

# September 26, 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 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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### **Attendance Last Week:**

**4:30 p.m.: 37      9:30 a.m.: 85**

Offertory Last Week: \$1,529.50    Maintenance: \$50.00  
Catholic University: \$30.00    Haiti: \$100.00  
Online Giving Last Week: \$230.00

### **Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance**

## **MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

### **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.

### **Monday September 27 8:00 a.m. (SJ)**

### **Tuesday September 28 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)**

### **Wednesday September 29 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)**

### **Thursday September 30 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)**

### **Friday October 1 8:00 a.m. (SJ)**

### **Saturday October 2**

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

### **Sunday October 3**

**8:00 a.m. (OLMC)** For Paul, Claude, and Marcel Thibault requested by the family.

**9:30 a.m. (SJ)** For Ray Keller requested by the Parish Community.

**11:00 a.m. (OLMC)** For Jack and Marie Romano requested by Rosemarie Cartularo and Larry Poitras.

### **Calendar of St. Jude Events**

- 10/01 Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions at 8:30 a.m.
- 10/02 & 10/03 Food Drive Weekend
- 10/03 Family Faith Formation at 9:30 a.m.
- 10/04 Blessing of the Animals at 5:30 p.m.
- 10/05 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week:** What aspect of my selfhood leads me to sin? What must I do to remove that aspect?

**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:*

<b>Sunday:</b>	Rev. Francis Eksterowicz
<b>Monday:</b>	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Priestly and Religious Vocations
<b>Wednesday:</b>	All Our Seminarians
<b>Thursday:</b>	All Deceased Priests
<b>Friday:</b>	Pope Francis
<b>Saturday:</b>	Bishop Christopher Coyne

**Counter Schedule for September 27, 2021**

Anne Donegan  
Theresa Aube  
Marie Cookson

**Schedules for October 2 and 3, 2021**

<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Joanne & Lee Cross
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Laurie & Chris Meyer
<b><u>Lector:</u></b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Heidi St. Peter
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Chris Meyer
<b><u>EM:</u></b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Donna Shepardson
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Stephanie Buzzell

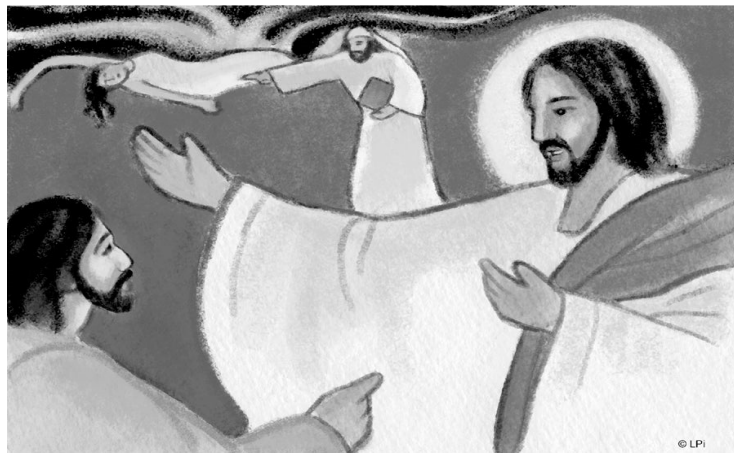
**COVID Update:** The voluntary use of face-coverings is encouraged with the renewed spread of COVID19 variants. Catholic parishes do not have any mandatory facemask policies at this time, although the practice is suggested for those with compromised health conditions, and/or who are unvaccinated. Decisions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

**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 28** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

\*\*\*St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions on **Friday, October 1** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Faith Formation:** Our Faith Formation Classes (Religious Ed) have begun. Our next session will be **Sunday, October 3 beginning at 9:30 a.m.** If you have a student you would like to enroll in the program or would like more info, please contact Marie at 482-2290, 425-2637 or email at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com).

**Blessing of the Animals:** There will be a Blessing of the Animals on **Monday, October 4 at 5:30 p.m.** in the St. Jude parking lot in observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Everyone is invited to bring their pets for this blessing. Please be sure that pets are on a leash or in a carrier.



*At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." — Mk 9:38-39*

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**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. Items needed by the Hinesburg Food Shelf include:  
--Health & Beauty Aides (no women's personal care items needed)  
--Q-Tips, Toothpaste, Hair Conditioner/Shampoo, Liquid Shower Soaps, Men's and Women's Deodorant, Cleaning Products for Laundry & Household Bathroom Cleaners.  
--Monetary donations are also accepted. Please make checks payable to St. Jude Parish.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tedbarrett79@gmail.com) for reservations.

**Autumn Raking:** Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 23 at 9:00 a.m.** for the annual raking of the cemetery and parish grounds at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Marie at [carmel@gmavt.net](mailto:carmel@gmavt.net) or at 425-2637 so we know who to contact in the event of bad weather. Inclement weather date will be October 30. Please bring rakes, tarps, and leaf blowers if available.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** St. Jude Parish is 75% (\$17,725) 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](http://vermontcatholic.org/giveonline).

**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](mailto:carmel@gmavt.net) or see him after Mass.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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>

**RJ Rice Run:** Runners! Are you training for the VT City Marathon or just like a fun road race? Join the Rice Memorial High School community on **October 10** for their annual **RJ Rice Run**. This 5K weaves around the neighborhood surrounding Rice and raises funds for athletics, all while honoring legendary Rice teacher and coach, RJ Noonan '49. The race starts at Rice at 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration is \$25/adults and \$10/students (race day registration increases to \$30 for adults). Sign up at [www.rmhsvt.org](http://www.rmhsvt.org).

**A Life Symposium:** There will be a Life Symposium on **Saturday, October 2, 2021** at the Doubletree by Hilton, Burlington. Constitutional Law professor and pro-life champion Helen Alvare, co-founder of *Women Speak for Themselves*, will provide the keynote address at this day-long conference focusing on issues related to Proposal 5, a dangerous amendment aimed at enshrining the right to abortion in Vermont's Constitution, and expected to be put before voters in November 2022. Workshops will feature Melissa Ohden, Catherine Glenn Foster, Maureen Curley and youth activist Savannah Dudzik. Tickets \$50; youth scholarships available. Space is limited. For more information and to register go to [vrlc.net](http://vrlc.net).

**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](mailto: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://wwmevtw.org/>. "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart." Fill your hearts with joy by learning how to love your spouse to the fullest on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

**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** specialities. 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

**St. Peter's Resale Closet:** St. Peter's Resale Closet store has fully turned over their clothing stock from summer to fall/winter! Come check out the bargains for the whole family in clothing, household goods, books, toys, DVDs and more! "From our "Closet" to yours!"