

December 1, 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 – First Sunday of Advent

"I'm never getting enough rest! How can I possibly be 'asleep'?" In a world of jam-packed schedules and high anxiety levels, physical rest may be hard to come by. Yet relentless pursuit of our to-do lists and social calendars may keep our minds off of the things that really matter. Jesus knows all too well a pattern of busy, harried ignorance. *"In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage ... they did not know until the flood came and carried them all away ... two men will be out in the field ... two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left."* When it comes to the spiritual life, we can be at work or at relaxation and still be spiritually asleep.

Each year, we are called back to remember the essential things. God comes to save His people. He becomes flesh to dwell among us. Supernatural light pierces the world's darkness and our own. Advent wakes us up. *"Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."* Every Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming at Christmas, and we anticipate his second coming at the end of time.

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." There's another hour, too, both known and unknown. It's the present moment. Whether it's a lazy Saturday morning or a major business proposal, whether it's attending a kindergarten play or an elderly relative's bedside, at every moment the Lord wants to enter into our hearts. This Advent, let's pray for the grace to stay alert. Christ is coming soon.

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,979.50 Maintenance: \$25.00
Salvation Army: \$50.00 Roof: \$250.00
Campaign for Human Development: \$329.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$560.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Religious Retirement

JULY 1ST THRU OCTOBER 31TH
(1ST four months of the new fiscal year)

Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections
amounted to \$50,137 this year compared to
\$54,061 last year, a decrease of \$3,924 or -7.3%.

Total Donations including Gifts, etc., amounted
to \$57,751 this year compared to \$59,350 last
year, a decrease of \$1,599 or -2.7%.

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 72 9:30 a.m. 103

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Nov. 30 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Claire Auger.
Sun. Dec. 1 9:30 a.m. For Norma Giroux requested by her husband, Gene.
Fri. Dec. 6 8:00 a.m. For the Sick requested by Helene Martell.
Sat. Dec. 7 4:30 p.m. For Joe Cioffi requested by his wife, Peggy.
Sun. Dec. 8 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: Pope Francis
Monday: Bishop Christopher Coyne
Tuesday: Rev. Donald Roy
Wednesday: Rev. Maurice Roy
Thursday: Rev. Yvon Royer
Friday: Rev. Rod Oliver Saligan
Saturday: Rev. Joseph Sanderson

Schedule of Counters: Monday, December 2, 2019
Rick Dinkle
Ann Thomas
Grace Link

Schedule of Ministries for December 7 & 8, 2019
4:30 p.m. Greeters: Chloë & Donna Shepardson
Altar Server: Sawyer Lake
Hannah Shepardson
Lector: Dawn Griswold
Extraordinary Min.: Joanne Cross
Dawn Griswold
Donna Shepardson

9:30 a.m. Greeters: Kathy & Ted Barrett
Altar Server: Theo St. Peter
Jack St. Peter
Patrick Donegan
Lector: Aimee Frost
Extraordinary Min: Mark Bisanzo
Ted Barrett
Emily Donegan

Calendar of St. Jude Events:
-12/06 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.
-12/08 Family Faith Formation at 9:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: What am I doing that I would not want seen in the light of day, or at the hour I do not expect? What do I need to do to change this?

No Daily Mass: There will be **NO** daily Mass on **Monday, December 9, Tuesday, December 10 and Monday, December 16** due to Father Cray being at St. Michael's for meetings.

Holiday Mass Schedules: The holiday schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:

Monday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. at The Old Lantern

Monday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude

Monday, December 24 at 10:00 p.m. at OLMC

Tuesday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude

New Year's Eve and Day:

Monday, December 31 at **4:30 p.m.** at St. Jude

Tuesday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m. at OLMC

St. Jude Craft Fair: There will be a Craft Fair at St. Jude Parish on **Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Many items will be available. Please join us.

*****St. Jude's will also be running a canteen during the Craft Fair. We are looking for donations of hot dogs and rolls, soups, chips, sandwich fixings, baked goods, soda and bottled water. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby. We are looking for help with distributing the Craft Fair signs in the local areas (Hinesburg, Starksboro, Monkton, Huntington, Williston, Shelburne, Charlotte, etc.) If you would be willing to help with this, please leave your name and email on the sign up sheet in the lobby. Please indicate what area you would be willing to help cover and how many signs you would like. Thank you.**

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, December 6** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

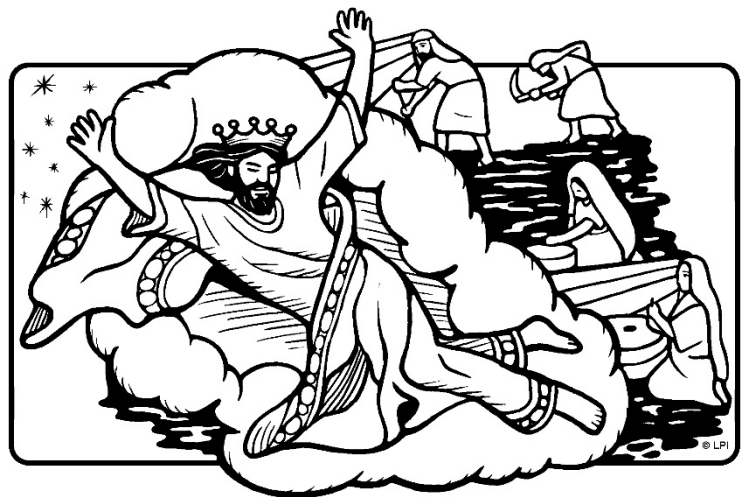
Cleaning the Church: We will be cleaning the St. Jude Church in preparation of the Christmas Season on **Saturday, December 21 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** If you are interested in helping out, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or email at marietcookson@aol.com. Thank you.

Madrigals: The CVU Madrigal Singers will be performing at St. Jude's on **Sunday, December 8 beginning at 11:30 a.m.** A free-will offering will take place to benefit the Madrigals. All are welcome to this Christmas event and sign-along.

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel": On **Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, OLMC** and St. Jude's will present a collaborative program about the "O Antiphons of Advent". The Antiphons accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. The theology uses ancient biblical imagery of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ from the past and into the present. Our Confirmation students will present and explain more about these prayers. The favorite hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" is a summary of the Antiphons. All are welcome.

~~OLMC's Liturgy Committee invites parishioners who enjoy singing to accompany both parishes' choirs and form a choral for this event. Michelle Keller will lead the choral. We expect one or two practice sessions before December 15. Contact Michelle Keller at vtkeller@gmavt.net or Colleen Armstrong at colleen.armstrong@uvm.edu if interested in singing.

Helping Hands Sewing Ministry: The Helping Hands Sewing Ministry will be giving out sewing goods. If you know of anyone in your family or our community that could use a walker bag or adult smock, please contact Grace Link at graceplay@vt04.com. If there is a need please contact her by the first week of December. Thank you.



"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." — Mt 24:43-44

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

Advent Penance Service: There will be Deanery Advent Penance Services on **Sunday, December 8 at St. John Vianney at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 15 at St. Mark's at 2:00 p.m.** and a **Concert featuring Ryan Tremblay on Wednesday, December 18 at St. John Vianney at 6:00 p.m. followed by confessions at 7:30 p.m.** Area priests will be available at these services.

Kids At Christmas: We have **12 cards** left for children who are in need of items for Christmas. Won't you please help us out either by taking a card or by making a monetary donation? Thank you.

*****Gifts need to be back on Sunday, December 8. If you need more time, please contact Marie to let her know.**

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party: The Knights of Columbus St. John Vianney Council invite Persons with Disabilities and their Caregivers to their Annual Special Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 8 from 1-3 p.m. at the St. John Vianney Parish Center.** Free Admission for all. Reservations are required. To register please email to tedbarrett79@gmail.com or call Ted at 802-453-3087.

Bambinelli Sunday: We will have a Bambinelli Sunday on the third Sunday of Advent, **December 14 and 15.** Children and adults are asked to bring figures of the Christ Child from their Nativity sets to be blessed at Mass. This is an Italian custom and the Pope blesses the infant figures in St. Peter's Square during the Angelus on the third Sunday of Advent.

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Calling All Puppeteers: There is a sign up sheet in the lobby for those wanting to participate in the Gospel presentation for the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. You are never too old for this ministry. Rehearsal will be **Sunday, December 22 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass (10:30 a.m.)**. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Shepardson at dmshepardson56@gmail.com.

Ministries for Christmas Masses: The sign up sheets are in the sacristy for Altar Servers, Greeters, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve.

Religious Retirement: Give in thanksgiving. "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

Hinesburg Community Christmas Concert: The Hinesburg Artist Series will present the annual Hinesburg Community Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 8** with two shows at **2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.** at St. Jude's. Admission to the concert is free. Donations are greatly appreciated and all are encouraged to bring a non-perishable item for the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

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

Daily Mass at St. Jude's—Winter Weather: Once again the schedule for daily Mass at St. Jude's will follow the Hinesburg/Charlotte School System. If there is no school in Hinesburg and Charlotte due to the weather, there will be NO morning Mass on Monday or Friday mornings. Closings are found on the local radio and TV stations.

Advent Appeal – 2019: This year marks the 25th year of Vermont Catholic Charities Advent Appeal. Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the Annual Advent Appeal. The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm or feed their families. This Advent Season, please help people in crisis, especially the most vulnerable among us—children, struggling parents, the elderly and the sick. With your help, we can make a difference in lives of those living on the edge. Last year, thanks to your generosity, VT Catholic Charities assisted more than 2,000 adults and 1,500 children through the Advent Appeal and Emergency Aid Program. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a needy family. To donate, please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or give online at www.vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal.

Bishop's Appeal: We are 101% (\$24,985) to our parish goal of \$24,739. Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our goal. Great Job!!

Christmas Flowers: There are collection envelopes in the lobby of the church for the Christmas flowers. Your donations may be made in someone's memory. Please fill out the front of the envelope accordingly.

St. Joseph's Residential Home: St. Joseph Residential Care Home in Burlington is seeking to hire a housekeeper/maintenance technician. This position provides assistance to the Administrator, the residents and the employees in maintaining a clean and home like environment at the Home. Responsibilities include: keeping residents' rooms and common areas clean and maintained; disposing of trash; changing beds; and assisting residents when necessary. If you have the ability to manage your time efficiently, work well unsupervised, interact positively with residents and handle some basic maintenance from time to time, we would like to meet you! Must be willing to work evenings. For additional information, please feel free to call 802-864-0264, or email cbedard@vermontcatholic.org.

Opportunities to support Young Life: Young Life is looking for volunteers who would like to support sending our youth to Young Life camp next summer at Saranac Lake. Each year Vermont Teddy Bear allows the community at large to work during the Christmas season to raise funds which are then donated for a particular cause. With volunteering your time the money earned goes directly toward campership funds for our kids! Dates available to help out are: **Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 8, 12noon to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 14 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 15, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.** This is actually a fun and rewarding time! Please consider supporting our youth in this valuable way.

~Another way to help raise funds for campership is by purchasing coffee. A portion of each sale will go towards supporting Young Life students ability to enjoy a life changing camp experience! Please visit <https://vt22.younglife.events/coffee-fundraiser> to check out the choices and to purchase. For more information or to register for VT Teddy Bear please email Tricia Sulva at majac@gmavt.net

Free Ultrasound: Calling all newly pregnant moms, 7-20 weeks, to book your appointment for a free Ultrasound by the RN/Sonographer and professional RDMS at Aspire Together. Times available are Tuesday, Dec. 3, Wednesday, Dec. 4 and Thursday, Dec. 5 at Aspire Together (formerly CareNet) located at 56 Colchester Avenue in Burlington. Call 658-2184 to book your appointment.

Attention Business Owners: Have you ever thought about advertising in this Church bulletin? Now is the time of year to consider placing an ad. Seasonal and part time ads are available! Please contact Victoria Russo at 518-527-3017 at LPI for more information.