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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 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ’s death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others’ needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, “What do I want to do?” The more focused, faith-filled question is, “What do I need to do?” What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ’s death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the “small deaths” and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

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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%.

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 15 9:30 a.m. 43

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat. June 27 4:30 p.m.** For Paul & Leona Martel and Gilbert & Jeannette Martel requested by Helena Martel.
- Sun. June 28 9:30 a.m.** In Thanksgiving for Father David Cray, SSE
- Sat. July 4 4:30 p.m.** (No Intention)
- Sun. July 5 9:30 a.m.** For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

**Offertory Last Week: \$2,510.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$300.00**

**Second Collection This Week for Peter’s Pence
Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance**

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

- Sunday:** Priestly and Religious Vocations
- Monday:** All Our Seminarians
- Tuesday:** All Deceased Priests
- Wednesday:** Pope Francis
- Thursday:** Bishop Christopher Coyne
- Friday:** Rev. Maria Lazar
- Saturday:** Rev. Robert Little

A Prayer for Priests: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

Question of the Week: Can I allow myself to attempt to see the world from God’s perspective? What sacrifice can I make to carry out the Lord’s mission?

Father David: It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Fr. David after almost 18 years of service to our parishes. He has been there for us each week, guiding and supporting us through life’s journey, each of us following a different path. Thank you, Father David, for your time and wisdom to all of us. You will be greatly missed. We wish you all the best in your new endeavor. The Edmundite Community is lucky to have you.

Daily Mass: There will be **NO** daily Mass this Monday and Tuesday, June 29 and 30 at St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel due to Father Cray's moving. There will be mass on Thursday and Friday with Fr. James Zuccaro celebrating.

Registering for Mass Attendance: Please remember to register if you are planning on attending Mass in the near future. With capacity being 58 for each Mass at St. Jude's and 33 for each Mass at OLMC, it is important that folks register. You can register online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054faca62eaaf49-stjude> or contact Marie at 482-2290 (St. Jude), 425-2637 (OLMC) or email at marietcookson@aol.com. If you are planning on attending each week, please let her know and she will add your name so you don't need to register each week. She will automatically register you.

Bulletins: Each week we will have bulletins available after Mass. If you would prefer to have the bulletin mailed or emailed to you, please contact Marie at 482-2290 (St. Jude), 425-2637 (OLMC) or marietcookson@aol.com and she will send a bulletin each week.

Peter's Pence Collection: This week's second collection is for Peter's Pence. Pope Francis calls each of us to witness to charity and to show God's mercy to one another. He encourages us to "open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!" The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our brothers and sisters who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Please be generous.

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, July 7**. 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.
PLEASE NOTE: Social Distancing and Masks are required!!

Daily Rosary Apostolate: The Diocese continues to offer a daily Rosary online. Individuals from around the diocese have been joining Valerie Parzyck in leading each day. Interested in helping to lead? Email Valerie at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org with convenient times for you and when it is scheduled, Valerie will send you a link to Zoom for the appointed time. You may choose to show your face or, if you prefer, she can show slides for each mystery while you pray. If this is something you would like to participate in, please contact Valerie at the above email address.

Spiritual Listener: This time of pandemic can be very stressful and leave us filled with worry and anxiety. In the midst of this uncertainty, the Lord comes to offer us His peace (John 20:19). And in offering us His Peace, He invites us to walk with and accompany each other. If you would like to talk, share or pray with one of the Deacons of the Diocese of Burlington, please send an email to pgummere@vermontcatholic.org and leave your contact information. One of the deacons of the Diocese, skilled in the art of spiritual listening, will then reach out to you.



“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” — Mt 10:37-38

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The Word Among Us and Living Faith Magazines: Because of the COVID-19 virus we have to remove all magazines from the lobby. If you would like a copy of the monthly Word Among Us and/or a quarterly copy of Living Faith (pocket-size booklet that is usually in the magazine rack), please let Marie know and she will mail you a copy.

Chrim Mass: Join online or in person for this year's Chrim Mass on **Tuesday, June 30 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral**. This is rescheduled from Holy Week. Because of the Cathedral's capacity limits due to the pandemic and the presence of the priests of the diocese, seating for the general public will be very limited. Those wishing to attend must RSVP either online (preferred method) or by calling Josh Perry at 802-448-3515. Seating reservations will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Mass will also be live-streamed on the diocesan website at www.vermontcatholic.org. For more information or to RSVP visit: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/chrim-mass-3/

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