

September 6, 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 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

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Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m. 18 9:30 a.m. 42

Offertory Last Week: \$1,943.85

Maintenance: \$175.00

Online Giving Last Week: \$0-

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Catholic University

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Sept. 5 4:30 p.m. For Marjorie Baccagalini requested by Karen Dunne.
Sun. Sept. 6 9:30 a.m. For Eunice and Julius Fappiano requested by the family.
Mon. Sept. 7 8:00 a.m. For healing for Fr. Vincent Coppola.
Thur. Sept. 10 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For Lucien Henry requested by Tom and Brenda Forsyth.
Sat. Sept. 12 4:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.
Sun. Sept. 13 9:30 a.m. For Roger Strong Jr. requested by his family.

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

Sunday:	Rev. Michael Augustinowicz
Monday:	Rev. Luke Austin
Tuesday:	Rev. Dwight Baker
Wednesday:	Rev. Justin Baker
Thursday:	Rev. Albert Baltz
Friday:	Rev. William Beaudin
Saturday:	Rev. Andrzej Bednarowicz

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 Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Linda Savalli
Karen Fox
Marie Cookson

Lectors for September 12 and 13, 2020

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

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-9/10 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-9/17 Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.
-9/21 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Question of the Week: What can I do to reconcile with someone whom I or others have excluded?

Parish Council Meeting: There will be a Parish Council Meeting on **Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.** via ZOOM.

Registering for Mass Attendance: Please remember to register if you are planning on attending Mass in the near future. With capacity being 77 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.
PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES IN THE CHURCH.

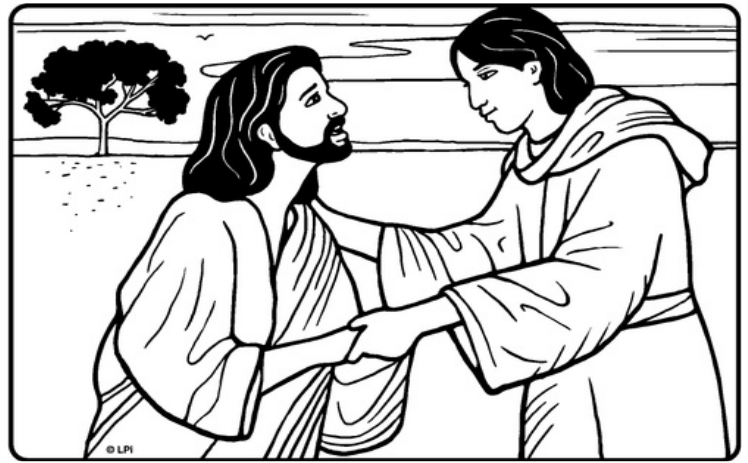
Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Thursday, September 17 from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.** To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter **HINESBURG**. We ask that appointments be made if possible as we may not be able to accommodate walk-ins due to the coronavirus.
**It is important to register online if possible as this allows the Red Cross to know what they can supply to the hospitals.

St. Jude Prayer Chain: St. Jude Parish has a prayer chain for anyone who request prayers for themselves or a loved one. Please contact Marie at 482-2290 or marietcookson@aol.com to add a name to the prayer chain.
**If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain in praying for others, please contact Marie at the number or email above.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal: Gifts to the Bishop's Appeal allowed the faith community to remain connected during the stay-at-home order. To make a gift visit: www.bishopsappealvt.org. The parish goal for St. Jude's is \$24,739 of which \$16,223 (66%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

RCIA: St. John Vianney Parish in South Burlington is hosting RCIA again beginning Wednesday nights in September. Contact Connie at SIVGoodNews@gmail.com for more information. What is the RCIA? The term RCIA stands for the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*. It is the Catholic Church's compilation of rituals and instructions for a person to be baptized and fully initiated into the Catholic Church. What is involved? Those who have made initial inquiries about the Catholic faith begin the formal RCIA process by becoming a Catechumen who plans to be baptized. Instruction in the Biblical Christian faith, with the essential teachings of the Tradition of the Catholic Church, is then given to them. Sacraments are administered at the Easter Vigil Mass whenever possible. Confirmation and Holy Communion are immediately given to newly baptized adults at the Easter Vigil. Is RCIA appropriate for baptized adults who seek Confirmation? Yes. RCIA is often an appropriate program for adults seeking full initiation.

Catholic Support Group for the Divorced and Separated: *Surviving Divorce* is a support program based on the teachings of the Catholic Church that will help bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Hosted by St. Peter's Church in Vergennes, it is open to the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. Led by those who have walked this path, it features video presentations and group discussion that will answer questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. This 12-week support group will begin on Thursday evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm, **September 3 through November 19 via ZOOM**. Call 877-6585 or email spdsleader@gmail.com for information and registration.



“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’” — Mt 18:15-16

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Bulletins, The Word Among Us, Living Faith Magazine and Priest Prayer List: We have many resources available that we cannot at this time leave in the lobby due to COVID-19. If you would like the weekly bulletin, monthly “The Among Us” and Priest Prayer Lists and/or the quarterly “Living Faith Magazine” sent to you, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or 425-2637 or email to marietcookson@aol.com and you will be added to her lists.

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign: “Deuteronomy 15:10 “You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand.” The *Christ Our hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign is now underway. This fundraising effort is our call to follow the earthly ministries of Christ – healing, preaching and teaching. For details on how we'll achieve this goal, please review the case statement you will be receiving in the mail. It's worth noting that 60% of the funds we raise will return to St. Jude Parish so we may address our needs to fund the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, to fund a new Parish Maintenance Account for high ticket items, supplement the offertory loss during the COVID-19 shut down and create a Parish Investment Account. God asks us as stewards to give with generosity and sacrifice in mind. So, please review your family budget. What purchase can you postpone? A new vehicle? Expensive coffee? Prayerfully consider the gift you can return to God, who's given greatly to you. Once you identify your gift, please complete and return your pledge form. You may also give online by visiting christourhopevt.org. Don't forget you can join Bishop Coyne on **September 9 at 3:00 p.m.** for a virtual coffee hour as he discusses the campaign. Just click christourhopevt.org/events to register. “We – our faith family at St. Jude Parish – will define campaign success. Let's join as one – as brothers and sisters in Christ – to reach our goal.: Fr. Naples and Fr. Zuccaro

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