

September 13, 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 –24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In this famous passage about Christian discipleship, we usually tend to focus on Jesus' call to take up our cross. This can feel frightening or unattractive to us. It can seem as though the choice to be Christian is a choice for pain and suffering. But we must not forget the last part of this verse: Jesus tells us to follow him. He is walking this journey ahead of us. He is the one who first takes up the cross. We are simply called to follow in his footsteps.

Think of how much easier it is to follow a path that someone else has already trod. Think about hiking, for example, and consider what's involved in "blazing your own trail." You have to advance face-first into the brambles and bushes; you have to navigate the right direction to your destination; you have to scale the hills and cross the waters without the aid of stair or bridge. On the other hand, when we hike on a path that someone else has created, we are spared all of these extra trials. Yes, the journey may still be intense, but we make it with great comfort and confidence, knowing that we are going in the right direction and that we have every advantage along the way thanks to someone else's efforts.

This is what it is to follow the path of Christ. Every human person will have their "crosses," whether they are Christian or not. Physical pain, disappointment, rejection, grief, and the like are not unique to the followers of Jesus. What's unique is that our Lord and Savior has walked this path before us. Through his passion and cross, Jesus has taken all of this into his own hands, blazing a trail that safely leads each of us to the joy of resurrection.

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Readings for the Week of September 13, 2015

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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**Offertory Last Week: \$1,703.06 Maintenance: \$457.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$563.00**

NEEDED EACH WEEK: \$2,935.00

**Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 53 9:30 a.m.: 119**

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Sept. 12 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Carmen Cote.

Sun. Sept. 13 9:30 a.m. For Roger Strong Jr. requested by his family.

Sat. Sept. 19 4:30 p.m. For Anne Gardner requested by her husband, George.

Sun. Sept. 20 9:30 a.m. For JP Giroux requested by his family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, September 14, 2015

Becky Cook
Ann Thomas
Brenda Waters

Schedule of Ministries: September 19 and 20, 2015

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Dawn Griswold Cathy Bombardier
	Altar Server:	Annie Dufault Peter Stewart
	Lector:	Mike Bullock
	Extraordinary Min.:	Mike Bullock Dawn Griswold Theresa Aube
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	The Meyer Family
	Altar Server:	Theresa Christiansen
	Lector:	Alexis Meyer
	Extraordinary Min.:	Sandy May Peter May Sue McGuire

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-9/13 2nd Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.
-9/14 Parish Wide Potluck Supper at 6:00 p.m.
-9/15 Senior Meal at Noon
-9/15 Women's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.
-9/17 Salvation Army Dinner
-9/19 & 9/20 Food Shelf Weekend
-9/27 1st Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: What shape does my particular cross take? What is the heaviest aspect of it? Forgetting my own cross for a moment, whose cross do I need to help carry this week?

Men's and Women's Discussion Groups: The Women's Discussion Group will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. All women are welcome. The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All men are welcome.

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.

Youth Mass and Pancake Breakfast: With the beginning of our Religious Ed Classes we also begin the monthly Youth Masses and Pancake Breakfasts. The first Youth Mass and Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, September 27 beginning with the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The cost of the breakfast is \$8/adults; \$5/child; \$23/family (2 adults and 2 or more children).

Religious Ed Classes: Our Religious Ed Classes for Kindergarten through 8th grades will begin September 14 beginning with the Parish Wide Potluck Dinner. Religious Ed information has been sent out. If you have a school age child and did not receive a registration packet, please call Marie at 482-2290 (office) or email at marietcookson@aol.com and a registration packet will be sent to you. There is also information on the table in the lobby.

PLEASE NOTE: We are in need of help in the 5th grade class. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com. Thank you.

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation Classes for the 2nd Year students begin on Sunday, September 13 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude Parish. The 1st Year students will begin on Sunday, September 27 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Information and registration forms for the 1st and 2nd Year students has been sent out. If you did not receive the info and have a child who should be in this program, please call 425-2637, 482-2290 or marietcookson@aol.com and info will be sent to you. PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM.

Salvation Army Dinner: The next Salvation Army Dinner is scheduled for **Thursday, September 17**. We will be serving Baked Beans, Hotdogs & Rolls, Potato Salad, Chips and Milk. There are sign-up sheet for food and workers in the lobby. We need enough food to feed approximately 150 people. Food needs to be at St. Jude's by 3:00 p.m. on September 17. Workers meet at the Salvation Army by 4:30 p.m. and are usually finished by 6:30 p.m.

Bishop's Fund: Our Parish is now at 120.62% (\$24,366) toward our overall goal of \$20,200. A huge thank you to those who have been able to support this Year's Annual Appeal. 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.

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!!

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 September 15 (due to scheduling conflicts on Sept. 8) and 22 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

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.



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." — Mk 8:34-35

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Food Shelf Weekend: Next weekend, September 19 & 20, is Food Shelf Weekend. Won't you please bring a non-perishable food item, paper product or cleaning product for the Hinesburg Food Shelf to help a neighbor in need? Thank you.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: As in past years the RCIA will be conducted for our deanery on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. John Vianney Church in South Burlington. **Classes will begin on September 23.** Any adults who are interested in being baptized or received into the Church at Easter time should make their desire known to Father Cray as soon as possible so that he can refer them to the director of the program. This is also a great opportunity for Catholics to use this as a refresher course in our faith.

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 \$165. There is also a bus leaving from the Diocesan Office in South Burlington for \$160, and a bus from Shaw's Supermarket in Fair Haven for \$125. Register online at <http://rallybus.net/burlington-papal-pilgrimage/#city>.

Women's Retreat: There will be a Women's Retreat on October 2 through October 4. The director of the retreat is Sr. Julia Werner, RSM. The theme is "How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place, O God". It will take place at Mount Saint Mary, 100 Mansfield Ave., Burlington. Cost of the weekend is \$125 for those commuting; \$150 for two night's lodging. The weekend begins with registration at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2 and ends Sunday at 11:30 a.m. To register or for more information, please call Sr. Ruth Ravey at 658-5494 or email at 33mercyvt@gmail.com.

World Marriage Encounter: Married Couples: Are you exercising and dieting, jogging, swimming, and playing tennis to stay fit and trim? What are you doing to keep your marriage in good shape? Why not try a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend? The upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is on October 23-25 at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte. For info or to register, contact Gary & Lynn Root at vtroot@together.net or call 802-456-8114 or go online to www.wmvevt.org.