

October 3, 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 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, “It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God.” Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God’s incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God’s greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ’s love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God’s unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God’s perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God’s and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That’s why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God’s oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

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Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 34 9:30 a.m.: 51

Offertory Last Week: \$834.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$160.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Fuel

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

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.

Monday October 4 8:00 a.m. (SJ) For Emma Dennis requested by Peggy Cioffi.

Tuesday October 5 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Wednesday October 6 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)

Thursday October 7 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For Joanne Bourgeois by the Parish Community.

Friday October 8 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Saturday October 9

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Robert and Mary O’Brien requested by John and Cathy O’Brien.

Sunday October 10

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

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

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Repose of the Soul of Lorraine Berube.

Calendar of St. Jude Events

- 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 can I do to put the needs of those I love, of those who depend on me, above my own needs this week?

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. Richard Eneji, CSSp.
Monday:	Rev. John Feltz
Tuesday:	Rev. Patrick Forman
Wednesday:	Rev. Henry Furman
Thursday:	Rev. Bernard Gaudreau
Friday:	Rev. William Giorux
Saturday:	Rev. Scott Gratton

Counter Schedule for October 4, 2021

George Gardner
Lee Cross
Marie Cookson

Schedules for October 9 and 10, 2021

Greeters: 4:30 p.m. Dufault Family
9:30 a.m. Charlene VanSleet

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

EM: 4:30 p.m. Peter Dufault
9:30 a.m. Stephanie Buzzell

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, October 5** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Faith Formation: Our Faith Formation Classes (Religious Ed) have begun. Our next session will be this **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.

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.



He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"
They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." — Mk 10:3-6

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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, October 6**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, October 12**. **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.

Salvation Army Dinner: Our next Salvation Army Dinner is scheduled for **October 27**. We will be serving Shepherd's Pie, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Fruit Bread, Desserts and Bottled Water or individual juices. **We need enough food to feed approximately 50 people.** Sign Up link is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094DA4A62FA7FC1-salvation>. Food donations need to be at the church by **1:00 p.m. on October 27**. If you have any questions, please contact Marie at 482-2290, 425-2637 or marietcookson@aol.com.

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 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.

Christ Our Hope: As many of you may be aware, last fall we launched the Diocese's first statewide campaign: *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church*. While the timing was not ideal, the campaign had been planned for nearly two years and delayed several times. With the support of several generous parishioners, it was determined that we needed to move forward. Last fall, \$4.4 million was raised, getting us almost halfway to our goal. St. Jude Parish has raised \$39,982 (20%) of our \$199,290 goal. In the lobby you will find more information about our specific goals and a case statement about the overall campaign.

Men's Discussion Group: Join men from St. Jude's and OLMC from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a Men's Discussion Group. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 5** in the St. Jude Parish Hall. **SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED!!** If interested or would like more information, please contact Mike Bullock at mtn6@gmavt.net.

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? Classes begin this **Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m.** St. John Vianney in South Burlington. Please contact Connie at St. John Vianney Parish at x 204 or at SJVGoodNews@gmail.com, if you have any questions or would like more info.

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>

Catholic Concert: Christ the King - St. Anthony Parish is hosting Catholic family band MJM7 for two special events on **Tuesday, October 5 and Wednesday, October 6**. MJM7 is comprised of Michael James Mette and 5 of his children. The events fall somewhere between a rock concert and a parish mission, with vibrant lights, powerful music, faith sharing, and an invitation to prayer. Both events start at **7:00 p.m.** Tuesday, Oct. 5, will be at St. Anthony's parish hall; Wednesday, Oct. 6 will be at Christ the King School. Search for "Christ the King - St. Anthony" on Facebook or contact Renate Dubois at 802-862-5784 for more information. Bring a friend! You won't want to miss this this unique event.

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

The Vermont Knights of Columbus Prayer for Clergy: The Vermont Knights of Columbus state-wide day of prayer for clergy is scheduled for **November 13, 2021**. Councils across Vermont will pray for our clergy throughout the day. Council 7525 will cover 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at Saint John Vianney Church. During our hour, we will have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and lead the Scripture Rosary. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is a great way for individuals and families to support our priests and deacons. This year we also expect other states will be participating, as this Vermont initiative inspires others to join.

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/>.

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.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

