

March 1, 2020

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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 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?

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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%.

Offertory Last Week: \$2,539.00 Maintenance: \$25.00
Church in Eastern Europe: \$314.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$485.00

Second Collection This Week for Home Missions
Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m. 37 9:30 a.m. 101

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Feb. 29 4:30 p.m. For Andrew Letourneau requested by Joan Ruppenthal.

Sun. Mar. 1 9:30 a.m. For Joseph Spagnolo requested by Johanna Shal.

Sat. Mar. 7 4:30 p.m. For Viola Goodrich requested by her family.

Sun. Mar. 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:

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| Sunday: | Pope Francis |
| Monday: | Bishop Christopher Coyne |
| Tuesday: | Rev. Thomas Mattison |
| Wednesday: | Rev. Msgr. Reid Mayo |
| Thursday: | Rev. Msgr. John McDermott |
| Friday: | Rev. Frederick McLachlan, SSE |
| Saturday: | Rev. Jerome Mercure |

Schedule of Counters: Monday, March 2, 2020

Lee Cross
Judi Maculan
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries for March 7 and 8, 2020

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| 4:30 p.m. | Greeters: | Chloe & Donna Shepardson |
| | Altar Server: | Hannah Shepardson |
| | Lector: | Mike New |
| | Extraordinary Min.: | Mike New Donna Shepardson Joanne Cross |
| 9:30 a.m. | Greeters: | Confirm. Student |
| | Altar Server: | Owen Fowler Patrick Donegan |
| | Lector: | Tom Giroux |
| | Extraordinary Min.: | Ray Bouchard Mike Bisanzo Emily Donegan |

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-3/05 Taize Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m.
-3/06 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
-3/08 Family Faith Formation at 9:30 a.m.
-3/09 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
-3/10 Senior Meal at Noon.
-3/10 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: When was the last time I gave in to temptation? What wisdom have I gained since then?

Daily Mass: There will be **NO** daily Mass on **Thursday, March 5 at 5:15 p.m. at OLMC and Friday March 6 and Monday, March 9 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Jude** due to Fr. Cray being away for meetings at St. Michael's.

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. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you would like to pre-register for this book club, please contact Marie at stjude@gmavt.net or 482-2290 and she will register you. 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 at St. Jude's every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Taize Prayer Service: The Taize Community will hold an evening of music at St. Jude's on **Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.** There is **NO CHARGE** but a **FREE WILL OFFERING** basket will be available. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross with Josh Perry: Josh Perry, from the Worship Department at the Diocese will be joining us on **Friday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m.** He will give a short reflection on the Stations of the Cross and lead us through the Stations. We encourage everyone, especially families, to join us for this evening.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting on **Monday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m.** in the rectory.

Men's Discussion Group: Join men from St. Jude's and OLMC at St. Jude's from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a Men's Discussion Group. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 10.** 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.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Friday, March 20 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.

Cots Walk: St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes are stepping up to participate in the 31st Annual COTS Walk on **Sunday, May 3.** All are welcome to join the effort and raise money to help support an end to homelessness in our community. Join our team (St. Jude's/Our Lady of Mount Carmel) at www.cotsonline.org or we can provide a paper walker packet if needed.



Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."
At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!"

— Mt 4:8-10a

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Christ Our Hope Campaign: Next month our parish will be taking part in the **Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church** campaign. The campaign will build up our diocese through vibrant parishes, strengthening faith formation efforts and serving the poor. We will be sharing more info with you as we get closer to the kickoff date. Also, be sure to read the Vermont Catholic and Inland See for more information about the campaign.

"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Natural desires of food, power and worldly recognition will never satisfy our true longing. Our call is to be united to the Bread of Life, the Word of the Lord, the Kingdom of God.

Save The Date: As Father Cray announced recently, he will be leaving St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes on June 30. We will be having a Going Away Open House for him on **Sunday, June 14 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.** at St. Jude's. More information in the upcoming weeks.

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.

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Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls: Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl in the lobby. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

--**Hunger in Our World:** When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in our community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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 **March 10 and 24** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." If the devil tempted Jesus, who was God, how much more will he tempt us into sin. Bring the Father, Son and Holy Spirit into your marriage to help you resist temptations by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are **March 13-15 in Duxbury, MA and March 27-29, 2020 in Albany, NY**. For more information, call John and Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>.

Joseph House: As we begin our Lenten Journey of *Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving* the Lord often offers us an opportunity to examine not only ourselves, but also our life of service; how we care for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Focusing on Prayer – Joseph's House Mission Outreach Center in Burlington would like to invite you to join their *Friends of Joseph's House Prayer Team*. Team members receive a list of prayer requests which are asked for by the visitors of Joseph House. Prayer requests are sent out once per month and can be emailed or mailed to members of the Prayer Team. If you would like to join in praying for those who need someone to pray for them, simply email or phone Joseph's House. *"Our life of contemplation shall retain the following characteristics: contemplative—by gathering the whole world at the very center of our hearts where the Lord abides."* -- *From the Constitution of the Missionaries of Charity*. They would love to have you join them. Email them at office@josephshousevt.org or call 802-951-4290.