. If anyone who likes our page happens to be scrolling through Facebook while we are streaming, it will show them the service. It's hard to say how many people watched the entire service on Facebook because it only tells us how many people watched for at least three seconds which is an average of 77. Most likely, the average number viewing the entire service was at least 8; this number does not include where people are watching the video together. People are becoming more comfortable interacting on Facebook resulting in an increase of interactions/comments (high 69) during and after the lived streamed video with an average weekly number of interactions/comments of 20.

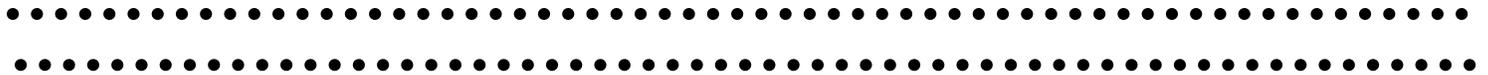
What did we study:

- The Good Book Club study of the Gospel According to Mark via Zoom
- *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr led by Pam Smith via Zoom
- *Stepping onto Soggy Ground* video series by Bishop Russell via Zoom using Facebook TV Portal
- *Spirituality of Fund Raising* by Richard Rohr led by Debra via Zoom both hybrid and virtual

We continued our Wednesday classes using Zoom providing virtual classes. In August, we started hybrid classes with the addition of the Facebook TV Portal where we were able to have people in the room and also at home. Also, due to the Facebook TV Portal , we were able to record and share Pastor V’s confirmation classes.

I am grateful for the technology that has helped us to stay connected and engender deep discussion about our faith. Thank you, Pam Smith, for leading us in the book study *The Universal Christ*. Thank you to all the people who participated in the various classes offered.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Kosche



**2021 Children and Youth Ministry Update:**

**Cecilia Snyder**

Participating Ministry Members: Cecilia Snyder, Debra Kosche, Lauren Franklin, Dorothy Briley, Angela Diggs, Brenda Huntley, Pam Smith, and Michelle Crawford.

The Children and Youth Ministry is excited to report that we successfully re-engaged our Sunday School program and Middle School and High School Youth Group as we have been able to meet more safely with COVID. We have approximately eight children currently in the Sunday School program and seven Youth Group members. We have had a family return from out-of-town and a new family visit since this school year started.

The ministry has worked to ensure all leaders/volunteers are following the guidelines set by the National Church related to Safeguarding Children. There has been a temporary pause in training as the Diocese provides us with an update in training. In addition, we are following best practices of having two volunteers present for all activities with children.

Using extreme amounts of creativity and persistence, the ministry members ensured important events took place this year despite the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions. We jumped right in to make sure we had safe and enjoyable Easter activities. We were able to have youth participation in two services this year to celebrate Mother’s Day and Blessing of the Backpacks Youth Sunday. A family event was held at The Track in Destin in lieu of the pool party that was cancelled when COVID issues increased. A Christmas program is currently being developed and we can’t wait to celebrate with the children.

The Middle/High School Youth Group has been very busy with a program called Compass which navigates normal teen concerns/experiences with spiritual support. This program provides topics for each session and the leaders provide an activity to support this topic. Additionally, the youth group has been able to meet up for other community service activities and social activities.

We welcome any and all parishioners who would like to join this great ministry supporting our children and youth!

During 2021, the Sewing Guild has six regular attendees who meet Wednesday morning at 9:30. We have been very busy this year crafting items to be donated to charities. Since November 2020, our group has donated a total of 98 quilts and 28 dresses to the following:

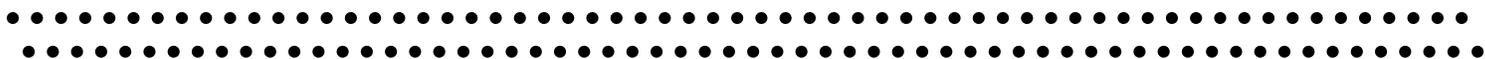
- \* Baylights at Beckwith auction - 1 quilt
- \* Children’s Advocacy Center - 17 quilts
- \* Edge Elementary School - 28 dresses
- \* Hurricane Ida relief in Baton Rouge - 12 quilts
- \* Opportunity Place - 11 quilts
- \* Project Linus - 23 quilts
- \* Twin Cities Pavilion - 25 quilts

Due to Covid restriction and safety precautions, we have not gathered for our usual birthday luncheons and annual Christmas party. Hopefully, we will be able to resume those soon. Also, during the year, we have received generous monetary and sewing donations form parishioners as well as the men’s Breakfast group. Other funds were generate by the sales of nine, small quilts. Last, special memorials honoring Janet Doman were given to the Guild.

Aside from making quilts and little girls’ dresses, we have sent birthday and anniversary postcards to parish members, made name tags for members , and provided prayer books for two of our youth who have recently been confirmed. The Guild also presented quilts to our youth at high school graduation and babies at baptism. Additionally, we supported our church with funds to clean drapes in the parish hall, to pay for postage for greeting cards, to purchase new tablecloths, and to provide meat for Joann Gigi’s memorial service.

Anyone who is interested in joining us for fun and fellowship on Wednesday at 9:30 is always welcome. No sewing experience is required.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Baugh, Sewing Guild President



**Opportunity Place Outreach**

**Submitted by Don Ramsden**

St. Jude’s has supported Opportunity Place, a 24-room homeless shelter on Lovejoy Road in Ft. Walton Beach, for over a decade. We provide a full meal for 35-65 people each month on the second Wednesday of the month. When we deliver our December meal, we will have provided over 800 meals in 2021 to Opportunity Place residents. We have a rotating two-year menu for planning purposes. Often, we reuse church function leftovers and convert them into an element of our menu or provide additional items for them to supplement other provisions.

After a past expenditure of \$65 per month for meal costs, our monthly meal budget is due to increase to \$75. Opportunity Place is planning to expand its facility to accommodate single men with dependent children in addition to its current population of homeless women and children. More than half of the served are children under twelve.

There is a signup sheet for meal delivery drivers outside the parish hall. Opportunity Place’s location is easy to find and directions are available on the bulletin board. Don Ramsden is the chef with Frank McCarty and Dottie Doherty as program managers/volunteer coordinators. Kudos to the Yanceys for assisting with meal preparation, cooking, and deliveries. If you want to assist with meal preparation or delivery, please email or call Don Ramsden at don@fl-ramsdens.com or 850-460-5216.

After the impacts of the COVID 19 virus and the flooding of the building in 2020, 2021 has been a recovery year for our parish. We have returned to normal routine maintenance with minor tasks completed by volunteers. Many thanks to our parishioners who have volunteered on a weekly basis to accomplish maintenance. Since our volunteer force is getting smaller and older, we will need additional volunteers in the future to avoid the hiring of contractors to do minor maintenance.

Our facilities are over twenty years old requiring repair or replacement of various systems including heating and air conditioning (HVAC), fire protection, and security systems. We have nine HVAC systems. This year we had to replace two of the original HVAC systems leaving three original systems that will require replacement in the future due to the federal mandate to switch to a new, environmentally-friendly refrigerant.

Due to a generous donation by a parishioner, the parking lot flood lights and other exterior lights that operate all night were upgraded to LED lighting. This will result in future, reduced electricity usage.

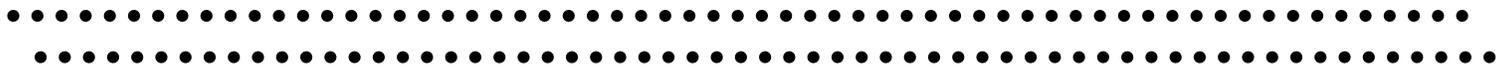
We have continued to upgrade our audio-visual systems for our church services due to a dedicated crew of talented parishioners. This has resulted in streamed and recorded videos that are superior to that produces by many larger churches.

This past year we have also focused on the appearance of our grounds with the tear-out and replacement of over-grown shrubs in the front of the church. We contracted with Phillips Turf Science for treatment of our lawn which resulted in a dramatic improvement of the aging turf. We appreciate the support of our parish volunteers who helped on volunteer work days to improve the grounds and the exterior of the church.

Future projects required in coming years include resurfacing of the parking lot to prevent further cracking and replacement of the roof which is twenty plus years old. We have established a fund in our budget to set aside funds for the roof which we anticipate may require replacement in five to six years.

Many thanks to all our parishioners for their support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank McCarty, Junior Warden



**ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL REPORT – 2021**

**ALTAR CARE AND SACRAMENT PREPARATION**

The Altar Guild prepares the Sanctuary and Chapel for worship. We assist the clergy by making ready those things necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist and observance of other sacraments (weddings, baptisms, and funerals) and other offices of the church. During the Easter and Christmas season's we ensure that the sanctuary is festively decorated. Among our duties are cleaning and polishing silver and brass, laundering linens, changing hangings to appropriate colors, setting up the hymn board and filling candles with liquid wax. We also ensure flowers and hymn numbers are properly displayed. We work in teams and our group can always use more volunteers so if anyone is interested in joining this ministry we would welcome you joining the rest of us in serving the Lord.

Thank you to the following who have been a part of this special ministry this year and for many years; Marge Ballon, Jane McCarty, Elizabeth Ray, Jenny Stuckey, Cathy White and Sally Yancey.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gloria Witkos, Altar Guild Coordinator  
November 2021

**The Welcome and Newcomer’s Committee**

**Jane McCarty**

Our ministry provides volunteers to greet and assist visitors and parishioners every Sunday morning during church services. We invite visitors to sign the church guest book or fill out a visitor pew card.

Ministry members send visitors welcome notes and deliver welcome “St. Jude’s mug” bags. The bags include a St. Jude’s coffee mug, an invitation to our monthly fellowship breakfast, a copy of the current edition of the newsletter and literature about our church.

This year the church continued to face challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ten visitors signed the church guest book in 2021. None of these people have become regular attendees or members.

Since August when St. Jude’s resumed the two worship services on Sunday and the Sunday school and youth programs, weekly attendance has increased to 50-75 people. This count includes people who check in while attending the service via the livestreamed broadcast on Facebook. During the same period last year, weekly attendance was 22-48 people.

Special thanks to the Communications/Audiovisual team, Michelle Crawford, Patrick Flynt, Ken Copeland and Debra Kosche, for the outstanding job they have done this year livestreaming the Sunday worship services and welcoming and communicating with viewers in the Facebook Live comments.

Members of the Welcome Committee are: Dottie Doherty, Jane McCarty, Cathy Self, Pam Smith, Jenny Stuckey, and Cathy White.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane McCarty

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**Communication Committee Annual Report for 2021**

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Michelle Crawford, Patrick Flynt, Ken Copeland, Jeff Howard, and Carole Lee Byrd (our new digital greeter). Because of these dedicated people we have had our Sunday services streamed into many of the people’s homes who could not attend church in person. Services have been watched as far away as the Middle East. This talented group has taken the various technology challenges into stride while crafting our online worship service to be copied and shared. Dottie Doherty told me just last month the polished nature of our streamed services. Jerry and Susan Fowler tell me regularly how thankful they are that we are streaming our services as it helps makes them feel connected to St. Jude’s.

Some actions that we have done to help people improve connection to St. Jude’s are the following:

- Improved our bandwidth
- Improved our network connection/wiring
- Improved our audio
- Improved our video with the addition of 3 cameras
- Improved our production with software
- Improved educational presentation capabilities by adding a camera in the Fellowship Hall and the Facebook TV Portal in the conference room to provide virtual and hybrid education classes and meetings

Thank you to Michelle Crawford, our Facebook administrator. Please remember that you don’t need to have a Facebook account to see the posts on the St. Jude’s Facebook page.

Thank you to Anna Wells and Cathy Self and all the contributors to our monthly church newsletter.

Thank you, Nancy Turner, for sharing articles and pictures with the *Bay Beacon* about what is happening at St. Jude’s.

If you feel called to help our Sunday Streaming team, please let one of us know. No experience is necessary while training can be provided.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Kosche

## Stewardship

Our 2022 stewardship campaign will be different from past years. The first three Sundays in November, we will have a holistic or all-inclusive approach to stewardship to help members understand that stewardship is much more than just about money. I have included Pastor V's November newsletter article which states very nicely that stewardship is everything we do after we say I believe.

The most common mistake Christians make is to think about stewardship as \$tewardship. We need to differentiate between stewardship and \$tewardship. It is important for us as God's people to understand that stewardship is not about money and giving to a budget. Stewardship is about giving to ministry and mission.

In its broadest sense, stewardship is everything we do after we say, I believe. Christian stewardship involves and embraces the totality of life. Thus, it includes not only our financial support of the ministries and mission of the church, it gives direction to how we spend our money and time, as well as how we utilize our talents and giftedness to share God's love with others.

An important part of our stewardship emphasis this year will include 5-minute Temple Talks during the service by members of the congregation on the emphasis of the day. On Nov. 7, All Saints Sunday, our focus will be on our Stewardship of Time. All Saints Sunday is a fitting occasion for our focus on the stewardship of time because, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, we give thanks for the many ways they have touched our lives in the giving of their time to share God's love with others. Brenda Huntley has shared her perspective on the giving of our time as an act of stewardship.

On Nov. 14, our focus will shift to the Stewardship of Talents. God has gifted each and every one of us in ways that enable us to proclaim the good news of his love to others in words and/or deeds. Teaching Sunday School, preparing a meal for a family after an illness, helping others devastated by a storm or comforting someone in a time of grief are a few of the ways we use our talents to be the embodiment of God's love to others. Debra Kosche shared her experiences today on what it means to her to use her God-given talents to support the mission and ministry of the church as an act of Christian stewardship.

And on Nov. 21, Commitment Sunday, we focus on the Stewardship of Treasure. Yes, our financial support is an important part of our stewardship. It does take money to provide the church with the resources necessary to carry out its ministries and mission at home and around the world. As we ask for your financial support, it is important for each of us to see our pledge, not as an imposition or obligation, but as an act of thanksgiving for all the blessings of God's love poured out upon our lives. Doug Smith will share what it means for him to be able to share the gift of his treasures in thanksgiving for all that God has given to him.

On Commitment Sunday, as an act of thanksgiving, we ask that you place your commitments in the basket at the front of the church on the way to communion. In so doing, we will be reminded that our gifts are a response to the greatest gift of all, the gift of God's love given to us in the death and resurrection of Christ our Lord,



## Parish Nurse Annual Report 2021

Jenny Stuckey

Thank you for trusting me to answer questions about your health care needs. I am happy to help in any way that I can. Contact that I have had has been through phone calls, text and face to face time. Your need for information sometimes requires me to do some research to provide the most current information. As a result, I am able to stay current with the changes in medicine. Thank you for providing me with that opportunity. Some of the articles that I have provided in the church newsletter are a result of information that was needed by a member of our St. Jude's family members. I welcome the opportunity to provide information on any medical topic through the newsletter or privately. Please feel free to make a request. Any contact made with me is always confidential.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenny Stuckey

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTER**

**DEATHS**

**TRANSFERS OUT**

<b>Clarence Herrington</b>	<b>12/15/2020</b>
<b>Elizabeth Herrington</b>	<b>12/15/2020</b>

<b>Jean Brower</b>	<b>04/24/2021</b>
<b>Joanne Gygi</b>	<b>06/17/2021</b>
<b>Janet Doman</b>	<b>08/10/2021</b>
<b>Cindy Hein</b>	<b>09/13/2021</b>

**Confirmed**

<b>Anthony LaForest</b>	<b>10/10/2021</b>
<b>Molly Proulx</b>	<b>10/10/2021</b>

**Pastoral Acts**

as of October 31, 2021

**Worship**

Sunday Services	43
Mid-Week Eucharist	31
Sermons	71
Funerals	3

**Teaching**

Confirmation	10
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**Confirmation**

Anthony Braden LaForest	2
Molly Erin Proulx	

**Deaths**

4

Joann Gygi
Janet Doman
Jean Brower
Cindy Hein

**Calls**

Home/Communion	24
Hospital	4
Nursing Home	1
Pastoral Care	12
Counseling	2
Other	8

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