

October 4, 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 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, “we’ll get it right this time if we do ...,” as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God’s kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God’s Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God’s kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what’s growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God’s kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It’s all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity’s day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God’s justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?

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Offertory Last Week: \$958.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$285.00

Second Collection This 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.

Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m. 23 9:30 a.m. 54

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

- 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.
Mon. Oct. 5 8:00 a.m. For Emma Dennis requested by Peggy Cioffi.
Thur. Oct. 8 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For Janet Forsyth requested by Tom and Brenda Forsyth.
Fri. Oct. 9 8:00 a.m. For the 100th Birthday of Irene Currie requested by Melissa Bryan.
Sat. Oct. 10 4:30 p.m. For Robert and Mary O’Brien requested by John and Cathy O’Brien.
Sun. Oct. 11 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

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

Sunday:	Rev. Charles Danielson
Monday:	Rev. Charles Davignon
Tuesday:	Rev. Msgr. Michael DeForge
Wednesday:	Rev. Stanley Deresienski, SSE
Thursday:	Rev. James Dodson
Friday:	Rev. Raymond Doherty, SSE
Saturday:	Rev. Francis Eksterowicz

Counters for Monday, October 5, 2020

Theresa Aube
George Gardner
Marie Cookson

Lector for Weekday Masses for Oct. 5 through Oct. 9
Peggy Cioffi

Lectors for October 10 and 11, 2020

4:30 p.m. Dawn Griswold
9:30 a.m. Sue McGuire

Question of the Week: What one specific thing can I do with my time and talents to produce fruit in the vineyard I call home?

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

- 10/06 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.
- 10/08 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 10/26 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Registering for Mass Attendance: Those attending the weekend masses at St. Jude's no longer need to register. However, those attending Our Lady of Mount Carmel Sunday masses must 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 want her to register you.

PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES IN THE CHURCH.

Family Faith Formation: This year due to the pandemic our Family Faith Formation will be done at home with periodic in-person sessions in small groups. Information has been sent out to families who have had students in our program. If you are new to the program or have a kindergarten or 1st Grade student, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com, 482-2290 or 425-2637 and info will be emailed to you.

Blessing of the Animals: There will be a Blessing of the Animals this **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.** **Masks and social distancing are required!!**

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

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@gmavt.net.

PLEASE NOTE: Social Distancing and Masks are required!!

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.

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign: Isaiah 6:8: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" With 60% of the funding coming back to St. Jude Parish, we have an opportunity to address our need 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. Please don't forget you can join Bishop Coyne on **Monday, October 5 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. or Wednesday, October 14 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** for a virtual chat to learn more about the campaign and its importance. To register for the Zoom event, please visit <https://www.christourhopevt.org/events>.



Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone...?"

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away
from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

— Mt 21:42 a b, 43

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Congratulations: Congratulations to our Confirmation students from St. Jude's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel who were confirmed on Thursday evening. These are the students who were to be confirmed in May. Please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers.

Elise Ayer (SJ)
Ethan Cook (SJ)
Ann Marie Dufault (SJ)
Skylar Francis (SJ)
Frost, Henry (SJ)
Marie Kaigle (O)
Gretchen Kramer (O)
Mia Marino (SJ)
Alicia Palmer (O)
Jack St. Peter (SJ)
Hadley Stockwell (O)
Mattison Tierney (O)

Sophia Bisbee (SJ)
Annalise Daggett (SJ)
Frances Eckels (O)
Kyle Franko (O)
Annabelle Hunt (O)
Kate Kogut (O)
Andrew Lester (O)
Grace McNally (O)
Zachary Santos (O)
Peter Stewart (SJ)
Joshua Syverson (SJ)

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.

Rice Open House: There will be an Open House at Rice Memorial High School on **Saturday, October 10.** This year they will be hosting this event outside. Teachers and coaches will be on hand to answer questions about academic and extracurricular programming. A short presentation featuring current students, alumni and administrators will provide additional information about life at Rice. Please contact Stacy Bessette at bessette@rmhsvt.org for more information.

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