

# PUBLIC NOTICE

St. Jude Church received a Notice of Non-compliance for *Escherichia coli* (E coli) in regards to the Water System for the parish, PWS ID# 2104306. Our public water system at the parish must monitor for total coliforms at a frequency of four times a year in accordance with the Revised Total Coliform Rule, 40 CFR 141 Subpart Y, and must submit a compliance sampling report to the State of NJ Department of Environmental Protection within the first ten days after a water sample testing takes place in accordance with N.J. A. C. 7:10-5.4(a) and [40 CFR 141.860(d)(1)]. The violation was an omission of one water sample testing and report for the quarter between January 1 and March 31 of 2021.

\*E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present.

## **What has been done?**

The Water testing has resumed for the quarter of April 1 - June 30 of 2021. Water samples taken on May 4, 2021 and May 26, 2021 have resulted in tests showing no bacteria bringing the system back into compliance. We have revised our procedures to ensure we comply with reporting requirements in the future. We are no longer in violation.

Our Public Water System is ID # 2104306.

You may and are encouraged to share this information with anyone who drinks this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting in public places or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information you can contact me directly.

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