

July 28, 2019

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We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hoppers and Lovers. We are One Family in Baptism and the Holy Spirit, nourished with the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ. All are Welcome in this place!

Cycles of Faith – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Are you guilty of spiritual stockpiling? Spiritual stockpiling isn't an endless rotation of rosaries and novenas. It's accumulating emotional "goods" to meet your needs. Perhaps it's a collection of material objects you treasure. Maybe it's a preoccupation with money. It could also be relationships, making sure there's always enough friends and connections to never really feel alone. It's our tendency to let things add up so that we won't quite need God to fulfill our inner life. Yet in this Sunday's Gospel, we have that inescapable petition from the Our Father. "Give us each day our daily bread."

This life isn't an immediate arrival. And as much as we might try to shore up possessions and pleasures, we know the journey is unpredictable. Give us this day our daily bread implies enough for the next set of steps, but not enough to stockpile. So here's the big question: Do we trust God to give us what we need? After all, "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?... how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" At the Last Supper, Jesus said he would never leave us orphaned. God will not abandon us. And surely He wouldn't ask us to pray for what He does not intend to give.

Of course, sometimes our prayers for daily help can seem to go unanswered. Today's Gospel has advice for that, too. "I tell you... he will give up to him whatever he needs because of his persistence." Our spiritual stockpiling increases our self-reliance and decreases our openness to God's possibilities. Be persistent in your pursuit of God! Trust that He will keep His promises to provide for us, today and always.

Liturgical Pub

Offertory Last Week: \$1,811.50
Online Giving Last Week: \$555.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

JULY 1st THRU JUNE 30th (end of fiscal year)

Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections amounted to \$166,094 this year compared to \$162,984 last year, an increase of \$3,110 or 1.91%

Total Donations including Gifts, etc., amounted to \$199,901 this year compared to \$197,321 last year, an increase of \$2,580 or 1.31%

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 49 9:30 a.m. 92

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat. July 27 4:30 p.m.** For Raymond Cote and Patricia Haselton requested by Helen Cote.
- Sun. July 28 9:30 a.m.** For Paul Hoepfner requested by Rodney and Marielle Strong.
- Fri. Aug. 2 8:00 a.m.** For a Special Intention.
- Sat. Aug. 3 4:30 p.m.** For Cora Twombly, Mary Douglass and Anthony Lowe requested by Bob and Sandy Twombly.
- Sun. Aug. 4 9:30 a.m.** For Bernard Giroux requested by his wife, June.

Please pray for all priests in your daily prayers, especially the following this week:

- Sunday:** Priestly and Religious Vocations
- Monday:** Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
- Tuesday:** All Our Seminarians
- Wednesday:** All Deceased Priests
- Thursday:** Pope Francis
- Friday:** Bishop Christopher Coyne
- Saturday:** Rev. Joseph Sanderson

Copies of the monthly calendar are available in the lobby.

Schedule of Counters: Monday, July 29, 2019
Judi Maculan
Anne Donegan
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries for August 3 and 4, 2019

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Karen Fox
	Altar Server:	Liam Cooley
		Tegan Cooley
	Lector:	Joan Magnant
	Extraordinary Min.:	Mike New
		Kelly Rohan-Cooley
		Steve Cooley

9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Ann & Aidan Thomas
	Altar Server:	Alex Gutierrez
		Allyson Gutierrez
	Lector:	Olivia St. Peter
		Ethan Cook
		Rodney Strong
	Extraordinary Min.:	Sue McGuire
		Chris Destito
		Ted Barrett

Calendar of St. Jude Events:
-7/30 Book Discussion at 7:00 p.m. with Bob Thiefels
-8/02 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.
-8/08 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: What have I prayed for persistently in the past? Am I receptive when I am asked for something persistently?

Daily Mass: There will be NO daily Mass on **Monday, August 5 through August 9** due to Fr. Cray being away on Edmundite business.

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the Fiscal Year Ending - 06/30/19

- Offertory Income for this year was \$166,094 compared to \$162,984 for the prior year, an increase of \$3,110 or 1.91%.
- Total Income including Offertory, Fund Raisers, Gifts, Bequests and Miscellaneous was \$199,901 compared to \$197,321 for the prior year, an increase of \$2,580 or 1.31%.
- St. Jude's had a Net Gain of \$31,323 for the year compared to a Net Gain of \$6,681 for the prior year, an increase of \$24,642.
- Unencumbered cash reserves (Cash & Receivables Less Payables) were \$148,797 compared to \$116,297, an increase of \$32,500 or 27.9% of which \$60,000 will be used for the roof.

Holy Hour Of Eucharistic Adoration: St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday, August 2** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Bishop's Appeal: We are **83.35% (\$20,620) to our parish goal of \$24,739 from 76 donors.** We are grateful to all of those who have been able to participate and encourage others to learn more about your gift at work. We hope you will consider making a gift. To learn more visit: bishopsappealvt.org

Senior Meals: St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2nd and 4th **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for **August 13 and 27** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Sermon on the Mount: Join fellow parishioners from OLMC and St. Jude's on the top of Mount Philo for the annual celebration of the Feast of the Assumption on **Wednesday, August 14.** Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck to follow. There is no cost to you to drive/walk up the mountain—just tell the gate attendant that you are with OLMC. Senior citizens with Green Mountain Passes should show them to the attendant so we are not charged for your entrance. We ask that you try to arrive early (by 5:45 p.m.) as there is very limited parking available at the top. **PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE** (Main Dish, Salad, Side Dish, Veggies, Chips & Dip, Desserts, etc.). OLMC will supply the drinks and paper products along with power chords for crock pots and warming plates for use if you'd like to bring a hot dish. In the event of rain, the Mass and potluck will be held at OLMC. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Eileen Curtis at 425-4432.

Rosary: The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's beginning at 4:10 p.m.

St. Joseph's Level III Residential Care Home: Rooms and suites are available at St. Joseph's Residential Care Home in Burlington, operated by VT Catholic Charities. The Residential Care Home is a small home-like community that provides personal care, medication management, home cooked meals, nursing overview, and a wide array of activities. The dedicated staff supports the needs of the whole person – physical, emotional, social and spiritual. For more information or to schedule a tour of the home, please call 864-0264.



“Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,’ and he says in reply from within, ‘Do not bother me.’ I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.” — Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Seeking Donations for Children in Congo: As mentioned in last week's bulletin: Jules Wetchi, a parishioner of St Joseph's Cathedral in Burlington will be traveling back to his homeland in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in August. He will be bringing much needed clothes for children to be distributed there, Jules states specifically: "clothes for newborns, young girls and boys aged between 3 to 15 years old and adults of all ages. I will suggest the spring, fall and summer clothes because of Congo climate. I will prefer the new items or the clothes in a good condition. If it's possible shoes of all age." There is a box labeled CONGO at both OLMC and St. Jude's for the next 2 weekends to collect the items. Monetary donations are most welcome as the cost of shipping will be approximately \$800. Jules became a US citizen this July 4th (yah!) and as such he is just buying his airfare now, which will cost over \$2,000. Next week there will be a basket at the entrance to the church for monetary donations. For more information please contact Tricia Sulva at majac@gmavt.net. Thank you for kindly considering helping Jules out with this cause that is so close to his heart!

Solidarity Bike Tour for Immigrant Justice: Frustrated at what's happening at our borders but not sure what to do? Vermont Interfaith Action is sponsoring a Solidarity Bike Tour from **Wednesday, August 21 to Saturday, August 24**, – 160 miles total from Montpelier to Dover, NH. The ride ends in a 5-mile walk to the Strafford County Jail in Dover, NH. Walkers may join in for the last few miles of the journey. Immigrants arrested by ICE and awaiting deportation are held at this jail. Cyclists will ride 40-50 miles each day, stopping in towns along the way and staying at supportive faith communities in the evenings. Every morning will begin with an overview of the route and a time of reflection on what our migrant neighbors are facing. In the evenings there will be educational or prayerful discussions open to the public. For more information, contact melissa@viavt.org. To register go to www.viavt.org.

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