

September 19, 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 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 34 9:30 a.m.: 49

Offertory Last Week: \$2,892.00 Maintenance: \$692.00
Catholic University: \$108.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$345.00

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday September 18

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

Monday September 20 8:00 a.m. (SJ) For Francis Buczkowski and Margaret Cucciniello requested by Karen Dunne.

Tuesday September 21 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For the Intentions of Toni Clements

Wednesday September 22 (OLMC) NO MASS

Thursday September 23 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For the Intentions of Toni Clements

Friday September 24 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Saturday September 25

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Richard Dubois II requested by the Family.

Sunday September 26

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

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Victoria and Arthur Matte requested by Marsha Casey.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Anna Bessette requested by Edward and Carol Zuccaro.

Calendar of St. Jude Events

- 9/18 & 9/19 Tootsie Roll Campaign after Masses
- 9/19 Family Faith Formation beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- 10/02 & 10/03 Food Drive Weekend

Question of the Week: What can I do to be received into the kingdom with open arms?

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:

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| Sunday: | Rev. Paul Couture, SSE |
| Monday: | Rev. David Cray, SSE |
| Tuesday: | Rev. Brian Cummings, SSE |
| Wednesday: | Rev. Charles Danielson |
| Thursday: | Rev. Charles Davignon |
| Friday: | Rev. Msgr. Michael DeForge |
| Saturday: | Rev. James Dodson |

Counter Schedule for September 20, 2021

Gail Blasius
Grace Link
Marie Cookson

Schedules for September 25 and 26, 2021

Greeters: 4:30 p.m. Donna Shepardson
9:30 a.m. Tom Giroux

Lector: 4:30 p.m. Mike Bullock
9:30 a.m. Rodney Strong

EM: 4:30 p.m. Dawn Griswold
9:30 a.m. Doug Taff

COVID Update: The voluntary use of face-coverings is encouraged with the renewed spread of COVID19 variants. Catholic 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.

Daily Mass: There will be **NO** daily Mass this **Wednesday, September 22**, due to Fr. Zuccaro being away.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: There will be **NO** Eucharistic Adoration following the 5:15 p.m. Mass this **Tuesday, September 21** due to Fr. Zuccaro being away. The next Eucharistic Adoration will be **Tuesday, September 28** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass. Confessions will be available this **Tuesday, September 21** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Food Shelf Drive: We will again be doing a Food Shelf Drive for the Hinesburg Food Shelf on **Saturday, October 2 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon**. Drive into the parking lot and someone will pick up your items. You don't need to get out of your car. You can also bring items to mass with you that weekend.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: St. Jude Parish is 75% (\$17,680) 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.

"I f anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

— Mk 9:35b-37a
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 this 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 28**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, September 22**. **Masks and social distancing are required.** 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.

St. Peter's Resale Closet: St. Peter's Resale Closet store in Vergennes is announcing their new fall store hours: Thursdays and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They welcome donations and shopping during these hours! Thank you to all their donors and customers!

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.mewtw.org/>.

"But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity." Fill your marriage with peace and love. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences near you are found on the website.

COVID Memorial Service: To honor Vermonters lost to COVID-19 and to process our grief, Vermont Interfaith Action is hosting a **memorial service on the Vermont Statehouse Lawn in Montpelier at 3:00 p.m. this Sunday, Sept. 19.** The heart of the event will be a ceremonial reading of the names so that each individual who has died of COVID-19 is recognized, with a flower inserted into a wreath in their honor. In addition, various clergy will offer brief interfaith prayers and readings. The Lt Governor and State Epidemiologist will join them. For more information, contact Debbie at debbie@viavt.org or 802-651-8889.

Fiesta Fiesta: St. Peter's Church in Vergennes, is hosting the women of **Viva el Sabor on Sunday, October 3 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Please join them as this culinary group prepares **authentic Mexican and Guatemalan** specialties. All food items are \$5.00 each and benefit the women's effort to establish a collaborative storefront cafe. This is an outdoor, under a tent, event. Children's activities and a Magic Show by Tom Verner start at 2:00 p.m. Masks are required