

# March 8, 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent***

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you *really* are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?

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**JULY 1<sup>st</sup> THRU DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**(1<sup>st</sup> 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: \$2,907.85 Maintenance: \$45.00**  
**Ash Wednesday (Campaign for Human Dev.): \$515.50**  
**Home Missions: \$251.00**  
**Online Giving Last Week: \$-0-**

**Second Collection This Week for Maintenance**

**Attendance Last Week:**

**Ash Wednesday: 94**

**4:30 p.m. 56 9:30 a.m. 89**

### **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**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.

**Sat. Mar. 14 4:30 p.m.** For Francis and Grace Casey requested by Dennis and Peg Casey.

**Sun. Mar. 15 9:30 a.m.** For the Intentions of Dan Smith requested by the Religious Ed Teachers, Aides and Students.

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	Rev. John Milanese
<b>Monday:</b>	Rev. Curtis Miller
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. Maurice Moreau, O.F. M., cap.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rev. Thomas Mosher
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev. Thomas Nadeau
<b>Friday:</b>	Rev. Timothy Naples
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rev. Denniskingsley Nwagwu, S.D.V.

### **Schedule of Counters: Monday, March 9, 2020**

Grace Link  
George Gardner  
Anne Donegan

### **Schedule of Ministries for March 14 and 15, 2020**

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Dawn Griswold Peggy Cioffi
	Altar Server:	Farmer Lindemuth Plum Lindemuth
	Lector:	Joan Magnant
	Extraordinary Min.:	Peggy Cioffi
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Family Mass
	Altar Server:	Family Mass
	Lector:	Aimee Frost Ethan Cook
	Extraordinary Min:	Tom Buzzell

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

-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.  
-3/12 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
-3/13 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.  
-3/13 Stations of the Cross with Josh Perry at 7:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week:** How can I listen to Jesus over the next week? What is he telling me?

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

**Holy Week and Easter Schedule:**

Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Good Friday	3:00 p.m.	OLMC
Good Friday (Ecumenical)	3:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Good Friday	7:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Easter Sunday	8:00 a.m.	OLMC
Easter Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. Jude
Easter Sunday	11:00 a.m.	OLMC

**Holy Week and Easter Sign Up:** The sign-up sheets for the ministries for Holy Week, the Easter Vigil and Easter are in the sacristy.

**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" **PLEASE NOTE:** If you did not sign up last weekend and would like to be a part of this book club, please contact Marie at [stjude@gmavt.net](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:mtn6@gmavt.net).

**Parish Council Meeting:** There will be a Parish Council Meeting this **Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory,**

**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, March 13** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**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.



*Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." — Mt 17:4-5*

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**Christ Our Hope Campaign:** We are excited to announce that starting 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 our faith formation efforts and serving the poor. We'll be sharing more information 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. **"Rise, and do not be afraid." The challenges we face personally and as a Church are nothing compared with the glory of God. Let us rise confidently, with Christ as our hope.**

**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.

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

**Cots Walk:** St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes are stepping up to participate in the 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.cotsonline.org) or we can provide a paper walker packet if needed.

**FORMED.org:** FORMED.org is a revolutionary online platform featuring the best Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies at **NO** cost to you. Visit **FORMED.org** to learn about these resources. To log in, go to FORMED.org, click on the tab "Enter Code", the code is **HHY6Z9** (cases sensitive). Register with your name, email, zip code and your own password to create an account. If you have any question, please feel free to contact Fr. Cray or Marie.

**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.

--**Meet Trinh:** Trinh's family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org) for more.

**Solemnity of St. Joseph at the Cathedral:** The Cathedral of Saint Joseph, in partnership with the World Apostolate of Fatima—Our Lady's Blue Army—is hosting an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary for Vocations, and Mass on **March 19 beginning at 5:30 p.m.**

Adoration 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (with Confession)

Rosary 6:30 p.m.

Mass 7:00 p.m.

The traveling Virgin Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the Cathedral from March 7-21. During this mission, we pray in a special way for the priests and seminarians of our diocese as we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Protector of the Church.

**Diocesan Young Adult Retreat:** All young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited to a Diocesan Young Adult Retreat at **St. Ann's Shrine in Isle LaMotte on March 21-22.** The retreat is an opportunity to pause from the routine of daily life and better hear God's Voice. Six religious sisters from the Franciscan Sister of the Renewal, who lead retreats and serve the poor full-time in NY City, will be joining in the retreat. The sisters will lead in reflecting on how you can bring your friends to Christ, and center your relationships on the Lord. The deadline to sign up is **March 12.** The Cost is \$75. Register online at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/young-adult-retreat-saint-ann-shrine/>

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** "Rise, and do not be afraid." Let us not be afraid to live out our Sacrament of Marriage to the fullest. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **March 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA and March 27-29, 2020 in Latham, NY.** For more information, call John & 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](mailto:office@josephshousevt.org) or call 802-951-4290.

**Rice Memorial High School:** Students interested in attending Rice this Fall are encouraged to apply at [www.rmhsvt.org](http://www.rmhsvt.org). Don't miss out on key steps in the freshmen enrollment process including placement testing later this month, and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance and New Student Welcome in May. Transfer applications are also welcomed. For more info contact Stacy Bessette at 862-6521 ext. 2246 or [bessette@rmhsvt.org](mailto:bessette@rmhsvt.org).

**Rice's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Day of Giving:** Alumni, current and former parents and friends of Catholic education are encouraged to show their support of Rice by making a gift to Rice on their Day of Giving March 17. Gifts made now through March 17 will be counted toward their goal of \$150,000. Donors who make their gift *on* March 17 are eligible for a host of exciting raffle prizes including custom Darn Tough Rice socks, a butchery dinner for 10 at Hen of the Wood, Red Sox tickets and more. For more info go to [www.rmhsvt.org/ricedayofgiving](http://www.rmhsvt.org/ricedayofgiving).