

July 19, 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 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." Jesus felt pity ... and so he taught? Yes. Jesus gave his teachings out of love and concern. He gave them because he knew that they were what his followers needed. He did not teach in order to control, manipulate, brainwash, or coerce us. He did not teach in order to show his wisdom or prove his superiority. Jesus gave us his teachings as a way of guiding us, protecting us, and walking alongside us--like a good shepherd.

It's important for us to welcome the teachings of Christ and his body, the church, in this spirit. Too often, people misconstrue church teaching as something restrictive or controlling instead of understanding that Jesus handed down these teachings to us in order to help us find happiness and fulfillment. When we live according to church teaching, we are doing more than just being "good." We are also staying close to the shepherd of whom today's psalm speaks: "In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul." These benefits are ours when we follow the voice of the One who loves us.

Sometimes, we may not like what the voice is saying. Sometimes we may be drawn towards a different path or think that the grass is greener elsewhere. But by humbly acknowledging that the Shepherd--and his church--have great wisdom and a unique perspective to share, we will be led in the right direction. Though it may feel like a sacrifice at first, ultimately this loyalty to the flock will enable us to enjoy the contentment of those who declare, "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

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Readings for the Week of July 19, 2015

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 14:21--15:1/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,312.98
Online Giving Last Week: \$240.00

NEEDED EACH WEEK: \$2,935.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 77 9:30 a.m.: 151

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. July 18 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Rev. Donald Ravey requested by Marie Cookson

Sun. July 19 9:30 a.m. For Marjorie Kenney requested by Marsha Casey.

Sat. July 25 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by Carmen Cote.

Sun. July 26 9:30 a.m. For Anne Gardner requested by her husband, George.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, July 20, 2015

Karen Fox
Stan Haselton
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: July 25 and 26, 2015

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Dawn Griswold Cathy Bombardier
	Altar Server:	Patton Griswold
	Lector:	Joan Magnant
	Extraordinary Min.:	Dawn Griswold
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Wendy Koenig Greg Tomczyk
	Altar Server:	Hunter Driver Sam Buzzell
	Lector:	Tom Giroux
	Extraordinary Min.:	Sandy May

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-7/18 & 19 Food Shelf Weekend

-7/23 Salvation Army Dinner

-7/28 Senior Meal at Noon

Question of the Week: What specific situation can I identify as needing me to bring a Christ-like presence this week? How can I do that?

Father Cray Away: Father Cray will be away Monday, July 20 to Friday, July 31. There will be NO daily Mass during this time. If there is an emergency, please contact Marie at 425-2637, 482-2290 or 777-3513.

Men's and Women's Discussion Groups: Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, August 4 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.

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 Weekend: This weekend, July 18 and 19 is Food Shelf Weekend. Won't you please bring in a non-perishable food item for our neighbors in need? Thank you.

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.

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.

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 \$20,722 toward our goal of \$20,200, or 102.58% from 76 households. Your gift, no matter the amount, is truly appreciated. Thank you so much for helping us to reach our goal.**

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, 5th and 6th grades. If you are interested in helping out or learning more, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com. This is a very rewarding experience.

Flowers - Thanks to Chappells: Many of our altar flowers have been supplied by Chappell's "Recycle Program". The program uses flowers returned from weddings, funerals and corporate events. Volunteers arrange them for delivery to nursing homes, schools, libraries, churches and senior centers. Both Sue McGuire and Anne Donegan are volunteers in the program. St. Jude has been the recipient of a great supply that Sue and Linda Park use for the altar each week. We'd like to acknowledge and thank Chappells for their generous support. (If you have extra vases to donate, see Sue or drop off at Chappells on Williston Road. They are always needed.)

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



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. — Mk 6:34

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

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.

Sermon on the Mount: Join your fellow parishioners from OLMC and St. Jude's on the top of Mount Philo for the annual celebration of the Feast of the Assumption on Friday, August 14th. Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck to follow. There is no cost to you to drive/walk up the mountain—just tell the gate attendant that you are with OLMC. Senior citizens with Green Mountain Passes should show them to the attendant so we are not charged for your entrance. We ask that you try and arrive early (by 5:45 p.m.) and take advantage of the shuttle service to the top (if you don't plan walking to the top) as there is very limited parking available at the top. According to your last name you are asked to bring: **A-D: drinks; E-L: main dish; M-R: side dishes/salads (potato, macaroni, pasta, tossed, etc.) or hor'dourves, chips, dips, veggie trays, etc; S-Z: desserts.** OLMC will supply the paper goods. In the event of rain, the Mass and potluck will be held at OLMC. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Eileen Curtis at 425-4432.

World Apostolate of Fatima Annual Family Day Barbeque: Please join the Annual Day of Prayer and Picnic, with the WAF (Blue Army) on Sunday, August 2 at St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte. All are welcome. You don't need to be a member. Rosary begins at 10:00 a.m., followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m., Procession, and picnic (bring your lunch bag, dine at the Shrine's cafeteria, or join potluck), Stations of the Cross, and conclude with the Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer at 3:00 p.m. Feel free to participate for the full day or part of the day. Please dress accordingly to the weather condition. For more info, please call 802-338-7907.