

September 27, 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 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

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Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 28 9:30 a.m. 34

Offertory Last Week: \$1,759.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$200.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

JULY 1st THRU AUGUST 31st
(1st two months of the new fiscal year)

Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections
amounted to \$22,312 this year compared to
\$24,901 last year, a decrease of \$2,589 or -
10.4%

Total Donations including Gifts, etc.,
amounted to \$28,996 this year compared to
\$28,759 last year. Gifts to the parish more
than doubled over the period.

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Sept. 26 4:30 p.m. For Richard Dubois II requested by the family.
Sun. Sept. 27 9:30 a.m. For Victoria and Arthur Matte requested by the family.
Mon. Sept. 28 8:00 a.m. For Dan Smith and Family.
Sat. Oct. 3 4:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.
Sun. Oct. 4 9:30 a.m. For Norma Giroux requested by her husband, Gene.

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

Sunday:	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
Monday:	Priestly and Religious Vocations
Tuesday:	All Our Seminarians
Wednesday:	All Deceased Priests
Thursday:	Pope Francis
Friday:	Bishop Christopher Coyne
Saturday:	Rev. Brian Cummings, SSE

Counters for Monday, September 28, 2020

Linda Savalli
Karen Fox
Marie Cookson

Lector for Weekday Masses for Sept. 28 through Oct. 2
Mickey Wetzel

Lectors for October 3 and 4, 2020

4:30 p.m. Mike New
9:30 a.m. Aimee Frost

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-9/27 Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal at 3:00 p.m.
-10/01 Confirmation at St. Joseph Cathedral at 7:00 p.m.
-10/02 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions at 8:30 a.m.
-10/04 Blessing of the Animals at 3:00 p.m.
-10/06 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.
-10/08 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: What righteous act can I do this week that I have previously expressed reluctance to do?

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.

Mass Registration: Beginning next weekend, **October 3 and 4**, those attending weekend Mass at St. Jude's will no longer be required to register for Mass. Those attending OLMC will still need to register and the weekly email with the registration link will still be sent out for the OLMC Masses.

Blessing of the Animals: There will be a Blessing of the Animals on **Sunday, October 4 at 3:00 p.m.** in the St. Jude parking lot in observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Everyone is invited to bring their pets for this blessing. Please be sure that pets are on a leash or in a carrier. Rain date will be **Monday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m.**

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.

Confessions: Fr. Zuccaro will now be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions on **Friday, October 2** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Salvation Army Meal: St. Jude Parish will be doing a Salvation Army Dinner on **Wednesday, October 14**. We will be serving Shepherd's Pie, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Fruit Breads, Dessert and Milk. Because of the coronavirus, we will NOT be serving as space is limited. We will bring the food down to the Salvation Army that day so all food needs to be at St. Jude's by 3:00 p.m. If you can help with preparing food, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or email at marietcookson@aol.com.

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.

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.



“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” — Mt 21:32

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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, October 6**. If interested or would like more information, please contact Mike Bullock at mtn6@qmavt.net.

PLEASE NOTE: Social Distancing and Masks are required!!

Red Cross Blood Drive: Thank you to everyone who participated in the Red Cross Blood Drive on September 17. We collected 36 units. Thank you to Dawn Griswold and Marie Cookson who coordinated the drive.

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.

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign: Hebrews 13:16: *“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”* Soon you'll receive your request to support the *Christ Our Hope: Building A Vibrant Church* campaign. Until then, please prayerfully consider what you may do and the impact of a successful campaign for St. Jude Parish and the Diocese. Note that a portion of our support will 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. Don't forget to stay current with all campaign news. Please visit <https://www.christourhopevt.org/>

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