

September 20, 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 –25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." This statement from Jesus is actually very similar to the famous passage from Matthew's Gospel where he says, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (25:40). But in Matthew, this idea of serving Jesus by serving others is applied to more dramatic cases: the hungry and thirsty, the sick and imprisoned, the naked and the stranger. Isn't it interesting to note that caring for children can also be a way of experiencing Christ's presence among us?

For many people, "receiving" a child is part of their daily routine. Those of us who are parents obviously welcome children into our families and continue to serve them throughout their lives. Grandparents, siblings, other relatives, foster parents, and sometimes neighbors and friends also make room in their homes and their hearts to welcome the children God has placed in their circle. Teachers, physicians, therapists, and others who work with children on a professional level are also in the "business" of receiving children. How wonderful to think that all of this normal activity can offer us the opportunity to encounter Christ!

Because dealing with children can become routine, or at times even be filled with challenges and frustrations, we might need to pause to remind ourselves about the blessings that they bring. Certainly their joy and innocence is a gift in itself, but in today's Gospel we are reminded that their presence brings more than that. When we serve children in a spirit of generosity, when we "receive" them as they are--with all that entails--we are in turn receiving Jesus ... who first came to us as a child.

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Readings for the Week of September 20, 2015

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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Second Collection Next Week for Catholic University

Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m.: 86 9:30 a.m.: 151

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.

Sat. Sept. 27 4:30 p.m. For Victor Giroux requested by his wife, Mona.

Sun. Sept. 28 9:30 a.m. For the Gruppi Family requested by the Family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, September 21, 2015

Dick Stowe
George Gardner
Judi Maculan

Schedule of Ministries: September 26 & 27, 2015

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Joanne & Lee Cross
	Altar Server:	2 nd Yr. Conf. Students
	Lector:	Mike New
	Extraordinary Min.:	Joanne Cross

9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	CCD Students
	Altar Server:	CCD Students
	Lector:	CCD Students
	Extraordinary Min.:	Mark Cummings

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-9/19 & 9/20 Food Shelf Weekend
-9/21 CCD Classes for Kindergarten - 8th Grades at 6:30 p.m.
-9/22 Senior Meal at Noon
-9/26 2nd Yr. Confirmation Potluck following the 4:30 p.m. Mass
-9/27 Youth Mass at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Pancake Breakfast
-9/27 Rich Dowe from the Red Cross at 9:30 a.m. Mass
-9/27 1st Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.
-10/2 Eucharistic Adoration following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Question of the Week: How do "jealousy and selfish ambition" manifest themselves in my life? Specifically, what do I have to do to become more childlike in bearing witness to Christ?

Men's and Women's Discussion Groups: The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The Women's Group will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. All are welcome.

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 next 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 have begun. If you have not yet registered your child, please do so this week as our regular classes have begun. 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.

Confirmation Classes: 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.

***There will be a Potluck Dinner next Saturday, September 26 for all 2nd year Confirmation students and their families. It is very important that you attend. Info will be emailed to families this week concerning the dinner.

Food Shelf Weekend: This 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.

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.

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

Blessing of the Animals: There will be a Blessing of the Animals on Monday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Jude parking lot in observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Everyone is invited to bring their pets for this blessing. The rain date for this event is Monday, October 12.

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.

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.

World Apostolate of Fatima—Blue Army Vermont: Everyone, (member and non-member) is invited to join the evening Rosary Prayer and Mass in remembering the last apparition of Our Lady to the three Children of Fatima (Oct. 13, 1917) on Tuesday, October 13 at Our Lady of Grace Church in Colchester. Rosary prayer at 6:00 p.m., followed by a short procession, and Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner at the church hall. For more info please call Yorini Undyantara at 864-0561.



“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.”

— Mk 9: 35 b - 37 a

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

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.

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.

40 Days for Life: Burlington will be participating in a world wide effort to pray for an end to abortion. This is a very effective effort that has saved the lives of thousands of babies including some in Burlington. They will pray in the vicinity of Planned Parenthood, 183 St. Paul Street from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. starting September 23 through November 1. Those who can help pray at the vigil are asked to please sign up on the website www.40daysforlife/burlington for as many or as few hours as you can or call Agnes Clift at 802-648-0690.

Life Chain In Burlington: LIFE CHAIN will be held on Sunday, October 4 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. It is a peaceful, prayerful, and legal public witness of pro-life individuals praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Folks of all denominations will stand in silent prayer for one hour while holding pro-life signs. Gather in front of Edmunds Elementary School on Main Street in Burlington (near South Union Street) on Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 p.m. Signs are provided. For more information contact Ethel Brousseau at 893-1168.