

July 5, 2015

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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 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He was amazed at their lack of faith." The citizens in Jesus' hometown just couldn't bring themselves to believe in him. Even though they "were astonished" when they beheld his wisdom and learned about his mighty deeds, nonetheless, "they took offense at him." What right did one of their local boys have to run around claiming he was a prophet? Prophets come from other places. Prophets are sent by God. The son of the village carpenter would never fit that bill.

So in spite of clear evidence to the contrary, the established modes of thinking and the built-in prejudices of the townspeople led them to conclude that Jesus was not who he said he was. Because of this stubborn hardness of heart, Jesus' "own kin" missed out on the gifts that perfect strangers were receiving: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there."

How often are we like these small-minded villagers? How often do we stay trapped in the regular routine of our daily existence and fail to have the faith to believe that God is right here in our own hearts and our own homes? As Christians, we may know about the wisdom and power of God, but we too often hesitate to acknowledge that this same power can be at work here in our very midst. Just as in Nazareth, our failure to believe can prevent God from working the mighty deeds he would otherwise perform in our lives. If we don't give him the freedom of our faith, if we don't call upon his Spirit to move us and lead us, then we are closing ourselves off from the real miracle right in front of us. Instead, let us open our hearts and our minds to recognize the presence of God, not just in other places, but right here, right now.

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Readings for the Week of July 5, 2015

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,332.26 Maintenance: \$25.00
Peter's Pence: \$520.00
Online Giving Last Week: -0-

NEEDED EACH WEEK: \$2,935.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 63 9:30 a.m.: 160

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. July 4 4:30 p.m. For Anne Gardner requested by her husband, George.
Sun. July 5 9:30 a.m. For Kathleen Cromwell requested by the CCD Teachers and Students.
Sat. July 11 4:30 p.m. For Vic Giroux requested by Barrie and Earl Anderson.
Sun. July 12 9:30 a.m. For Janet Dubois requested by the family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, July 5, 2015

Anne Donegan
Ann Thomas
Dick Stowe

Schedule of Ministries: July 11 and 12, 2015

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| 4:30 p.m. | Greeters: | Joanne & Lee Cross |
| | Altar Server: | Josh Syverson |
| | | Becca Syverson |
| | Lector: | Mike New |
| | Extraordinary Min.: | Joanne Cross |
| 9:30 a.m. | Greeters: | The Thomas Family |
| | Altar Server: | Max Destito |
| | | Emma Destito |
| | Lector: | Sue McGuire |
| | Extraordinary Min.: | Sue McGuire |

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-7/07 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.
-7/09 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: How did I respond the last time someone challenged my perspectives and prejudices? How might Jesus be calling on me, by my own "prophetic" vocation, to do the same?

Looking for Draftsman: We are looking for someone to help us draw an updated site plan for the St. Jude property. If you or someone you know could help us out, please see Fr. Cray or contact him at 425-2253.

Men's and Women's Discussion Groups: Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, July 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All Men are welcome. The Women's Group will be taking the summer off and will resume in the fall.

Rosary: The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's before the 4:30 p.m. Mass beginning at 4:10 p.m.

Ride Needed: Joan Bettis is looking for a ride to the 4:30 p.m. Mass each week. She lives at Kelly's Field. If you can help, please contact Joan at 482-4862. Thank you.

Food Shelf: The Hinesburg Food Shelf is in need of Spaghetti, Juices, Low Sodium Canned Soups, Cooking Oil, Canned Fruit-15 oz size, Extra Protein Items such as Beef Stew or a Canned Product with Meat. Now that our CCD Classes are over, we really need your help. Thank you.

Summer Altar Flowers: Do you have some garden blooms you would like to contribute and/or make into arrangements either alone or with a friend for the altar? If so, please contact Sue McGuire at 482-3075 to sign up for a weekend. It's always wonderful to see your shared garden bounty.

New Parishioners: All Are Welcome! We are happy to have you join us at St. Jude Parish. If you are new to our church and would like to join our parish, please fill out a parish registration form available in the lobby. Thank you.

Summer Giving: This summer, if you can't make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to sign up for our online giving program. The parish relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and online giving offers an easy way to give on a regular basis. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or pick up an online giving form in the lobby. We thank you for your continued support.

Bishop's Fund: Thank you to all who have contributed to the 2015 Bishop's Fund Appeal. If you have not yet participated, help the Diocese save on follow-up costs by making your pledge or one-time gift anytime at the secure, online giving site. Go to www.bishopsfund.org and look for the link "Give Now." **UPDATE: St. Jude has raised \$15,562 toward our goal of \$20,200, or 77.04% from 61 households. Your gift, no matter the amount, is truly appreciated.**

***We have received a list from the Diocese of parishioners who participated in the Bishop's Fund last year but have not yet donated in 2015. Won't you please make a donation today so that we will not have to contact you directly? Thank you.

Blood Drive Coordinator: After years of being the St. Jude Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator, Judi Maculan has decided to step down from this position. We are now looking for someone to take over this position. Judi is willing to train and offer support to anyone interested in taking over. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Judi at 482-3449.

Salvation Army Dinner: St. Jude Parish will be providing a meal at the Salvation Army on Thursday, July 23. We will be serving hamburgers with rolls, potato salad, macaroni salad, watermelon, potato chips and milk. **We need your help. We need enough food for feeding approximately 175 people.** There are sign-up sheets in the lobby for food donations and workers. Food donations need to be at the church by 3:00 p.m. on July 23. Workers meet at the Salvation Army by 4:30 p.m. and are usually finished by 6:30 p.m.

***We will also be looking for monetary donations to help defray the cost of the hamburgers. Please drop your donation in the collection basket. Just be sure to place it in an envelope marked "Salvation Army". Thank you.

Helping with CCD: We are looking for teachers and aides for the next school year. We have many openings including Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th grades. If you are interested in helping out or learning more, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com. This is a very rewarding experience.



When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" — Mk 6:2

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Senior Meals: St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for July 14 and 28 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

World Apostolate of Fatima Annual Family Day Barbeque: Vermont's "Blue Army" will gather for the annual family day barbecue at **St. Anne's Shrine on Isle LaMotte, on Sunday, August 2.** Rosary will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by mass at 10:30 a.m. The afternoon includes lunch at Noon, Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m. and the Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome. Please bring something to share and your own drinks.

Spiritual Retreat-August 7-9—Where is God Calling You?: If God were trying to tell you something, would you know? If God were reassuring you or challenging you, would you notice? This retreat will provide the opportunity to consider, in the beautiful setting of Saint Anne's Shrine on Isle LaMotte, how God speaks to us in the ordinary events of our daily lives. Grounded in Ignatian spirituality which seeks to find God in all things, the retreat will provide the space to reflect on your relationship with God and consider ways to foster attentiveness to the world and to the movement of the Spirit in your life. Retreat will be led by Lisa Hastings, Joanne Nelson and Fr. Charlie Ranges, SSE. Please register with non-refundable payment by July 12. \$150/person includes all meals and double occupancy lodging from Friday at dinner to Sunday at continental breakfast. Limited number of single occupancy rooms available for an additional cost of \$10 per night. Please make check payable to St. Lawrence/Holy Family Parish, write "St. Anne's Shrine Retreat" mail to Holy Family/St. Lawrence Parish at 4 Prospect, Essex Jct., VT 05452. For more information please contact Joanne Nelson at joandkath1234@comcast.net.



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