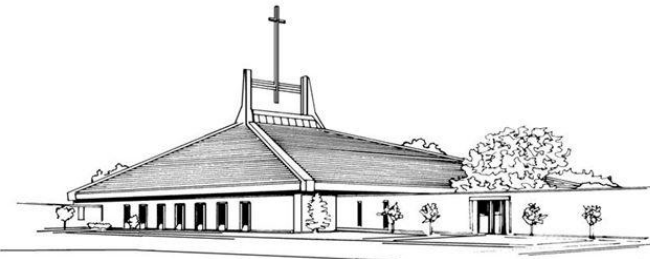


# St. Jude the Apostle Church

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Dear Parent and Confirmation Candidate,

Greetings in Christ! My name is Anne Osborn, the Director of Religious Education at St. Jude the Apostle Church. I am writing to welcome you and your child to the formal process of Confirmation preparation. This fall will mark the beginning of the formal Confirmation process for your son or daughter. It is necessary that your child become registered for Confirmation and enter into full participation in the program. The registration form for this process is due by August 19th. The Confirmation program will begin in September and will be completed in the spring of 2012. All students of St. Jude the Apostle Church who have completed 10<sup>th</sup> grade Parish Religious Education in public school or has attended parochial schools are candidates for Confirmation in 2012.

NOTE: A student is not considered enrolled in the Confirmation process until the enclosed registration form is completed with payment and returned to the **Rectory Office by Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please complete front and back of form which includes: Sacramental Record/Registration info./Parental Option for Child Protection In-service and Photo Release Form.

Confirmation is a Sacrament of decision. Faith requires both an understanding of oneself but also an understanding of others and the larger community of faith, the Church. Confirmation is a mature faith decision and requires an understanding of the Catholic Faith. Students interested in making this decision must enter and complete the process of preparation. Once this process is complete, the student will take this step of faith and be confirmed into full initiation and participation in the Catholic Church. I encourage you to support your son or daughter in this time of faith development.

In choosing to believe, we are called to serve others. Service is a key component to living a life of faith. Jesus gave us this example of service as he washed his disciple's feet at the Last Supper. He then commanded them to do the same, "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do." (John 13:15) Thus, service a key component to the Confirmation process.

A total of **24 service hours** is required as part of a students Confirmation process. **Twelve** of these hours are in service to their **Church community of St. Jude the Apostle Church** and **twelve** of these hours are in service to the **community at large**. The service hours for the Confirmation class of 2012 can be counted beginning in April 2011 and are due **on and no later than Sunday, Dec. 18**. Please note ALL service hours on the enclosed **SERVICE HOUR SHEET**. This sheet will be required for Confirmation. To assist the Confirmation students in the completion of the Church hours, St. Jude Church will be providing service opportunities as noted on the reverse of this sheet.

I strongly encourage students to begin now to complete their service hour requirement. Completed hours are due Sunday, Dec. 18th. Students may sign up for the individual St. Jude Service Hours by calling Anne Osborn at 838-6225 (R.E. Office).

May God bless you abundantly during this summer season!  
Sincerely in Christ,

*Anne M. Osborn*

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Director of Religious Education

## 1 Retreat (July-Sept.) required for Confirmation.

**RETREAT INFO:** 4 Retreats Available/ 20 student limit per retreat. Students must be **SIGNED UP** by **Monday, July 25** by calling the Rectory Office (833-0927).

**Service Hours:** **SERVICE HOURS** (24 hours total: A combination of 12 St. Jude Church Hours and 12 Community Hours) Students may use High School required hours to fulfill Confirmation Community Hours. **SERVICE HOURS** are **DUE: DEC. 18 CLASS.**

**REQUIRED SERVICE: CONFIRMATION GARDEN:** Each student must log 2 hours in the St. Jude Confirmation Garden. The Confirmation Garden is created and maintained by 100% donation of service by the Confirmation students and is 100% donation of plants, etc. by the parish and community. One extra service hour is granted to students who bring in donated flowers/plants to be planted in Garden. **Garden Hours are Mondays and Fridays in July and August from 9-11am** or as necessary, by appointment. Students must call **Rectory Office to sign up** (838-6225). (Bring gloves and wear work clothes).

### **OTHER PARISH OPPORTUNITIES:**

**SELL TICKETS FOR THE CAMARO CONVERTIBLE:** Call Mike, Youth Ministry to sign up (836-8541).

**PARISH BRUNCH: AUG. 28\*\*\* (7 hours available) 7:30-2:30 Rainbow Gardens (Wear Red T-Shirt)**  
**Sign up at Rectory 833-0927.**

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Wed. July 20th (7:00am-1:00pm). For students 16+ years of age (Limited to @ 7 volunteers). Call Mike, Youth Ministry to sign up (836-8541).

**DISTRIBUTION OF MASS TIME FLYERS TO LOCAL HOTELS:** Contact Mike, Youth Ministry to sign up (836-8541).

**YARD WORK/GROUNDS CLEAN UP AT PARISH:** Contact Tom Swanson in Maintenance by calling at (860-1778).

**YARD WORK/HOME CARE FOR PARISH ELDERLY (ONGOING):** (Parent must accompany student for this service) Contact Rectory Office (833-0927).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE/TEACHING ASSISTANT:** Wed. afternoons 3:30-5:15pm during school year. Contact Anne in Religious Education Office (838-6225).

**SACRAMENTAL ASSISTANT/USHER/GREETER:** Assist at First Reconciliation, First Communion with set-up and ceremony. Contact Anne in Religious Education Office (838-6225).

**INDIVIDUAL SERVICE HOURS:** Contact Anne in Religious Education Office (838-6225).

**OLC SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES:** Contact School at (838-7676) or Advancement Office at (838-0908).

**MINISTRY VISITATION:** Contact Parish priests at 833-0927.

### **COMMUNITY HOUR OPPORTUNITIES: (A few suggestions):**

**LOCAL NURSING HOME SERVICE HOURS:** Contact local nursing homes.

**TUTORING:** Contact local grade schools for opportunities.

**NEIGHBORHOOD LAWN & HOME CARE:** Contact neighborhood elderly.

**PERRY SQUARE CANCER WALK:** (Oct. 1, 8am-12pm) Contact Shelia Causgrove 833-7030.

**ZOO BOO:** Contact Erie Zoo.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Contact local Erie Habitat Office.