

August 4, 2019

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We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hopers 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 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 65 9:30 a.m. 91

The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life - grateful or greedy?

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. "You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others.

Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "storing up treasure for ourselves." The more we grow in gratitude and generosity, the more we become "rich in what matters to God."

Liturgical Pub

Offertory Last Week: \$2,258.38
Maintenance: \$45.00
Online Giving Last Week: -0-

Second Collection This 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%

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.
Sat. Aug. 10 4:30 p.m. For Lillian Galipeau requested by her daughter, Pam Kerr.
Sun. Aug. 11 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

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

Sunday:	Rev. Hermogenes Sargado, SDV
Monday:	Rev. Jon Schnobrich
Tuesday:	Rev. Msgr. Wendell Searles
Wednesday:	Rev. James Shea
Thursday:	Rev. Lourduraja Simeone
Friday:	Rev. Dallas St. Peter
Saturday:	Rev. Timothy Sullivan

Copies of the monthly calendar are available in the lobby.

Schedule of Counters: Monday, August 5, 2019

Anne Donegan
Lee Cross
Dick Stowe

Schedule of Ministries for August 10 and 11, 2019

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	The Dufault Family
	Altar Server:	Annie Dufault Meredith Dufault
	Lector:	Dawn Griswold
	Extraordinary Min.:	Peter Dufault Erin Dufault Mike Bullock
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Wendy Koenig Greg Tomczyk
	Altar Server:	Annaliesa Fry Isabel Fry
	Lector:	Lynn Monty Emily Donegan Kim Fry

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-8/08 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-8/13 Senior Meal at Noon

Question of the Week: Am I in control of my possessions or are they controlling me? What is the biggest obstacle that I need to overcome to become generous with all that I have?

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.

WARNING: It has been brought to our attention that once again folks are receiving emails from Fr. Cray asking for donations of gift cards. **THIS IS A SCAM!!** Fr. Cray would **NEVER** email folks asking for donations. If you receive an email from him, please check the email address. Father's email is dgcray@gmail.com. Anything other than that, is not him. We don't want folks being taken advantage of. If you are unsure about this, please contact Father or Marie directly. Thank you.

Bishop's Appeal: We are **84.48% (\$20,900)** to our parish goal of **\$24,739** from 77 donors. (We are about \$3,800 from making our parish goal.) 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

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.

Seeking Donations for Children in Congo: There is a box labeled CONGO at both OLMC and St. Jude's for this final weekend to collect the items needed for Jules Wetchi's trip back to his homeland in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Monetary donations are most welcome as the cost of shipping will be approximately \$800 and Jules' airfare will cost over \$2,000. This week and next week there is 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!



“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” — Lk 12:20-21

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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.

Find Your Greatness: The first ever Dynamic Catholic event is coming to Vermont! On **Saturday, August 17**, come to St. Monica in Barre, VT for a life-changing event titled **Find Your Greatness**. Dynamic Catholic events are not about feeling. They are about doing. They don't just give you something to *think* about. They give you a plan. They help you make your life work better. The goal is not to just inspire you for a few hours. At **Find Your Greatness**, you walk away with more than just knowledge about four life changing habits. You'll leave with a personalized plan on how to engage these habits in your normal, ordinary, everyday life. Tickets can currently be purchased at a flash sale rate of \$15 by visiting DynamicCatholic.com/Vermont. All are welcome.

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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