

September 8, 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 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

Liturgical Pub

Offertory Last Week: \$2,597.85
Maintenance: \$854.00
Online Giving Last Week: -0-

Second Collection This Week for Catholic University

JULY 1st THRU AUGUST 31st
(1st two months of the new fiscal year)

Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections
amounted to \$24,901 this year compared to
\$27,518 last year, a decrease of \$2,617 or -9.5%

Total Donations including Gifts, etc., amounted
to \$28,759 this year compared to \$29,909 last
year, a decrease of \$1,150 or -3.9%

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 58 9:30 a.m. 120

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Sept. 7 4:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.
Sun. Sept. 8 9:30 a.m. For Roger Strong Jr. requested by the Family.
Fri. Sept. 13 8:00 a.m. For a Special Intention
Sat. Sept. 14 4:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.
Sun. Sept. 15 9:30 a.m. For JP Giroux requested by the family.

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

Sunday: Rev. Francis Connors
Monday: Rev. Paul Couture, SSE
Tuesday: Rev. John Crabb, SJ
Wednesday: Rev. David Cray, SSE
Thursday: Rev. Brian Cummings, SSE
Friday: Rev. Charles Danielson
Saturday: Rev. Charles Davignon

Schedule of Counters: Monday, September 9, 2019
Judi Maculan
Ann Thomas
John Calcagni

Schedule of Ministries for September 14 & 15, 2019
4:30 p.m. Greeters: Chloe & Donna Shepardson
Altar Server: Hannah Shepardson
Lector: Mike New
Extraordinary Min.: Donna Shepardson
Peggy Cioffi
Mike New

9:30 a.m. Greeters: Wendy Koenig
Greg Tomczyk
Altar Server: Anna Ulager
Abigail Ulager
Lector: Wendy Koenig
Extraordinary Min: Stephanie Buzzell
Tom Buzzell
Mark Bisanzo

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-9/10 Senior Meal at Noon
-9/10 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-9/12 Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.
-9/14 & 9/15 Food Shelf Weekend
-9/15 Family Faith Formation beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: How do I need to transform myself to be a true disciple? Who is part of my family?

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 dqcray@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 aides (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 96% (\$23,795) to our parish goal of \$24,739. (We are about \$950 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, October 1**. 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.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting on **Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the rectory.

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

Greeters Wanted: We are looking for greeters for the 4:30 p.m. Mass. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please contact Marie at 482-2290. Thank you.

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.

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.



“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” — Lk 14:28, 33

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

Red Cross Blood Drive: The next Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's will be **Thursday, September 12 from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.** We are in need of workers and food donations. If you can help in any way, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby. To sign up to donate blood choose a timeslot online here at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>.

The Saint Nicholas Project: The Saint Nicholas Project, which was founded by Fr. Lance Harlow in 2015, will be visiting St. Jude's on **Sunday, September 15 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass**. The Saint Nicholas Project's goal is to raise awareness of and increase support for the boys and girls at the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children, a K-8 residential care facility for children at risk from troubled homes. There will be an informational table available for you after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 15. **The kids need you!!** Please stop by and learn about Kurn Hattin Homes and find out how you can help children from families in distress right here in Vermont.

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.

FORMED.org: FORMED.org is a revolutionary online platform featuring the best Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies at **NO** cost to you. Visit **FORMED.org** to learn about these resources. To log in, go to FORMED.org, click on the tab "Enter Code", the code is **HHY6Z9** (cases sensitive). Register with your name, email, zip code and your own password to create an account. If you have any question, please feel free to contact Fr. Cray or Marie.

Faith In Action: All Health Ministry/Faith In Action volunteers are invited to attend a gathering of volunteers from Essex, Winooski, Hinesburg 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 presentation, discussion, resources, snacks and lunch. Please contact Eileen Curtis at 425-4432 or eileen@conversehome.com if you are interested in attending.

Salvation Army Dinner: Thank you to everyone who provided food and milk for the Salvation Army Dinner on August 28. We served 130 meals. A special thank you to Peggy Cioffi, Karen Fox, Rosalie Genest, Chloe and Donna Shepardson and Marie Cookson who all helped with the serving. Our next dinner is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 30.**

Cardinal Newman Canonization: You are cordially invited to celebrate the canonization of Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman on **Sunday, October 13, at Holy Family Church Hall in Essex Jct from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.** The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and three brief presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas More College, as well as Fr. Kevin Chalifoux and Fr. Matthew Rensch. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. For more information or to RSVP by October 6 email to VermontNewman@gmail.com.

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.

Young Adult Retreat: All Young Adults ages 18-39 (post high school) are invited to join in for a Young Adult Retreat on **September 13-14 at the Dumaine Retreat Center near Wilmington, VT.** Spiritual Directors will be Sr. Maria Grace and Sr. Christina Miriam, Daughters of St. Paul. To register go to <http://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/young-adult-retreat-dumaine/>. For more info contact Bill Gavin at 658-6110 ext. 1240.

VT Christian Rock-toberfest 2019: The VT Christian Rock-toberfest is coming EARLY this year! On **September 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Barre Auditorium**, the "Love is a Lion Tour" will be rocking out with featured artists CITIZEN WAY ("Wavewalker", "Bulletproof") and JASON GRAY ("With Every Act of Love", "More Like Falling In Love") with special guests THE YOUNG ESCAPE ("Love Me Like You"). More information at <https://facebook.com/events/2303083613143328>. Tickets starting at \$20 each, you can purchase online at <https://vtchristianmusic.com>.

Men's Workshop: All men are invited to participate in a special Spiritual Development Workshop entitled, "**Living the Catholic Faith to the Full**" with Fr. Henry Furman. The workshop will be conducted in the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall in Williston on Saturday, September 21 from 7:45 to 10:30 a.m.** This is a FREE program and will include a complimentary continental breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. For more information, contact Bill Rensch at 872-8063 or goodrensch.vt@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Mission at St. Mark Parish: Please join St. Mark Parish as Fr. Declan Gibson of the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist leads a Eucharist-centered mission at St. Mark Church on **Sept. 28-Oct. 1.** Come learn and experience how Eucharistic adoration can transform your life and the life of your family. Fr. Declan will give the homily at the September 28/29 weekend Masses and continue the mission **Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 at 7:00 p.m.** Both evenings will include a talk, Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, and confessions. For more info, call St. Mark parish office at 864-7686 or email stmarksvt@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Put God first in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is **November 15-17, 2019** in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://www.mevtw.org/>.

SCHIP: The Fall deadline for SCHIP grant application is Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Since SCHIP began making grants many non-profits have used their awarded funds to continue their mission to improve the lives of our neighbors and strengthen our communities. Grants range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. Grants may not exceed \$3,000 per request and only one grant can be received within a year by any one entity. Applicant requirements:
--Be a 501c(3) or submit the application through such an organization.
--Projects must serve residents of Shelburne, Charlotte and/or Hinesburg.
--Funds may not be applied to annual operating budgets or permanent staffing.
--One application per organization per calendar year.
To obtain an application go to the "Contact" link on the SCHIP's Treasure website at www.SCHIPSTreasure.org.

SCHIP: Our parish has been helping SCHIP for all of its 14 years in existence. Two board members from each congregation help them achieve their mission. We are now looking for some board members and/or volunteers who can assist the shop staff. Even if you only have a few hours a week, they would be happy to have your help. If you don't know about SCHIP, it is a resale shop in the heart of Shelburne that gives away 100% of its profits to other nonprofits who in some way help the residents of Shelburne, Charlotte or Hinesburg. Please visit their website at www.schiptreasure.org to find out about them. You can call the shop at 985-3595 and speak with Caroline, 985-3774 and speak with Mary Candon or 482-3063 and speak with Ali Gately, St. Jude's active board member.

Chittenden County Right to Life: The Chittenden County Right to Life will meet on **Tuesday, September 10 at 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the St. John Vianney Parish Hall**, 160 Hinesburg Road in South Burlington. New volunteers and ideas are welcome as they work toward the protection of all human beings—particularly the littlest among us. Please support their annual Dinner and Silent Auction on **September 28.** Contact chitrighttolife@gmail.com for more information about tickets or making a donation.