

September 12, 2021

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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 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 37 9:30 a.m.: 42

Offertory Last Week: \$3,029.00 Maintenance: \$553.00
Assumption: \$21.00 Catholic University: \$10.00
Priest Benefit Fund: \$10.00 Haiti: \$80.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$648.00

**Second Collection This Week for Catholic University
Of America**

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday September 11

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Elaine Place requested by the Parish Community.

Sunday September 12

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Gabriella Broglio requested by Edward and Carol Zuccaro.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Roger Strong Jr. requested by the family.

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

Monday September 13 8:00 a.m. (SJ) For Celinda Nadeau requested by Marie Cookson

Tuesday September 14 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For the Intentions of Toni Clements

Wednesday September 15 (OLMC)

Thursday September 16 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For the Intentions of Toni Clements

Friday September 17 8:00 a.m. (SJ) For Candace Laflam requested by Johanna Shal.

Saturday September 18

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

Sunday September 19

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

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For JP Giroux requested by his family.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Donald Haman requested by his wife, Sue, and family.

Calendar of St. Jude Events

-9/14 Senior Bingo at 10:30 a.m.

-9/18 & 9/19 Tootsie Roll Campaign after Masses

-9/19 Family Faith Formation beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: How do I put my faith into action?
When do I resist putting my faith into action?

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the Fiscal Year Ending - 06/30/2021

- St. Jude's had a Net Loss of \$-26,127 for the year compared to a Net Gain of \$17,120 for the prior year, a decrease of \$-43,247. The roof project contributed to \$32,000 of this loss.
- Donations dropped by -28,443 or -15.1%
- Unencumbered cash reserves (Cash & Receivables Less Payables) were \$152,563 compared to \$176,175, a decrease of -\$23,612 or -13.4%.

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

Sunday:	Rev. Michael Carter, SSE
Monday:	Rev. Kevin Chalifoux
Tuesday:	Rev. Roger Charbonneau
Wednesday:	Rev. Thomas Aquinas Chinnappin
Thursday:	Rev. Benny Chittilappilly, SDV
Friday:	Rev. Hugh Cleary, CSC
Saturday:	Rev. Francis Connors

Counter Schedule for September 13, 2021

Cyndy Marshall
Linda Savalli
Marie Cookson

Schedules for September 18 and 19, 2021

Greeters: 4:30 p.m. Theresa Aube
9:30 a.m. Charlene VanSleet

Lector: 4:30 p.m. David Pearson
9:30 a.m. Tom Giroux

EM: 4:30 p.m. Steve Cooley
9:30 a.m. Ray Bouchard

COVID Update: The voluntary use of face-coverings is encouraged with the renewed spread of COVID19 variants. Catholics parishes do not have any mandatory facemask policies at this time, although the practice is suggested for those with compromised health conditions, and/or who are unvaccinated. Decisions such as masking and precautions at individual parish events and programs will be made on a case-by-case basis.

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, September 14** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: St. Jude Parish is 73% (\$17,180) to our Bishop's Appeal goal of \$23,502. If you have not yet made a gift to the appeal or would like to make an additional gift online, visit vermontcatholic.org/giveonline.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Thank you to everyone who donated to the St. Jude Red Cross Blood Drive. We collected 31 units of whole blood. Thank you for making a difference.



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." — Mk 8:34-35

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Faith Formation: Our Faith Formation Classes (Religious Ed) will begin in September. We will be meeting in person once a month. These classes include Mass, catechesis for students and for adults. The expectation is that parents attend these monthly classes if their children are enrolled in the program. If you have a child or grandchild who has not been part of our program in the past and you would like to enroll them, please contact Marie Cookson at marietcookson@aol.com so that you can be added to our mailing list. **Classes start next Sunday, September 19 at St. Jude's with the 9:30 a.m. Mass.**

Sacramental Prep: The preparation process for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion involves participating in the parish's first and second grade religious education classes. Both sacraments are celebrated during the second grade year.

Confirmation Program: As we implement the Diocesan Confirmation Plan, 6th and 7th grade candidates will be preparing for confirmation in the 2021-2022 school year. This preparation is designed to help candidates learn more about their faith, our Catholic Church and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. The process is intended to help the candidate become more receptive to the Holy Spirit and actively live out the mission of the Church in their lives.

Tootsie Roll Drive: The Knights of Columbus Council 7525, which serves this area, will take free will donations after Masses on **September 18-19**, for the annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, commonly nicknamed "The Tootsie Roll Drive." The tootsie roll drive is a national Knights of Columbus project. The money collected in Vermont is directed to local charities that serve mentally challenged people. The money collected in this drive will go to the Howard Center, Special Olympics and Camp OHagin as it has in recent years.

Senior Bingo: Seniors, you are invited to a morning of free bingo at St. Jude's from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. The next Bingo is **Tuesday, September 14.** Reservations are required by **Wednesday, September 8.** **Masks are welcome if you wish to wear one but are no longer required for the fully vaccinated.** You will be given a packaged complete meal to take home, provided no charge by Age Well. Bingo prizes will be provided by St. Jude's. Contact Kathy and Ted Barrett at 453-3087 (leave a message) or email to tedbarrett79@gmail.com for reservations.

RCIA: Have you or someone you know been pondering what it means to be Catholic? Been yearning to know more about our faith? Been desiring to be welcomed into the sacraments of initiation? Very soon, we will begin preparing for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at St John Vianney, and you are invited to join. They will begin with an introduction to the faith during the month of September, meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the church hall, viewing videos from the Augustine Institute called "The Search." All are welcome to join during these sessions. They will then transition to a period of more focused instruction during the month of October, with meetings at the same time and place. Do you feel called to help make Christ's message to the world known and communicate his grace to others? They are also looking for people who are ready to give the candidates evidence of the spirit of the Christian community and welcome them into personal conversation and community gatherings. If you would like to journey either as a Catechumen or as a team member, please contact Connie St. John Vianney Parish at x 204 or at SJVGoodNews@gmail.com, or speak with your local pastor.

St. Nicholas Project: The St. Nicholas Project is conducting its fall fundraiser, "Shoes for St. Nicholas." They are inviting Catholics throughout the diocese to make a donation to the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children to help the staff purchase new shoes and winter boots for the boys and girls. Kurn Hattin is a non-profit residential care facility for boys and girls ages 5-15 located in Westminster, VT. Fr. Lance W. Harlow founded The St. Nicholas Project as an association of Catholics who help support the children's home with material and financial donations. You can make an on-line donation by visiting: www.thestnicholasproject.com and go to the Donate icon. Or, mail a check directly to: Kurn Hattin Homes for Children P.O. Box 127 Westminster, VT 05158. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Harlow at: lwharlow@sover.net. Thank you for remembering the boys and girls at the children's home and for being their special guardian angels.

Praying the Rosary: The Diocese is looking for volunteers to lend their voice for a recording of the Rosary for Life. These recordings will be aired on Facebook throughout the months of October and January to pray for all lives from conception until natural death. Each slide has a specific meditation prior to each Hail Mary. Each prayer has a separate slide so all you need to do is read what is in front of you! All people will see when it is aired are the slides that have been created especially for this Rosary and they will hear us praying. If you would like to record a Rosary please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4BACA92EA2F58-lenten1>

Musician Wanted: We are looking for a musician to help provide music for the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The knowledge of the Catholic liturgy is expected. If you or someone you know is interested or would like more info, please contact Fr. Zuccaro at 425-2253, email at carmel@gmavt.net or see him after Mass

Women's Retreat in Randolph: There will be a Women's Retreat in Randolph on **Saturday, September 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Angels Church.** The theme of the retreat is "Spending Time with Jesus' Family". Registration deadline is September 17. If interested in attending please email Debbie at dgbrown264@gmail.com. The retreat is open to all women 18 years and older. The event is free and includes coffee and muffins during registration, and lunch. Donations will be gratefully accepted to support the Knights of Columbus fundraiser for Aspire Together.

Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman Presentation: You are cordially invited to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman **on Sunday, October 10, at Holy Family Church Hall in Essex Junction, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas Aquinas College, as well as Fr. Kevin Chalifoux. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. For more information or to RSVP by October 3 at VermontNewman@gmail.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Peter & Sheila Oprysko at 201-651-9367 or visit them at <https://www.mevtw.org/>. Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Take time for your marriage and learn how to be the best spouse you can be by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience..

Host Families Needed: Rice Memorial High School's boys' Prep Hockey team is in immediate need of host families. Students are currently living in short-term housing while awaiting long-term placement. Host families are required to provide the necessities for our student-athletes; a room, bed, access to the internet, 3 meals a day, and transportation to and from school (as needed). To help offset expenses, host families are given \$600/month for approximately 10 months. Players are fully vaccinated and hail from all over the world, although the students currently in need of housing are from Canada. To learn more, contact Coach Dennis Vickers at vickers@rmhsvt.org or 862-6521 ext. 219.