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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 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.

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ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. August 1 4:30 p.m. For Cora Twombly, Mary Douglass, and Anthony Lowe requested by Bob and Sandy Twombly.

Sun. August 2 9:30 a.m. For Bernard Giroux requested by his wife, June.

Sat. August 8 4:30 p.m. For Lilliam Galipeau requested by her daughter, Pam Kerr.

Sun. August 9 9:30 a.m. For Patricia Haselton requested by Helen Cote.

Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m. 20 9:30 a.m. 45

Offertory Last Week: \$1,047.85 Easter: \$120.00

Church in Africa: \$22.00

Online Giving Last Week: \$285.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

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

Sunday:	Bishop Christopher Coyne
Monday:	Rev. Donald Ravey
Tuesday:	Rev. Matthew Rensch
Wednesday:	Rev. Msgr. Roland Rivard
Thursday:	Rev. Kevin Rooney
Friday:	Rev. Msgr. Peter Routhier
Saturday:	Rev. Donald Roy

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.

Counters for Monday, August 3, 2020

Theresa Aube
Karen Fox
Marie Cookson

Lectors for August 8 and 9, 2020

4:30 p.m. Mike New
9:30 a.m. Tom Buzzell

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-8/04 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.

-8/13 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: When have I felt visceral emotion when seeing a family member, friend, or stranger in need? Do I turn to God in my need?

Congratulations: Congratulations to Robert Murphy, seminarian for the Diocese of Burlington, who was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at Sacred Heart – St. Francis de Sales Church in Bennington on Friday, July 24. Robert will be ordained into the priesthood next year. Please keep him in your prayers.

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the Fiscal Year Ending - 06/30/2020

- St. Jude's had a Net Gain of \$17,388 for the year compared to a Net Gain of \$31,323 for the prior year, a decrease of \$13,935.
- Unencumbered cash reserves (Cash & Receivables Less Payables) were \$167,361 compared to \$148,797, an increase of \$18,564 or 12.5% of which \$32,000 will be used for the roof.

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/904054faca62eaf49-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.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal: Gifts to the Bishop's Appeal allowed the faith community to remain connected during the stay-at-home order. Donations supported the livestream of almost 200 faith activities in the following categories: 76 Mass and Liturgy, 79 Prayer, 18 Reflections & Talks and 10 Community Building. Many of these activities continue to be live-streamed. To make a gift visit: www.bishopsappealvt.org. The parish goal for St. Jude's is \$24,739 of which \$15,068 (61%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

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, August 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.
PLEASE NOTE: Social Distancing and Masks are required!!

Musicians Needed: Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Charlotte is looking for musicians to help with the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Both Trina Bianchi, keyboard player at the 8:00 a.m. Mass, and Al Teodosio, guitar player at the 11:00 a.m. have decided to retire. If anyone is interested in joining either choir, please contact Marie at carmel@gmavt.net or 425-2637.
PLEASE NOTE: The 9:30 a.m. choir at St. Jude's will resume in the fall once the COVID-19 virus is better controlled.

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He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children. — Mt 14:19c-21

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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.

World Marriage Encounter: To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore - Rekindle - Renew**. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmewt.org/>.

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.

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