

# August 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 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.

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### **Attendance Last Week:**

4:30 p.m. 19                      9:30 a.m. 43

**Offertory Last Week: \$1,984.00**

**Maintenance: \$333.00                      Church in Africa: \$25.00**

**Online Giving Last Week: \$-0-**

## **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. August 8 4:30 p.m.** For Emmanuel and Celinda Nadeau requested by Marie Cookson.

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

**Sat. August 15 4:30 p.m.** For Robert and Mary O'Brien requested by John and Cathy O'Brien.

**Sun. August 16 9:30 a.m.** For Norma Trzciensky requested by Donna and Bruce Dumelin.

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	Rev. Maurice Roy
<b>Monday:</b>	Rev. Yvon Royer
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. Rod Oliver Saligan
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rev. Agnel Samy, HGN
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev. Joseph Sanderson
<b>Friday:</b>	Rev. Steven Scarmozzino
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rev. Jon-Daniel Schnobrich

**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 10, 2020**

Anne Donegan  
Linda Savalli  
Marie Cookson

## **Lectors for August 15 and 16, 2020**

4:30 p.m. Dawn Griswold  
9:30 a.m. Tom Giroux

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

-8/13 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
-8/23 First Communion at 9:30 a.m. Mass

**Question of the Week:** How can I overcome the fears and doubts I have in my life? How can I support others striving to overcome their own fears and doubts?

**Sermon on the Mount:** Due to COVID-19 the Sermon on the Mount on Mt. Philo, which is usually held on the eve of the Feast of the Assumption (8/14), will not be held this year. We hope to have this event next year.

## 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.

**First Holy Communion:** We will be celebrating First Holy Communion for our three students who weren't able to receive their First Communion in May on **Sunday, August 23 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's.** Because of this special occasion and out of town guests who will be joining us, we ask that those folks who usually attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass please consider attending one of the other masses. Thank you for your understanding.

**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](mailto: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.  
**PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES IN THE CHURCH.**

**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](http://www.bishopsappealvt.org). *The Diocese has received an anonymous matching grant that will match any gift made up to \$18,000 before August 9. If you have not yet made a gift to the appeal, won't you please do so today?* The parish goal for St. Jude's is \$24,739 of which \$15,643 (63%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

**Musicians Needed:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Charlotte is looking for musicians to help with the 11:00 a.m. Mass. If you are interested helping out, please contact Marie at [carmel@gmavt.net](mailto: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.



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" — Mt 14:28-30

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**Feast of Assumption—August 15:** Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus' public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people." It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.

**Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign:** "And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people." Matthew 4:23

St. Jude the Apostle Parish is preparing to participate in the first ever diocesan-wide *Christ our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign. This campaign is rooted in the works of Christ (Matthew 4:23) and the outcomes of the synod to build vibrant parishes (**Preaching**), strengthen our evangelization (**Teaching**) and communicate the compassion of Christ in our service to the most vulnerable (**Healing**). This campaign offers a wonderful opportunity for St. Jude. Not only financially - **60% of the funds we raise comes back to us** for our use to address specific parish needs - but as a larger Catholic community, together we will renew, strengthen and secure a future for the Catholic Church in Vermont. Next week Bishop Coyne will celebrate the official public kickoff. You can hear his thoughts and learn more about why this campaign is so important at the beginning of the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass which will be livestreamed at [www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass)

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