

January 24, 2021

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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 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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Attendance Last Week

4:30 p.m. 15 9:30 a.m. 33

Offertory Last Week: \$1,113.00 Maintenance: \$38.00
Catholic Education: \$49.00 Initial Offering: \$37.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$10.00 Fuel: \$91.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$530.00

Second Collection This Week for Church in Latin America

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday January 23 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For Joyce Costello requested by Lisa and Kevin Boutin.

Sunday January 24

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Anne Pidgeon requested by her mother, Irene Pierce.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Dan Giroux requested by his Family.

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

Monday January 25 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Tuesday January 26 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Wednesday January 27 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)

Thursday January 28 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Friday January 29 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Saturday January 30 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Sunday January 31

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Joanne Duranceau requested by Michelle and Lambert Lussier.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Neil Senecal requested by Helen Cote.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Andy Mansfield requested by Rosemarie Cartularo and Larry Poitras.

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

Question of the Week: The kingdom of God is at hand, within reach. How can I answer God's call and commit myself to help realize the kingdom of God here and now?

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: Our Lady of Mount Carmel will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions every Tuesday following the 5:15 p.m. Mass. The next Adoration will be **Tuesday, January 26** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

JULY 1st THRU DECEMBER 31st
(1st six months of the fiscal year)

Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections
amounted to \$63,732 this year compared to
\$77,344 last year, a decrease of \$13,613 or -17.6%

Total Donations including Gifts, etc., amounted to
\$90,128 this year compared to \$92,540 last year,
a decrease of \$2,412 or -2.6%.

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

Sunday:	Rev. Hugh Cleary, CSC
Monday:	Rev. Francis Connors
Tuesday:	Rev. Paul Couture, SSE
Wednesday:	Rev. John Crabb, SJ
Thursday:	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
Friday:	Priestly and Religious Vocations
Saturday:	All Our Seminarians

Counters for Monday, January 25, 2021

Linda Savalli
George Gardner
Marie Cookson

Schedules for January 30 and 31, 2021

Lector:	4:30 p.m.	Mike New
	9:30 a.m.	Tom Buzzell
EM:	9:30 a.m.	Mike Bullock

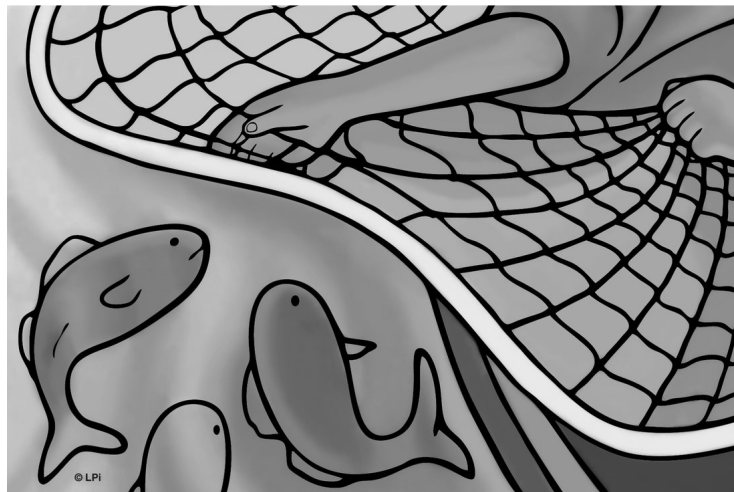
Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the 1st half of Fiscal Year Ending - 12/31/2020

- St. Jude's had a Net Loss of \$-13,181 the period compared to a Net Gain of \$8,061 for the prior year, a decrease of \$-21,242.
- Unencumbered cash reserves (Cash & Receivables Less Payables) were \$150,053 compared to \$156,285, a decrease of \$-6,232 or -4.0%.

Contract Tracing Protocols: 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 mariecookson@aol.com if you want her to register you. **PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES IN THE CHURCH.**



As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." — Mk 1:16-17

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Marriage Day Mass: Married Catholic couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (5, 10, 15, 20...55 or more) in 2021, and wish to be recognized at the Diocese Anniversary Mass with Bishop Coyne, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington on February 7, 2021 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass are asked to register by January 28 at

<https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/marriage-day-mass-with-bishop-coyne-2/>

Given the health restrictions this year, there will be a limit of 20 couples to be recognized in person at this Mass. Couples can bring up to 6 family members with them (a total of 8). ***If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary and would like a certificate signed by Bishop Coyne, please leave your name and info on the sign-up sheet in the lobby or contact Marie at the parish office or by email. **Married couples will be recognized at our parish on the weekend of February 14 at all masses.** All requests must be in by January 28.

2020 Contributions: Because of the new changes in itemized deductions, most people will be unable to deduct their 2020 contributions on their tax return. If you would like a copy of your contributions for 2020, please call the church at 482-2290 or email Marie at stjude@gmavt.net and one will be mailed to you.

Knitters and Those Who Crochet: We are looking for folks who knit and/or crochet to make prayer shawls. If you are willing to help out, please contact Eileen Curtis at 425-4432. If you are in need of a pattern or instructions, please let her know. Thank you.

9 Days for Life Novena: Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life, Thursday, January 21 - Friday, January 29.* Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>.