PARISH PROFILE

St. Jude Parish: Family spirituality, meals for the needy, and more

REDMOND
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The members of St. Jude Parish in Redmond seek to “care, love, share and grow as a community in the imitation of Jesus Christ.”

The St. Jude community has been “challenged by the rapid growth on the Eastside,” comments the pastor, Father David Rogerson. “In the space of 25 years, it transformed from a start-up parish to a relatively mature parish of 2,000 families.”

Father Rogerson noted that the parish has a dedicated staff and “a broad phalanx of motivated, gifted and competent parishioners” who lead the parish ministries — but there is still work to be done in drawing more involvement. He noted that the parish has one of the highest per family gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal, but one of the lowest percentages of families participating.

As for possible future efforts:
• Hosting an Eastside Tent City.
• Forming smaller faith sharing groups, because some parishioners may benefit more in smaller discussion gatherings.
• Looking into a cooperative effort for a Catholic grade school with the new Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Woodinville.

St. Jude Parish was founded in 1978.

The parochial vicars are Father William Heric and Jesuit Father Joseph Stocking.

The ministries include the Edge youth group for 7th and 8th graders — and the Velocity youth group for 9th to 12th grade students. In addition to religious education for elementary school children, there is the weekend, summer Vacation Bible School (grades K-5).

Other ministries include the Family Ministry, the Social Committee and the Avondale Park Meal Program.

In the Family Ministry, coordinators note that any family can be spiritual; it’s not hard to do. Families are invited to set their table in a new way that celebrates the spirituality of family life.

“Come join our gatherings and be given tools to increase your awareness of the presence of God in your home.”

Under the Avondale Park Meal Program, volunteers donate, prepare and/or serve a meal at the Avondale Park Community Center the first and third Wednesdays of each month. There is also a collection for Matthew House, under which clothing and food are collected at St. Jude, picked up the last Sunday of each month and delivered to Matthew House, which, among other services, provides temporary housing for families visiting state prisoners in Monroe.

Another parish group, the St. Jude Arch Angels, offers support for people with chronic and life threatening illnesses. And there is the Support Group for Bereaved Parents, which is for parents who have lost a child through death. Moreover, there is a current effort to form a senior citizens group, which would focus “on the needs, concerns and interests of those in their wisdom years.”

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