

November 8, 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 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,431.00
All Saints: \$66.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$-0-

Offertory-Oct. 25: \$1,191.00
Priest Benefit Fund: \$151.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

JULY 1st THRU OCTOBER 31st
(1st four months of the new fiscal year)

Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections
amounted to \$42,545 this year compared to
\$50,137 last year, a decrease of \$7,592 or -
15.1%

Total Donations including Gifts, etc.,
amounted to \$53,610 this year compared to
\$57,751 last year, a decrease of \$4,141 or -
7.2%

Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m. 27 9:30 a.m. 33

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Nov. 7 4:30 p.m. For Stan and Hilda Griffin requested by Theresa and Steve Aube.

Sun. Nov. 8 9:30 a.m. For Freda Tabor-Grassley requested by her sister, June Giroux.

Sat. Nov. 14 4:30 p.m. For All Souls

Sun. Nov. 15 9:30 a.m. For All Souls

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

Sunday:	Rev. Steven Marchand
Monday:	Rev. Thomas Mattison
Tuesday:	Rev. Msgr. Reid Mayo
Wednesday:	Rev. Msgr. John McDermott
Thursday:	Rev. Frederick McLachlan, SSE
Friday:	Rev. Jerome Mercure
Saturday:	Rev. Christopher Micale

Counters for Monday, November 9, 2020

Linda Savalli
Anne Donegan
Marie Cookson

Lector for Weekday Masses for Nov. 9 through Nov. 13

Mickey Wetzel

Schedules for November 14 and 15, 2020

Lector: 4:30 p.m. Mike Bullock
 9:30 a.m. Tom Giroux

Extraordinary Minister:

9:30 a.m. Heidi St. Peter

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-11/07 & 11/08 Remembrance Weekend
-11/10 Senior Bingo at 10:00 a.m.
-11/12 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: What must I do this month, this week, and this very day to prepare myself for the heavenly banquet?

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the 1st Fiscal Quarter Ending - 09/30/2020

- St. Jude's had a Net Gain of \$8,301 for 1st fiscal quarter of the year compared to a Net Gain of \$5,436 for the prior year, an increase of \$2,865.
- Unencumbered cash reserves (Cash & Receivables Less Payables) were \$168,135 compared to \$148,414, an increase of \$19,721 or 13.3% of which a minimum of \$32,000 will be used for the roof.

Message from Fr. Zuccaro: As we move into these uncertain winter months, I want you to know that we at St. Jude Parish are here for you. We miss you. We invite you to come back to Mass if you have been away, even if it is one of our weekday Masses with fewer people present. If you are unsure about attending Sunday Masses during this time of pandemic, simply call the rectory, and I or a minister in the Church will meet you at the church to offer Holy Communion. I am also available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick. For Catholics, the Sacraments are instituted by Christ to give us grace. Pope Francis reminds us that Communion is not a reward for good behavior but medicine for the sick. We all need Christ's help during these difficult times. Take time out each day for your own prayer. Pray as a family before meals. Watch Mass online if you don't feel safe coming to Mass, and join in the online offerings that our parish and diocese offer. I am here for you and pray daily for you. This is my duty and blessing for me as a parish priest.

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.**

All Souls Masses: During the month of November we will have six (6) masses for All Souls. This is a way to remember our loved ones. The remaining masses are as follows:

- Sunday, November 8 at 8:00 a.m. at OLMC
- Saturday, November 14 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude
- Sunday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude
- Tuesday, November 24 at 5:15 p.m. at OLMC

Remembering Our Deceased: We have a permanent book to record the names of our deceased family members and friends to be remembered at Mass during the month of November. This book is available in the lobby and will be brought to the altar at each mass. For those not attending Mass but who would like to have their loved ones listed, please contact Marie at 482-2290, 425-2637 or marietcookson@aol.com and she will add the names.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, November 10** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Thanksgiving Day Mass: There will be a Thanksgiving Day Mass on **Thursday, November 26 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude's.**



“**T**he bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’”

— Mt 25:10b-12

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OLMC Workday: Thank you to the following folks who helped with the cemetery raking at OLMC last Saturday: Fr. James Zuccaro, Fr. Tim Naples, Joe and Gail Blasius, Jennee, Doug, Peter and Nate Stewart, Bob Danyow, Steve and Liam Cooley, Nick, Martin and Nina Kahm, Ray Curtis, Chris Meyer, Michelle and Lambert Lussier, Laura McCormick, Tricia Sulva, Rose Bernier, and Colleen Armstrong. A special thank you to Joe Blasius for organizing this event.

Confessions: Fr. Zuccaro will now be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's. This is in addition to the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Confession time at St. Jude's and confessions by appointment.

Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner: St. Jude's will be providing a Thanksgiving dinner at the Salvation Army on **Wednesday, November 25**. We are looking for food donations along with monetary donations. We will be purchasing the turkeys.

***We are looking for food donations of coleslaw, corn, cranberry sauce, gravy, rolls, desserts and milk. Food needs to be at St. Jude's on **November 25 by 1:30 p.m.** We need **enough food to feed approximately 50 people.** To sign up to donate food please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094da4a62fa7fc1-salvation>

Please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com, or 482-2290 (St. Jude) you have any questions.

Senior Bingo: Seniors, you're invited to a morning of free bingo at St. Jude's from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Next Bingo is **Tuesday, November 10**. Reservations are required. Masks are required and social distancing will be practiced. You will be given a pre-packaged meal to take home, provided at no charge by Age Well. Bingo prizes will be provided by St. Jude's. Contact Kathy & Ted Barrett at 453-3087 or tedbarrett79@gmail.com

Kids at Christmas—Message from Marie: Because of the pandemic this year and the low attendance at Mass, I have decided not to do the Kids at Christmas Program in the traditional way this year. I would hate to get the requests from the schools only to find out that we could not fill them. I would like to suggest that we give gift cards instead. These gift cards can be from any place including supermarkets and gas cards to help the families. We will still have the Mitten Tree and will be collecting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks. If you would like to donate gift cards, please put in an envelope and drop in the collection basket or mail the gift cards to St. Jude Parish, PO Box 69, Hinesburg, VT 05461. Thank you.

Joseph's House News: As the weather gets colder, it is time to begin planning our Thanksgiving Program at Joseph's House in Burlington. With the rise of food insecurity in our communities during this pandemic, and after much prayer, our goal this year is to serve 75 families around Chittenden County through this very important program! Donations may be given by mail at Joseph's House, 113 Elmwood Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401, for your convenience donations may also be made through our new online donation tool at www.josephshousevt.org - powered by PayPal. With prayers of thanksgiving for all of you. - Lori Daudelin, Director

Box of Joy: The *Box of Joy* program is an annual Christmas gift ministry organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups across the US and facilitated by *Cross Catholic Outreach*. *Box of Joy* provides a unique opportunity for everyone to participate in a simple and tangible service experience that has both a material and spiritual impact on the poorest of the poor in developing countries. Together, Catholics in the US are able to join Our Lord Jesus Christ in acts of mercy. The program also provides a unique opportunity for Catholics to engage in service with others in their communities who share the same desire to spread Christmas joy and the story of Christmas – the Good News of God's love – with children worldwide. The *Boxes of Love* are available in the lobby along with a list of suggestions for items to be placed in the boxes. PLEASE NO LIQUIDS, PERISHABLES OR FLAMMABLE ITEMS. Items don't need to cost a lot. A trip to the local dollar store can fill a box for very little cost. For more information, contact Marie at 482-2290 or marietcookson@aol.com or check out www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy. Boxes will be collected between November 7 through November 15. Please help a child in a third world country have a nice Christmas. Thank you.

Advent Appeal -2020: Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the Annual Advent Appeal. The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm or feed their families. With your help, we can make a difference in lives of those living on the edge. *Help people like Molly and Jimmy keep the heat on. Molly and Jimmy have a 10 year old daughter and were excited to welcome a new baby. Unexpectedly, Molly lost her job due to COVID-19 while Jimmy's hours were reduced. They were out of fuel. We helped with a fuel delivery and provided a food card to ensure the family had heat and food so they could focus on welcoming their new baby.* Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a need family. To donate, please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or give online at www.vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal.

Women's Retreat: Walking with Mary-Our Mother of Hope Virtual Retreat will be held on **Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** The keynote speaker will be Sister Marie Benedict, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Time for Q & A, Small Breakout Rooms, and Rosary. Registration closes on November 11. Register at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/womens-retreat-2020>. For more information or questions, please contact Terri McCormack at tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org or Valerie Parzyck at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org.

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign: Psalm 69:30: *"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving."* It's a joy and excitement that we offer this update. Thanks to the sacrifice of parishioners throughout the Diocese, the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign has received more than \$2,078,780 in gifts and pledges. We are thankful for this wonderful response. Of course, we want to recognize the sacrifice of our donors at St. Jude's. To date we've received \$7,592 in gifts and pledges. With 60% of the support coming back to us, we will use these funds 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 note that it's not too late to make your gift. You may return a completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make a commitment.

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 \$17,728 (72%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

Daily Mass at St. Jude's—Winter Weather: Once again the schedule for daily Mass at St. Jude's will follow the Hinesburg/Charlotte School System. If there is no school in Hinesburg and Charlotte due to the weather, there will be NO morning Mass on Monday or Friday mornings. Closings are found on the local radio and TV stations. In the event of Mass cancellation at St. Jude, Fr. Zuccaro will offer morning Mass at OLMC. Please use common sense and discretion if desiring to attend.