

August 9, 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 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I am the living bread come down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." Three astonishing claims in one sentence. First: Jesus announces that he came from heaven. Second: He says that he is bread for people to eat. Third: He promises eternal life to anyone who eats this bread. What a lineup! What tremendous faith he expected of these people to believe such radical statements.

First, he wants them to believe that he was sent by God the Father. He wants them to believe that he is one with God. If we ever struggle to believe this, just imagine how much harder it must have been for these folks who knew him as a normal guy: "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" We have the benefit of Scripture, the tradition of the church, thousands of years of Christian witness, and the sacraments to convince us of who Jesus is. They didn't.

Next, he does all this talking about bread. He refers to the miraculous manna--bread that fed the wandering Jews in the desert--and then claims that he is the new manna. He is the true bread; his flesh, in fact, is this bread. His body will become food. Again, we have the whole history of eucharistic faith, devotion, and miracles to rely on. They didn't. Finally, he goes so far as to say that in receiving him as bread, we will live forever. He promises that this intimate union with him through Communion brings with it the gift of eternal life. Yes, these three claims work together: Jesus is God. The bread of Communion is God. And this God we receive is the source of eternal life.

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Readings for the Week of August 9, 2015

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21--19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,243.00 Maintenance: \$730.23
Online Giving Last Week: \$423.00

NEEDED EACH WEEK: \$2,935.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 88 9:30 a.m.: 153

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Aug. 8 4:30 p.m. For Lillian Galipeau requested by her daughter, Pam Kerr.

Sun. Aug. 9 9:30 a.m. For Theresa Giroux requested by Rachel Jodoin.

Sat. Aug. 15 4:30 p.m. For Victor Giroux requested by Gloria Bird.

Sun. Aug. 16 9:30 a.m. For Cora Twombly and Mary Douglass requested by Bob and Sandy Twombly.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, August 10, 2015

Karen Fox
Stan Haselton
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: August 15 and 16, 2015

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Joanne & Lee Cross
	Altar Server:	Patton Griswold
		Peter Stewart
	Lector:	Deirdre Bissonette
	Extraordinary Min.:	Judy Thibault
		Sue Haselton
		Stan Haselton
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	The Thomas Family
	Altar Server:	Grace Buzzell
	Lector:	Tom Buzzell
	Extraordinary Min.:	Tom Buzzell
		Stephanie Buzzell
		Sue McGuire

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-8/11 Senior Meal at Noon
-8/13 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-8/15 & 16 Food Shelf Weekend
-8/18 Red Cross Blood Drive
-8/25 Senior Meal at Noon

Question of the Week: What is "Elijah's desert" in my own life? How does my partaking of the bread of life strengthen me for my life's journey?

Men's and Women's Discussion Groups: Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, September 1 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.

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 of you for your efforts to support Bishop Coyne and the diocese in this year's Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. Our Parish has now reached \$23,427 (115.98%) total pledged toward our goal of \$20,200. Parishioners who have answered the call to support this Appeal in previous years but have yet to participate in the 2015 Bishop's Fund will be receiving a letter from Fr. Cray providing another opportunity to respond. Please be sure to check vermontcatholic.org for updates on diocesan news, and to view the progress on Bishop Coyne's initiatives for 2015, all of which are possible with your support.

Parish Council Meeting: There will be a Parish Council Meeting this Thursday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

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

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 August 11 and 25 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Food Shelf Weekend: Next weekend, August 15 and 16, is Food Shelf Weekend. The Hinesburg Food Shelf is in need of pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned vegetables, jellies, baked beans, juices, low sodium vegetables and soups and no sugar added canned fruit. Won't you please bring in some items for our neighbors in need? Thank you.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 18 at St. Jude Parish from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Walk-in or for an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org. Because we don't have a coordinator right now, the Red Cross will be doing this Blood Drive with their volunteers. Rich Dowe from the Red Cross will be speaking at Mass on Sunday, September 27 about the need for a coordinator and volunteers.

SCHIP: SCHIP is looking for donations of jewelry, especially pierced earrings. If you have any items you would like to donate, please leave them in the lobby. Thank you.

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 Marie Cookson at 777-3513.



“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.” — Jn 6:48-50

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An Invitation: In past years we have had many Catholics and non-Catholics come into the RCIA Program because of your invitation and encouragement; it was only because of your concern that so many were Baptized, Confirmed and received the Eucharist.

We need your help again! If you know someone who has never been Baptized, Confirmed or received the Eucharist, invite them to contact us for information about how they can become Catholic. Help them to either enter into our Catholic Faith or simply to explore the possibility.

The RCIA program is also popular with Catholics who want to renew or deepen their knowledge of the faith.

The RCIA program will begin in September and runs until the Easter Vigil; approximately seven months, meeting each week at St. John Vianney Parish in South Burlington on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (More info in the upcoming weeks). The program is in conjunction with the six parishes in the deanery and the presenters will be the priests, deacons and lay people of those parishes. It's a terrific program with very knowledgeable people that will answer all the candidates' questions and give them a good foundation in the Catholic faith. Anyone interested should call Fr. Cray to learn all about the formation process. *Remember - Give to the Most High as He has given to you, just as generously as you can. The Lord always repays and will do it many times over.* (Sirach 35:10-11)

UVM and Champlain College Students: The UVM Catholic Center would like to reach out to any students enrolled at UVM and Champlain Colleges, especially incoming first year and transfer students. There are many opportunities for college students—liturgy, bible study, faith formation, service and social activities. Staff hope to make students feel welcome and at home at The Catholic Center. To learn more, please contact Fr. Jon at Catholiccenteruvm@gmail.com.

Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer: Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer invites you to come celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. Gathering time is 1:30 p.m. at the replica of the Blessed Mother's last home; 2:00 p.m. the Holy Rosary; 3:00 p.m. Songs and Reflections by the well known singer and performer, Grace Markay; 4:30 p.m. the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Potluck will follow the Mass. For directions and information, call 802-896-6000 or check their webpage: ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org. Please use the directions from their webpage, not your GPS.