

# December 29, 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 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***

*“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.”* 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

*“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.”* Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

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**Offertory Last Week: (Report Next Week)**

**Online Giving Last Week: \$560.00**

**Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance**

**JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> THRU NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**(1<sup>ST</sup> five months of the fiscal year)**

**Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections**  
**amounted to \$62,287 this year compared to**  
**\$66,938 last year, a decrease of \$4,651 or -7.0%.**

**Total Donations including Gifts, etc., amounted**  
**to \$71,091 this year compared to \$72,548 last**  
**year, a decrease of \$1,457 or -2.0%.**

**Attendance Last Week:**

**4:30 p.m. 74      9:30 a.m. 120**  
**Christmas Eve: 245      Christmas Day: ??**

## **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. Dec. 28 4:30 p.m.** For Joseph and Jeannine Cote requested by Helen Cote.  
**Sun. Dec. 29 9:30 a.m.** For Paul Casey requested by the family.  
**Tues. Dec. 31 4:30 p.m.** For Emmanuel and Celinda Nadeau requested by Marie Cookson.  
**Sat. Jan. 4 4:30 p.m.** For Rev. Walter Miller requested by Theresa and Steve Aube.  
**Sun. Jan. 5 9:30 a.m.** For Ortho and Bernard Emmons requested by Helen Cote.

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	Priestly and Religious Vocations
<b>Monday:</b>	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
<b>Tuesday:</b>	All Our Seminarians
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Pope Francis
<b>Thursday:</b>	Bishop Christopher Coyne
<b>Friday:</b>	Rev. Luke Austin
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rev. Dwight Baker

## **Schedule of Counters: Monday, December 30, 2019**

Lee Cross  
Anne Donegan  
Ann Thomas

## **Schedule of Ministries for January 4 and 5, 2020**

4:30 p.m.	<b>Greeters:</b>	Chloe & Donna Shepardson
	<b>Altar Server:</b>	Hannah Shepardson Sawyer Lake
	<b>Lector:</b>	Joan Magnant
	<b>Extraordinary Min.:</b>	Donna Shepardson Joanne Cross Peggy Cioffi
9:30 a.m.	<b>Greeters:</b>	Conf. Students
	<b>Altar Server:</b>	Allyson Gutierrez Alex Gutierrez
	<b>Lector:</b>	Wendy Koenig
	<b>Extraordinary Min.:</b>	Chris Destito Jeanne Jensen Mark Bisanzo

## **Calendar of St. Jude Events:**

-1/03 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.  
-1/05 Family Faith Formation at 9:30 a.m.  
-1/09 Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.  
-1/09 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week:** Is there someone I know who is vulnerable because they have no family to rely on? What can I do for them?

**Solemnity of Mary:** The Solemnity of Mary is **Wednesday, January 1**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be as follows:

--Tuesday, December 31 at **4:30 p.m.** at St. Jude  
--Wednesday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m. at OLMC

**Thank You:** Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make the Advent and Christmas season such meaningful and sacred times of worship for our parish family and friends. So many gave of their time and talents including our altar servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, musicians and singers, Confirmation students, ushers, decorators, those who helped to clean the church, helped with setting up and taking down for the service at the Old Lantern, Liturgy Committees and most especially Father David. Thank you!!

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Thursday, January 9 from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.** We are in need of food donations. Sign up sheets are in the lobby. To sign up to donate blood choose a timeslot online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>. Walk ins are welcome but may have a slight wait.

\*\*It is important to register online if possible as this allows the Red Cross to know what they can supply to the hospitals.

**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, January 3** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**2020 Collection Envelopes:** The collection envelopes for 2020 are available in the lobby of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order. If you have not used the collection envelopes in the past but would like to do so now, please take a box without a name on it. **Please be sure to write your name and address on the envelopes for the first few weeks you are using them. Also, please do not use leftover envelopes from previous years.** Thank you.

**Online Giving:** With the beginning of a new year why not sign up to have your monthly offering amount automatically transferred from your checking account to St. Jude's account? If you are interested in online giving, please contact Marie at 482-2290. Thank you.

**Senior Meals:** St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for **January 14 and 28** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

**Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass:** The Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass will be held on **Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.** at St. Augustine Parish in Montpelier with Diocesan Vicar General, Monsignor John McDermott as Celebrant. Reception to follow. Vermont Right to Life will then sponsor a prayerful walk to the State House with program to follow inside. All are welcome.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Catholic Men's Conference:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2020** at St. Anthony's Church in White River Jct. The Keynote speaker is retirend Air Force Captain, Guy Gruters. Guy is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent five and a half years as a POW in Vietnam, and a lifetime Catholic. Other speakers include Msgr. John McDermott and Paul Kendall. There will also be opportunities for confession, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, fellowship, and Mass with Bishop Coyne. Registration and more info at [www.vermontcatholic.org/men](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/men).



**W**hen Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. Matthew 2:19-21

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**Cleaning of the Church:** Thank you to the following folks for helping with the cleaning of the church last Saturday: Marie Kaigle, Joan Magnant, Laura Capps, Ray Bouchard, Hollis, Jack and Olivia St. Peter, Kristina, Becca, Josh and Brian Syverson, and Marie Cookson. Great job everyone!!

**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.

**Adult Confirmation:** Are you an adult who has been baptized and received your First Communion in the Catholic Church but were never confirmed? We will be holding a 7 session preparation class during Lent for all those interested in being confirmed. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the office at 482-2290 or email at [stjude@gmavt.net](mailto:stjude@gmavt.net) and we will add you to our list and will notify you as we get closer to the start date. Adult Confirmation is held on Pentecost Sunday, May 31.

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