

February 9, 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 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus' words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.

The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often."

But it doesn't end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us.

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,778.00
Maintenance: \$574.00
Church in Latin America: \$45.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$-0-

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. 53 9:30 a.m. 161

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.
Sat. Feb. 15 4:30 p.m. For John Barrett requested by his siblings.
Sun. Feb. 16 9:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Arnold and Janice Gratton requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.

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

Sunday:	Rev. John Hammond, O.S.B.
Monday:	Rev. Lance Harlow
Tuesday:	Rev. Jay Haskin
Wednesday:	Rev. James Holden
Thursday:	Rev. Stephen Hornat, SSE
Friday:	Rev. Paul Houde
Saturday:	Rev. Thomas Houle, O.F.M, cap

Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 10, 2020
Rick Dinkle
Grace Link
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries for February 15 and 16 2020

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Family Mass
	Altar Server:	Family Mass
	Lector:	Family Mass
	Extraordinary Min.:	Steve Cooley Kelly Rohan-Cooley Mike Bullock
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Kathy & Ted Barrett
	Altar Server:	Allyson Gutierrez Alex Gutierrez
	Lector:	Rodney Strong
	Extraordinary Min:	Stephanie Buzzell Tom Buzzell Ted Barrett

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-2/10 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
-2/11 Senior Meals at Noon
-2/14 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: With whom do I need to reconcile?
How can the Holy Spirit guide me in doing the right thing?

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.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting on **Monday, February 10 at 10:00 a.m.** in the rectory.

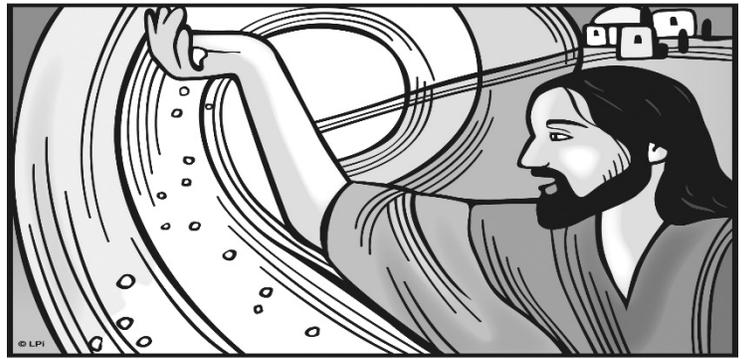
Ash Wednesday: Lent begins on **Wednesday, February 26**. Mass and distribution of ashes will be held at OLMC at 7:00 a.m. and at St. Jude's at 7:00 p.m. This is a great way to begin the Lenten season.

Fasting and Abstinence in Lent: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **both** fast and abstinence. The rule of fasting states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two smaller meals, "Sufficient to maintain strength" are also allowed. Eating between meals breaks the fast but drinking liquids does not. Catholics aged 18-59 are bound to fasting. Abstinence refers to refraining from eating meat and applies to all Catholics aged 14 and older.

Lenten Book Club: There will be a Lenten Book Group this Lenten Season. The book that is recommended is C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letter" Described at Amazon as, "*The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis is a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below."* At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* is the most engaging account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written." Sign up for the book group will be the weekend of February 29 and March 1. In signing up you will receive a copy of the book at that time. A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated but not required. Folks will read the book and the discussion session is planned for **Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Jude's.

Stations of the Cross: The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 p.m. On **Friday, March 13**, Josh Perry from the Diocese will be joining us to discuss and lead us through the Stations. Everyone is welcome especially families.

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!



Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." — Mt 5:13a, 14

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Our Lady of Fatima at UVM: The Catholic Center at UVM will be hosting a pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima from February 8 to the 22. Her mission while at UVM is praying for those who have committed or been affected by suicide. A Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, February 11** with Adoration at 5:00 p.m., Mass at 6:00 p.m. and Rosary at 6:30 p.m. in remembering those who have lost their lives by suicide and for those grieving.

Ash Wednesday Almsgiving Collection: There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, Project Rachel and Residential Care Homes. A portion of the collection will go to help fund the Bishop deGoesbriand grants which are awarded to Vermont nonprofits who are making a difference in their communities. Please know that every gift—whatever the size—makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Retreat: A Lenten retreat day for anyone who works for or ministers in the parish including administrative assistants, bookkeepers, religious education leaders, maintenance personnel, music directors, parish volunteers including religious ed teachers and aides, greeters, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, counters, musicians and singers, ushers and other parish staff and volunteers. The retreat will be facilitated by the Diocesan Department of Evangelization & Catechesis. Location and date in our area is **Saturday, March 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Williston**. To register or for more info contact Valerie Parzyck at 846-5813.

Catholic Men's Conference: The 3rd Annual Vermont Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish in White River Jct**. Mass with Bishop Coyne. Keynote speakers will be Captain Guy Gruters, a Vietnam Veteran and POW, and Msgr. John McDermott and Paul Kendall. For more info or to register go to vermontcatholic.org/men.

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

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.

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.

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.

Surviving Divorce—Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family: *Surviving Divorce* is a divorce support group based on the teachings of the Catholic Church that will help bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. The next 12-week series will be starting on **February 20 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Peter Church in Vergennes.** Each session contains video presentations and group discussion that will answer questions, restore hope and begin authentic healing. This program is open to the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. Call 802-877-6585 for more info and to register.

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.

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.