

February 2, 2020

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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 – Presentation of the Lord

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Very often, having more light is not something we desire as it forces us to confront something we really do not want to see. There can be comfort found in darkness. It has an eerie sense of security to it. We do not have to challenge ourselves or be challenged and can simply exist in some fabricated state of self-fabricated blissfulness. Jesus came to bring light, and it is a light that is resisted by many and hated by some. It is a light that causes us to see things as they really are and not as we would want or need them to be.

It is no wonder then that Simeon boldly and honestly proclaims to Mary, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” We have to take the Gospel message as it is and not just use those parts that are useful to us or more palatable. Taking Jesus at face value can and will lead to turmoil and dissension. Hearts will be pierced. Whether we like it, Jesus’ proclamation of what the world God created really ought to look like has real and absolute social implications.

It has a lot to say about how we treat our brothers and sisters: spiritually, personally, economically, and globally. It has everything to do with the poor, the immigrant, the scared, the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the broken. The light opens us to a challenging, table-turning experience that may not be something we want to see but shows us where we need to be.

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,113.25 Maintenance: \$258.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$303.00 Christmas: \$150.00
Latin America: \$285.20 Fuel: \$456.00
Initial Offering: \$227.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$285.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

JULY 1ST THRU DECEMBER 31ST
(1ST six months of the fiscal year)

Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections
amounted to \$77,345 this year compared to
\$88,419 last year, a decrease of \$11,074 or -
12.5%.

Total Donations including Gifts, etc., amounted
to \$92,540 this year compared to \$109,774 last
year, a decrease of \$17,234 or -15.7%.

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 56 9:30 a.m. 85

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Feb. 1 4:30 p.m. For Neal Senecal requested by Helen Cote.
Sun. Feb. 2 9:30 a.m. For Nancy Russell requested by Hal and Chea Evans and Family.
Sat. Feb. 8 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Arnold and Janice Gratton requested by Sue and Stan Haselton
Sun. Feb. 9 9:30 a.m. For Betsy Taff requested by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hanna.

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

Sunday: Bishop Christopher Coyne
Monday: Rev. James Dodson
Tuesday: Rev. Raymond Doherty, SSE
Wednesday: Rev. Francis Eksterowicz
Thursday: Rev. Richard Eneji, CSS
Friday: Rev. John Feltz
Saturday: Rev. Patrick Forman

Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 3, 2020
Ann Thomas
Judi Maculan
Linda Savalli

Schedule of Ministries for February 8 and 9, 2020

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	The Stewart Family
	Altar Server:	Peter Stewart Nate Stewart
	Lector:	Joan Magnant
	Extraordinary Min.:	Tim Clancy Peter Dufault Erin Dufault
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Charlene and Caitlin Van Sleet
	Altar Server:	Anna Ulager Abigail Ulager
	Lector:	Mickey Wetzel
	Extraordinary Min:	Jeanne Jensen Emily Donegan Ray Bouchard

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-2/02 Family Faith Formation at 9:30 a.m.
-2/04 Men’s Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.
-2/07 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.
-2/10 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
-2/11 Senior Meals at Noon

Question of the Week: Whom do I ignore without even considering that they may be speaking the truth? How can I be more open and attentive to other people's voices?

Daily Mass: There will be **NO** daily Mass on **Monday, February 3 through Friday, February 7** due to Father Cray being away for meetings.

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the Fiscal Quarter Ending - 12/31/2019

- St. Jude's had a Net Gain of \$7,997 for the year compared to a Net Gain of \$17,799 for the prior year, a decrease of \$9,802.
- Unencumbered cash reserves (Cash & Receivables Less Payables) were \$153,307 compared to \$140,762, an increase of \$12,545 or 8.9% of which \$62,000 will be used for the roof.

Mass Attendance

- Total weekend mass attendance for 2010 averaged 255 people, attendance in 2018 averaged 200 people and for 2019 we averaged 178 people (a decrease of 11.2% in one year).

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, February 14** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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, February 4.** 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 **Monday, February 10 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 **February 11 and 25** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

COTS Walk—Save The Date: For the first time, St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes are creating a parish team to participate in this year's **COTS Walk on Sunday, May, 3.** This event raises money to help COTS combat homelessness in our area. All are welcome to participate. More details coming soon!

Meals on Wheels: Hinesburg needs Meals on Wheels drivers. This is usually a 2 hour commitment each week but it can be more or less, whatever you prefer. The meals are picked up at St. Jude's. For some folks this is the best food they get all week. Contact Jane Gage at jgcatchapaw@gmail.com or 482-6096 or Ted Barrett at tedbarrett79@gmail.com or 453-3087 for more info. It is easy and you'll be glad you did it.

Chittenden County Right to Life: The Chittenden County Right to Life will meet on **Tuesday, February 11 at St. John Vianney Parish Hall, South Burlington from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.** New volunteers and input are welcome as they work to promote the protection of human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us. Plan to attend this year's Pro-Life Lobby Day on April 22 at the State House in Montpelier. Contact chitrighttolife@gmail.com for more information.



Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." — Lk 2:34-35

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2019 Contributions: Because of the new changes in itemized deductions, most people will be unable to deduct their 2019 contributions on their tax return. If you would like a copy of your contributions for 2019, please leave your name and address on the sheet in the lobby of the church or email Marie at stjude@gmavt.net and one will be mailed to you. --For those who have requested a copy of their contributions in the past week, a copy was mailed out to you this past week.

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.

Looking for Host Families: Host families are needed for students ages 15 to 18 who come to the U.S. for one or two academic semesters. The students bring spending money, health insurance and the desire to experience American culture. Host families volunteer to provide room and board and a supportive family environment. Students attend the local public school and local support is provided to students, families and schools. Families can choose a student who is a good match for their student's interests and lifestyle. If you are interested in learning more or have questions, please contact Emily Trostel at em.trostel@gmail.com or at 570-650-9787.

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