

February 7, 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 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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Attendance Last Week
4:30 p.m. 22 9:30 a.m. 37

Offertory Last Week: \$1,672.85 Maintenance: \$25.00
Church in Latin America: \$50.00 Fuel: \$70.00
Catholic Education: \$65.00 Initial Offering: \$10.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$-0-

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Church in
Central and Eastern Europe

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday February 6 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Marie Cookson.

Sunday February 7

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Roger Strong Jr. requested by his Family.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Leo LaBerge requested by the St. Jude and OLMC Counters

Monday February 8 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Tuesday February 9 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Wednesday February 10 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)

Thursday February 11 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Friday February 12 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Saturday February 13 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For John Barrett requested by his siblings.

Sunday February 14

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Keith Mille

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Arnold Gratton requested by his wife, Janice.

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

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

- 2/11 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM
- 2/19 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
- 2/20 Food Shelf Collection Drop Off from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: How do I serve God and serve my neighbor? Will I commit to doing all I can?

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. James Dodson
Monday: Rev. Raymond Doherty, SSE
Tuesday: Rev. Francis Eksterowicz
Wednesday: Rev. Richard Eneji, CSSp.
Thursday: Rev. John Feltz
Friday: Rev. Patrick Forman
Saturday: Rev. Henry Furman

Counters for Monday, February 8, 2021

Linda Savalli
Anne Donegan
Marie Cookson

Schedules for February 13 and 14, 2021

Lector: 4:30 p.m. Heidi St. Peter
9:30 a.m. Chris Meyer
EM: 9:30 a.m. Tom Buzzell

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

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins on **Wednesday, February 17.** Mass and distribution of ashes will be held at **OLMC at 7:00 a.m. and at St. Jude's at 7:00 p.m.** This is a great way to begin the Lenten season.



He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

— Mk 1:38-39

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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.

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, February 9** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Fasting and Abstinence in Lent: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **both** fast and abstinence. The rule of fasting states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two smaller meals, "Sufficient to maintain strength" are also allowed. Eating between meals breaks the fast but drinking liquids does not. Catholics aged 18-59 are bound to fasting. Abstinence refers to refraining from eating meat and applies to all Catholics ages 14 and older. **ALL** Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

Ash Wednesday Almsgiving Collection: There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, Project Rachel and Residential Care Homes. Donations can be made through the Diocesan website <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/catholic-charities/ash-wednesday-appeal/> or by mailing a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403. Please know that every gift—whatever the size—makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

Stations of the Cross: The Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Jude's every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Guidelines for Lent:

--The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity.

--Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

--The rule of **fasting** states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, "sufficient to maintain strength", are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59.

--**Abstinence** refers to the eating of meat. The common estimation of the community is used to determine what falls under the category of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.

--The **substantial** observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation.

--Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended.

--Parents and teachers should see to it that, even those who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence because of age, are brought up in an atmosphere that is conducive to a sense of penance.

Video Project: Lynn Monty, a St. Jude Parishioner, is conducting a video project to promote the parish as the capstone of her work with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington's Lay Formation Leadership Program. She would like to interview willing parishioners. Participation will be quick and easy! For more information, please reach out to Lynn at monty@gmavt.net or (802) 373-0169.

Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes

The following guidelines have been issued for the Diocese of Burlington concerning the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday:

- Imposition of ashes happens in the normal way, with the minister sanitizing hands before and after the ritual. Minister and participant both wear masks. *To impose ashes, the minister reaches for the forehead from the side, rather than moving his or her hand directly in front of the person's mouth/nose. Contact with the forehead is made solely with the thumb; do not place your entire hand on the top of the head.*
- The formula "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return" will be said ONCE over all before imposing ashes, rather than to each individual. Individual imposition of ashes is done in silence.
- Those not comfortable with physical contact, but still want ashes may approach the minister AFTER the Mass/service, where the minister will impose ashes by sprinkling a small amount over the top of the head.

The faithful are reminded that there is **NO OBLIGATION TO RECEIVE ASHES** even if they attend Mass on Ash Wednesday. Ashes are an external sign of the interior disposition to contrition and penance. What is important is fostering the interior disposition.

Sharing Is Caring - The Hinesburg Food Shelf is looking for critically needed personal hygiene and cleaning products for members of the Hinesburg, Huntington, St. George and Monkton communities.

Saturday, February 20th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, you're invited to drop-off the items in the warm comfort of your vehicle at the St. Jude's Catholic Church parking lot in Hinesburg (Saturday, Feb 27th - Alt severe weather date)

Items Needed (consider donating in bulk):

- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products

Critically Needed

- Household cleaning products (16-23 oz. sizes)
- Hand sanitizer
- Sanitizing wipes

Monetary donations will definitely be accepted

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" - Helen Keller