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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 – The Baptism of the Lord

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is “to be our model of holiness.” All of Jesus’ words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we’re meant to *be*. Jesus’ baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. *“This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased.”* And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit’s grace and power to continue Christ’s mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let’s do as Jesus did. Let’s live in our baptism!

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,837.00
Maintenance: \$627.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$308.00

Second Collection This Week for Fuel
Second Collection Next Week for Catholic Education

JULY 1ST THRU NOVEMBER 30TH
(1ST 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:
Solemnity of Mary: 57
4:30 p.m. 34 9:30 a.m. 195

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Jan. 11 4:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.
Sun. Jan. 12 9:30 a.m. For Fred Cook requested by Marie Cookson.
Mon. Jan. 13 8:00 a.m. For Joseph Cioffi Sr. requested by Peggy Cioffi.
Sat. Jan. 18 4:30 p.m. For Fenwick and Paulita Estey requested by Peg and Dennis Casey.
Sun. Jan. 19 9:30 a.m. For Joyce Costello requested by Lisa and Kevin Boutin.

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

Sunday:	Rev. Lawrence Brown, OSB
Monday:	Rev. Richard Calapan
Tuesday:	Rev. Michael Carter, SSE
Wednesday:	Rev. Kevin Chalifoux
Thursday:	Rev. Roger Charbonneau
Friday:	Rev. Thomas Aquinas Chinnappin,
Saturday:	Rev. Hugh Cleary, CSC

Schedule of Counters: Monday, January 13, 2020
Bill Doris
Judi Maculan
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries for January 18 and 19, 2020

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Joanne & Lee Cross
	Altar Server:	Farmer Lindemuth Plum Lindemuth
	Lector:	Dawn Griswold
	Extraordinary Min.:	Tim Clancy Joanne Cross Dawn Griswold
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Michael Kiey Aidan Thomas
	Altar Server:	Annaliesa Fry Isabel Fry
	Lector:	Tom Buzzell
	Extraordinary Min:	Kim Fry Stephanie Buzzell Tom Buzzell

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-1/11 & 1/12 Food Shelf Weekend
-1/12 Family Mass at 9:30 a.m.
-1/13 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
-1/14 Senior Meal at Noon

Question of the Week: Are we open to seeing the Holy Spirit acting through unexpected people or guiding us in unexpected ways?

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.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: The Liturgy Committee will be meeting on **Monday, January 13 at 10:00 a.m.** in the rectory.

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 **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.

3rd Annual Catholic Men's Conference: The 3rd 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.

Counters Needed: We are in need of more counters as many of our regulars have headed south or no longer wish to count. Counting is done on Monday mornings at 8:40 a.m. in the St. Jude Rectory. Folks work in teams of three. Counting is usually finished by 9:30 a.m. (usually earlier). It is a great way to meet some of your fellow parishioners and get to know those from Our Lady of Mount Carmel also. If you are interested or would like more info, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or email at marietcookson@aol.com.

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 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.

World Marriage Day Mass: Married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) who wish to be recognized at the Diocese Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington on **February 2, 2020**, at the 10:00 a.m. mass, please contact Valerie Parzyck at (802) 658-6110 ext. 1131 or vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org to register. (include couples names, anniversary year being celebrated, date married, and where married -church w/ location) by Monday, January 27, 2020. Senior couples who are unable to attend can be recognized with a certificate. Requests need be submitted by parish staff, with the same information listed above and sent to Valerie Parzyck. The certificate will be mailed to the parish, to honor this couple locally. World Marriage Day on February 9, is traditionally celebrated within the parish with a special blessing for married couples.



After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." — Mt 3:16-17

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Prayers for Peace: Inspired by a mother and daughter who recently laid roses at the feet of the Virgin Mary statue outside the Chancery Office, a social media post has been created inviting all Catholics and the larger community to lay a rose at the feet of the Virgin Mary at the Chancery Office or a local church and say a Hail Mary for the de-escalation of tensions between the U.S. and Iran and peace in the Middle East. All are welcome to participate.

Vermont Catholic Professionals The Vermont Catholic Professionals will meet on **January 22 at the Pomerleau Alumni Center at St. Michael's College** from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. Join professionals from throughout the state for a networking breakfast. Speaker will be Mike Smith, Secretary-Vermont Agency of Human Services. Please register to reserve your personalized name tag and refreshments as space is limited. To register go to: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/about/vermont-catholic-professionals/>. All are welcome.

Cold and Flu Season: The Sign of Peace has been an integral and valued part of the worship of the church for centuries in the form of a kiss of peace or handshake. As we enter this cold and flu season, it is important to recognize that some people are especially susceptible to the viruses that can be spread by contact and some immune systems are very sensitive. Please understand that some people may choose not to shake hands during the Sign of Peace but might simply greet you with a smile. Also, please use common sense and good judgment concerning Mass attendance if you are ill. If you do decide to come to church for Mass, please remember that frequent and thorough hand-washing, refraining from physical contact during the Sign of Peace, and refraining from receiving communion from the chalice can help prevent the spread of germs.

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