

August 23, 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 -21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." These departing disciples followed Jesus to a point, but when they encountered a teaching they didn't like, they decided to leave. That was their free choice. And Jesus respected their freedom by letting them go. Then, he turned to the Twelve Apostles and asked, "Do you also want to leave?" Thankfully for us and the entire history of Christianity, Peter replied, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

We have the same choice to make. Will we follow Jesus no matter what, or will we abandon our faith in him if his ways become too uncomfortable? Our decision, too, makes an impact on history. What we choose--how we live our lives, how we witness to the world around us, how we minister to our friends and neighbors, and how we raise our children--all makes a difference. If our faith only goes as far as our comfort zone, then our witness will be a weak one. But if we stand firm, aligning ourselves with Christ even when being Christian means being unpopular or countercultural, then we will make a difference. We won't just be swept along in a stream of indifferent, lukewarm people who are more interested in maintaining the status quo than in living a life that bears witness to the truth.

In today's Old Testament reading, Joshua speaks about choices to the Jewish people. He urges them, and us, "Decide today whom you will serve." And then, he courageously declares, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." May we have the courage of Joshua to make the right decision and stay faithful to the Lord.

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Readings for the Week of August 23, 2015

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,708.00 Maintenance: \$15.00
Feast of the Assumption: \$153.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$525.00

NEEDED EACH WEEK: \$2,935.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 76 9:30 a.m.: 128

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Aug. 22 4:30 p.m. For Victor Giroux requested by his wife, Mona, and Family.

Sun. Aug. 23 9:30 a.m. For Thomas Carroll requested by his daughter-in-law, Mary-Margaret Carroll.

Sat. Aug. 29 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Carmen Cote.

Sun. Aug. 30 9:30 a.m. For the Raino Family requested by the Gruppi Family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, August 24, 2015

Anne Donegan
Stan Haselton
Brenda Waters

Schedule of Ministries: August 29 and 30, 2015

4:30 p.m. Greeters: Dawn Griswold
Cathy Bombardier
Altar Server: Annie Dufault
Snow Lindemuth
Lector: Mike Bullock
Extraordinary Min.: Peggy Cioffi

9:30 a.m. Greeters: Jim Ross
Charlene VanSleet
Altar Server: Max Destito
Emma Destito
Lector: Sue McGuire
Extraordinary Min.: Peter May

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-8/25 Senior Meal at Noon
-9/01 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m. in the hall
-9/02 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory
-9/13 2nd Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.
-9/14 Parish Wide Potluck Supper at 6:00 p.m.
-9/27 1st Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: This week, what concrete action on my part will show unequivocally that I have decided to stay with Christ in eucharistic discipleship?

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.

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.

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.

Bishop's Fund: Our Parish is now at 117.21% (\$23,658) toward our overall goal of \$20,200. A huge thank you to those who have been able to support this Year's Annual Appeal. As a reminder, in recent days, you may have received another opportunity by mail from Fr. Cray to make a pledge to this year's Appeal if you have not done so. Please consider offering your support to both sustaining and new diocesan ministries and initiatives. Be sure to check bishopsfund.org for updates, as well as on the diocesan site at vermontcatholic.org. God bless you for your wonderful support of our diocese.

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

St. Jude Parish Potluck Dinner: The St. Jude Parish Potluck Dinner is scheduled for **Monday, September 14** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to come, visit with fellow parishioners and not worry about having to make a complete meal. We are asking everyone to bring something based on the first letter of your last name: **A-D: Drinks; E-K: Side Dish, Salad, Hor'dourves, Chips & Dip; L-O: Dessert; P-Z: Main Dish.** Hope to see you there!!

Card Shower: Brenda Wilson, who was part of the Faith in Action Helping Hands Sewing Group, moved to New York a couple of years ago. Her health has greatly diminished in the past year. We are asking parishioners from St. Jude's and OLMC to send her "Thinking of You" cards or notes. We will be collecting these and sending them over to her in September/October. If you would send to send her a card or note, please place it in the box which will be in the lobby beginning next weekend. Thank you.

Bus to World Meeting of Families Closing Mass: A bus to the closing Papal Mass for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia is scheduled to leave St. Thomas Church in Underhill Center, on **Sunday, September 27 at 3:00 a.m.,** arriving in Philadelphia about 11:15 a.m. The closing Mass is at 4:00 p.m. The returning bus will leave Philadelphia at 8:00 p.m., arriving at St. Thomas Church about **4:15 a.m. on Monday morning.** The cost is \$120. Register online at <http://rallybus.net/burlington-papal-pilgrimage/#city>. For more information contact Laura Lynch Wells at 802-899-4770.

Saving Our Common Home: A Symposium on Integral Ecology: Laudato Si – Pope Francis' Encyclical On the Environment. **Saving Our Common Home: A Symposium on Integral Ecology** on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at McCarthy Recital Hall, Saint Michael's College from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Keynote speaker is John Allen, Associate Editor of the Boston Globe and foremost commentator on the Catholic Church. Panel includes Dr. Jon Erickson, Professor at the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources and Fellow of the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics at UVM, Sister Bernadette Bostwick, Co-founder of the Green Mountain Monastery and Dr. Clive Gray, retired Third World Development economist, formerly of Harvard Institute for International Development. Free and Open to the Public.

Catholic Mom's Group: There will be a Catholic Mom's Group meeting on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 16 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in St. Peter's Parish Hall in Vergennes. If you are interested or would like more info, please call Karrinne Johnson at 343-3063 or email at karrinne.johnson@gmail.com or Molly Turro at 343-8607 or email at molly.turro@gmail.com.



*Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe
and are convinced that you are the Holy
One of God."* — Jn 6:67-69

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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.

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)

Building Vermont's Moral Economy: Vermont Interfaith Action invites you to join with other people of faith throughout the state in "**Building Vermont's Moral Economy**". Learn what the inequities are in our system, meet other like-minded people, enjoy light refreshments, and discover ways to take action toward positive change. Events will be held throughout the state over the next few months. The event closest to you is in Burlington on Wednesday, August 26 at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, 188 No. Prospect Street from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Ingram at 802-310-4625 or debbie@viavt.org. Also check out the poster on the bulletin board for other dates and sites to attend.