

September 13, 2020

The bulletin is also available online at stjudevt.org

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 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 39 9:30 a.m. 34

Offertory Last Week: \$2,166.07
Maintenance: \$399.00 Catholic University: \$30.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$188.00

Second Collection This Week for Catholic University

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.
Thur. Sept. 17 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For Alice Henry requested by Tom and Brenda Forsyth.
Sat. Sept. 19 4:30 p.m. For Robert and Mary O'Brien requested by John and Cathy O'Brien,
Sun. Sept. 20 9:30 a.m. For JP Giroux requested by the family.

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

Sunday:	Rev. Richard Berube, SSE
Monday:	Rev. Leopold Bilodeau
Tuesday:	Rev. Msgr. Bernard Bourgeois
Wednesday:	Rev. Lawrence Brown, OSB
Thursday:	Rev. Richard Calapan
Friday:	Rev. Michael Carter, SSE
Saturday:	Rev. Kevin Chalifoux

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, September 14, 2020

George Gardner
Theresa Aube
Marie Cookson

Lectors for September 19 and 20, 2020

4:30 p.m. Heidi St. Peter
9:30 a.m. Rodney Strong

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-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: How can I keep a consistent forgiving attitude that assuages my anger? What leads me to forgive one who hurt me?

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.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting on **Monday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m.** in the rectory.

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.

Confirmation: Confirmation for our St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel students will take place on **Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Joseph's Cathedral. These are the students who should have been confirmed in the spring. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they take the next step in their Catholic faith.

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 SVJGoodNews@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.



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." — Mt 18:21-22

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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: Philippians 4:19: "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." As you contemplate how you can help with the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign, remember a successful campaign provides great benefits to St. Jude Parish. Most of the funds – 60% - will return to our parish allowing us to 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. The Diocese will direct the remaining dollars into two endowments, including one to support Catholic education. Our Catholic school system educates roughly 2,000 students yearly. Some families need tuition assistance. Funding an endowment to support education allows us to continue to offer financial support to those who need it. Once you identify your gift, please complete and return your pledge form or give online by visiting this website: christourhopevt.org.

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 Marie.

