

August 25, 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 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard-won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy.

"We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!" In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus notes that it requires moral strength to enter the kingdom of God. It's not mere proximity to righteousness that saves. Rubbing elbows with the righteous is not the same as being truly holy ourselves. Unfortunately, we can have this attitude in many areas. It's easy to see who may seem "first" in the eyes of the world. This occurs in our workplaces and among our public figures. It can also happen in our schools, local parishes, and the larger Church. For some of us, the temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess!

But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. "People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society - but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus - will be first in his kingdom. What are your concerns? Proximity and reputation? Or prayerful righteousness?

Liturgical Pub

Offertory Last Week: \$2,497.00
Initial Offering: \$3.00
Feast of the Assumption: \$174.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$435.00

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:
Feast of the Assumption: 35
4:30 p.m. 50 9:30 a.m. 105

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Aug. 24 4:30 p.m. For Raymond Cote requested by his wife, Helen.
Sun. Aug. 25 9:30 a.m. For the deceased members of the Raino Family requested by the Family.
Sat. Aug. 31 4:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.
Sun. Sept. 1 9:30 a.m. For Richard Kowalski requested by his wife, Eileen.

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

Sunday:	Rev. Albert Baltz
Monday:	Rev. William Beaudin
Tuesday:	Rev. Andrzej Bednarowicz
Wednesday:	All Our Seminarians
Thursday:	Our Deceased Priests
Friday:	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
Saturday:	Priestly and Religious Vocations

Copies of the monthly calendar are available in the lobby.

Schedule of Counters: Monday, August 26, 2019
Rick Dinkle
George Gardner
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries for August 31 & September 1, 2019

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Theresa Aube Karen Fox
	Altar Server:	Farmer Lindemuth Plum Lindemuth
	Lector:	Joan Magnant
	Extraordinary Min.:	Tim Clancy Heidi St. Peter Theresa Aube

9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Laurie & Chris Meyer
	Altar Server:	Anna Ulager Abigail Ulager
	Lector:	Chris Meyer
	Extraordinary Min.:	Emily Donegan Sue McGuire Chris Destito

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-8/27 Senior Meal at Noon
-9/03 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.
-9/06 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: Who do I need to look at differently in the light of today's Gospel? How will I strengthen myself so that I can open the narrow gate?

Daily Mass: There will be **NO** daily Mass on **Tuesday, September 3 and Thursday, September 5 at 5:15 p.m.** due to Fr. Cray being away for Presbyteral Days.

WARNING: It has been brought to our attention that once again folks are receiving emails seemingly from Fr. Cray asking for donations of gift cards. **THIS IS A SCAM!!** Fr. Cray would **NEVER** email or text folks asking for donations. If you receive an email that appears to be 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.

Family Faith Formation: Our Family Faith Formation classes for St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel begin on **September 15**. We are still in need of teachers (5th grade) and aides (kindergarten, 2nd, 5th and 7th grades). If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com or 482-2290, 425-2637.

***The Family Faith Formation Registration Packet has been mailed out to all families who have participated in religious education in the past. If you have not received a packet, please contact Marie at the info above.

PLEASE NOTE: Confirmation is scheduled for the 8th and 9th graders next spring. Students in these grades who want to be confirmed must attend classes this year. Confirmation classes will be held on the Family Faith Formation Sundays and students and parents are expected to attend.

Bishop's Appeal: We are **89.39% (\$22,115) to our parish goal of \$24,739 from 87 donors.** (We are about \$2,625 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

Men's Discussion Group: Join men from St. Jude's and OLMC the first Tuesday of each month at St. Jude's from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a Men's Discussion Group. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 3**. They discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow male Catholics from our parishes. If interested or would like more information, please contact Mike Bullock at mtn6@gmavt.net.

Salvation Army Dinner: Our next meal at the Salvation Army is scheduled for **August 28**. We will be serving Baked Beans, Hotdogs, Rolls, Potato Salad, Chips, Watermelon, Desserts and Milk. We are also looking for workers. **We need enough food to feed approximately 150 people.** Sign up sheets for food and workers are in the lobby. Food donations need to be at the church by **3:00 p.m.** on August 28. Workers meet a the Salvation Army by 4:15 p.m. and are usually finished by 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or marietcookson@aol.com.

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: The RCIA program educates and forms adults in the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know wants to become a Catholic, or simply wants a better understanding of the Catholic Faith, please consider joining us. **Classes will begin on September 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Vianney Church Hall in South Burlington and will meet every Wednesday evening except for holidays. Classes are free of charge.** If you are interested in joining, please contact Fr. Cray so he can get you registered through our parishes.



“People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” — Lk 13:29-30

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SCHIP: We are looking for a new representative for the SCHIP board (Shelburne, Charlotte and Hinesburg Interfaith Project) from St. Jude's. For more information, please contact Judi Maculan at 482-3449 or Ali Gately at 482-3063.

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

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 27 and September 10 and 24** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Food Shelf Weekend: With the start of the new school year, we are going to begin collecting for our local food shelves again each month. We will be collecting on the “Family Mass” weekend. The weekend before, grocery bags will be given out to parishioners as a reminder to help those in need in our community. Our first weekend collection will be **September 14 and 15**. Bags will be given out on September 7 and 8.

1st Annual Diocesan Pastoral Ministries Conference: The 1st Annual Diocesan Pastoral Ministries Conference will be held on **Saturday, September 28 at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, VT**. The keynote will be Ron Huntley from “**Divine Renovation**” and will focus on helping us and our parishes move from “maintenance to mission”. In addition, breakout sessions will be held focusing on religious education, youth ministry, marriage and family life, worship, RCIA and communications. Learn more and register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/MinistryConference2019. There are also brochures in the lobby.

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Faith In Action: All Health Ministry/Faith In Action volunteers are invited to attend a gathering of volunteers from Essex, Winooski and Charlotte at the Holy Family Parish Center on **September 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** This is an opportunity for volunteers to share successes and challenges together. If you are not a volunteer and would like to learn more about ways that you may participate, please join them. The session will include prayer, a brief presentations, discussion, resources, snacks and lunch. Please contact Eileen Curtis at 425-4432 or eileen@conversehome.com if you are interested in attending.

Surviving Divorce: An exciting new ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage will be starting soon. *Surviving Divorce* features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and is open to the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help all to find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing. Sessions will be held on Thursdays, beginning on **September 5 through November 21 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the St. Peter Parish Hall, 85 South Main Street, Vergennes.** To register or for more information, contact Sharon McMullen at 802-877-6585 or email SPSDLeader@gmail.com.

Substitute Teachers Needed: Rice Memorial High School is accepting applications for Substitute Teachers for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. For more information and to fill out an application, please contact Jeff Maher, Assistant Principal at 862-6521 ext. 203.

Sermon on the Mount: Another wonderful Sermon on the Mount was enjoyed by many! The evening weather was perfect and the food fabulous. Thank you to all who helped make this another successful one—we believe it is our 18th year of celebrating the Assumption on Mount Philo! Special thanks to the Faith In Action team, Bob Danyow and Marie Cookson for helping pull all the little details together so everything runs smoothly. Hope to see even more folks next year!

PLEASE NOTE: A stainless steel spoon with a black handle with the last name of its owner was mistakenly picked up by someone when they gathered their dish. If you have it, could you please drop it off at the OLMC parish hall and leave it with the other dishes on the table on the left near the kitchen. Thanks.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Allow Jesus to transform your marriage and show you how to truly love your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is November 15-17 in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmewtw.org/>.