

December 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 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,389.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$305.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 27 9:30 a.m. 47

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday December 26

4:30 p.m. For Joseph and Jeannine Cote requested by Helen Cote.

Sunday December 27

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Paul and Helen-Mary Danyow requested by Bob and Denise Danyow.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Rev. Thomas Nadeau

Monday December 28 NO MASS

Tuesday December 29 NO MASS

Wednesday December 30 NO MASS

Thursday December 31 4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Emmanuel and Celinda Nadeau requested by the Cookson Family.

Friday January 1 10:00 a.m. (SJ) For Jarslov Case requested by his mother, Irena Case

Saturday January 2 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For Rev. Walter Miller requested by Theresa and Steve Aube.

Sunday January 3

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Rev. Thomas Nadeau

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Ortho and Bernard Emmons requested by Helen Cote.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

- 1/05 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- 1/07 Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30-6:00 p.m.
- 1/08 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.
- 1/14 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 1/18 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Question of the Week: How can I better see Christ in my family members? How can I better see neighbors and strangers as my sisters and brothers?

New Years Masses: New Year's Mass Times (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God). These Masses will also be held at St. Jude's due to the pandemic. Mass times are 4:30 p.m. on December 31 and 10:00 a.m. on January 1. Registration for New Year's Masses is <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054faca62eaaf49-stjude4>.

JULY 1ST THRU NOVEMBER 30TH
(1ST five months of the fiscal year)

Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections
amounted to \$51,963 this year compared to
\$62,287 last year, a decrease of \$10,324 or
16.6%.

Total Donations including Gifts, etc., amounted to
\$75,836 this year compared to \$71,091 last year,
an increase of \$4,745 or 6.7%.

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

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

Counters for Monday, December 28, 2020

Karen Fox
George Gardner
Marie Cookson

Schedules for January 2 and 3, 2021

Lector: 4:30 p.m.
9:30 a.m.

Thank You: Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make the Advent and Christmas season such meaningful and sacred times of worship for our parish family and friends. So many gave of their time and talents including our lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, those checking in parishioners for weekend masses, musicians and singers, ushers, decorators, those who helped to clean the church, Staff, the Liturgy Committees and Father Zuccaro.

Daily Day Masses: There will be NO daily Masses on December 28, 29 and 30 due to Fr. Zuccaro being away.

UPDATE: Contact Tracing and Registering for Mass

Attendance: Until further notice we ask everyone to give us their names and contact info in the event there is a need for contact tracing. This includes weekend and daily masses and funerals. We will have folks helping at the weekend masses and we ask everyone to sign the sheet in the doorway if they come in for daily mass. This is a mandate from Gov. Scott and Bishop Coyne. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

***While at St. Jude's you no longer need to pre-register, you do need to leave your name and contact info with those checking you in. We are encouraging folks who attend mass at St. Jude's to pre-register if possible. Those attending Our Lady of Mount Carmel must pre-register. Registration online is at

<http://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.**



“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel.”

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

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, January 8** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

***Our Lady of Mount Carmel will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions on **Tuesday, January 12** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Mass Intentions: Father Zuccaro is happy to celebrate a mass for your intention. Masses can be celebrated for those living or deceased or any other intention. If you would like to schedule a Mass, please contact Marie at the parish offices (482-2290—St. Jude; 425-2637—OLMC) or email at marietcookson@aol.com.

2021 Collection Envelopes: The collection envelopes for 2021 are available in the lobby of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order. If you have not used the collection envelopes in the past but would like to do so now, please take a box without a name on it. **Please be sure to write your name and address on the envelopes for the first few weeks you are using them. Also, please do not use leftover envelopes from previous years.** Thank you.

Online Giving: With the beginning of a new year why not sign up to have your monthly offering amount automatically transferred from your checking account to St. Jude's account? If you are interested in online giving, please contact Marie at 482-2290. Thank you.

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 \$19,153 (77%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Thursday, January 7 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.

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign:

Parish total: \$199,290	Percentage to goal: 15%	Campaign total: \$30,342
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Have you been thinking about a gift or pledge to the *Christ Our Hope* campaign? There is still time to join thousands across the Diocese who already have made donations. With your help at St. Jude Parish, the gifts and pledges received so far have moved us closer to funding 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 *Christ Our Hope* campaign is focused on building vibrant parishes, and we pray that our projects will strengthen us for the future. You can return your completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make a gift.