

# November 8, 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 -32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." Just two small coins, worth only a few cents--this was the greatest contribution of the day? Jesus explains that this widow's tiny sum was generous in a way that the larger amounts people gave were not. Others made noticeable, "impressive" donations to the Temple treasury, which in fact cost them nothing. These were simply "from their surplus wealth." But the poor widow "contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." She was truly generous, giving what cost her dearly. Her contribution was made out of love, not just out of obligation or for the sake of show.

God has given us all different "livelihoods." Some of us have more money, more talents, more resources. Some of us have less. But of course we know that God's love for us is not based on this external data. He loves the rich and the poor alike. The question is whether this external data affects our love for God. Sometimes, those who are poor are more aware of God's providence and protection. Sometimes, they are bitter. As for those who are rich, it can be tempting to feel so comfortable and complacent that they don't recognize their need for God or his action in their lives. But Jesus' message challenges us all today to gratefully give back to God in thanks for whatever he has given us, be it small or great. We are called not to give from our surplus but to share from our very livelihood. That is to say, we are called to acknowledge that our livelihood itself, no matter the details, is a gift from God. Let us follow the wisdom of the widow who showed gratitude for what she had and was truly generous in spite of what she lacked.

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## **Readings for the Week of November 8, 2015**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44  
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22  
Tuesday: Wis 2:23--3:9/Lk 17:7-10  
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19  
Thursday: Wis 7:22b--8:1/Lk 17:20-25  
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37  
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8  
Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

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**Offertory Last Week: \$2,278.51      Fuel: \$25.00**  
**Priest Benefit: \$8.00      Maintenance: \$135.00**  
**All Saints: \$186.00**  
**Online Giving Last Week: \$-0-**

**NEEDED EACH WEEK: \$2,935.00**

**Second Collection This Week for Maintenance**

**Attendance Last Week:**  
4:30 p.m.: 75    9:30 a.m.: 124

## **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. Nov. 7 4:30 p.m.** For Hilda Griffin requested by Theresa and Steve Aube.  
**Sun. Nov. 8 9:30 a.m.** For Freda Tabor-Grassley requested by her sister, June Giroux.  
**Sat. Nov. 14 4:30 p.m.** For Vic Giroux requested by Helen and Francis Dupoise.  
**Sun. Nov. 15 9:30 a.m.** For All Souls

## **Pray for Vocations**

### **Schedule of Counters: Monday, November 9, 2015**

Stan Haselton  
George Gardner  
Ann Thomas

### **Schedule of Ministries: November 14 and 15, 2015**

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	CCD Students
	Altar Server:	CCD Students
	Lector:	CCD Students
	Extraordinary Min.:	Donna Shepardson
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	1 <sup>st</sup> Yr. Confirmation
	Altar Server:	Theresa Christiansen
	Lector:	1 <sup>st</sup> Yr. Confirmation
	Extraordinary Min.:	Sue McGuire

### **Calendar of St. Jude Events:**

-11/07 & 08 Knights of Columbus Talk  
-11/08 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.  
-11/10 Senior Meal at Noon  
-11/12 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
-11/14 Youth Mass and Pasta Dinner beginning at 4:30 p.m.  
-11/14 & 15 Kids At Christmas Sign Up begins  
-11/15 1<sup>st</sup> Yr. Confirmation Mass and Class at 9:30 a.m.

**Question of the Week:** In these tough economic times, when the virtue of prudence demands careful stewardship of our limited resources, what will it mean for me, this week and during the holiday season, to give "all I have"?

**Daily Mass:** There will be **NO** daily Mass from November 9 to November 13 (Monday-Friday) due to Father Cray being away for Edmundite business. In the event of an emergency, please contact Msgr. Michael DeForte at 985-2373.

**Men's and Women's Discussion Groups:** The Women's Group will meet on **Tuesday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m.** in the rectory. The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All 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.

## Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of this Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/2015:

-Offertory Income for this period was \$35,043 compared to \$36,450 for the prior year, a decrease of \$1,407 or -3.9%.  
-Total Income including Offertory, Fund Raisers, Gifts, Bequests and Miscellaneous Income for the period was \$40,338 compared to \$47,601 for the prior year's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, a decrease of \$7,263 or -15.3%.  
-St. Jude's had Net Loss of \$2,533 for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter compared to a Net Gain of \$4,653 for the prior year's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, a decrease of \$7,186 or -154.4%.  
-Total Cash as of 9/30/2015 WAS \$101,789 compared to \$114,234 at 9/30/2014, a decrease of (\$12,455) or -10.9%.  
Please note that the loss and decrease in cash is due to the fall off of income, pre-purchase of parking lot lights and the painting and renovations of the church hall.

**Civil War Veterans Remembrance:** A ceremony will be held in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery in Charlotte on Sunday, November 8 at 2:00 p.m. to honor the eleven Civil War veterans buried or commemorated there, to rededicate their monuments—some recently restored and one brand new—and to pray at their graves. It is amazing that eleven members of this brand new parish (founded in 1858) were among the record number of Vermonters who went off to defend the Union, two brothers never coming home and being buried in Virginia. In case of bad weather, the rain date will be November 15 at 2:00 p.m.

**Parish Council Meeting:** There will be a Parish Council Meeting this Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. All are welcome.

**Youth Mass and Pasta Dinner:** The November Youth Mass will be held on **Saturday, November 14 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.** This will be followed by a Pasta Dinner. Cost of the Pasta Dinner is \$10/adult; \$7/child and seniors; \$30/family (2 adults and 2 or more children). If you would like to help with the Pasta Dinner please contact Lisa Boutin at 879-2896. We hope to see you there.

**Remembering our Deceased:** We have a permanent book to record the names of our deceased faith members and friends to be remembered at Mass during the month of November. This book will be available starting this week in the lobby.

**For I Was Hungry And You Fed Me:** Your support of the Bishop deGoesbriand Appeal for Human Development makes a real difference in the daily lives of Vermonters. This Appeal is named in honor of Vermont's first Bishop. In 2014, thanks to your generosity, Vermont Catholic Charities awarded grants to 12 agencies that provided 67,350 meals. Please donate to the second collection the weekend of November 21 & 22. **100% of the collection stays in Vermont.**

**Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity Needs Volunteers at the Williston ReStore:** The ReStore is Habitat's thrift store where profits from the sale of donated household and construction items are used to build simple, energy efficient, and affordable Habitat for Humanity Homes in Chittenden County. Volunteer duties include receiving and sorting donations, pricing and stocking shelves, assisting customers and so much more! If you have a few hours a week, or even a few hours a month to volunteer at the ReStore, please contact [volunteer@vermonthabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@vermonthabitat.org) or call 318-7533 during business hours for more information. Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity is always seeking volunteers to build at their home sites in addition to the ReStore.



**A** poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." — Mk 12:42-43

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**Food Shelf Weekend:** The weekend of November 21 & 22, is Food Shelf Weekend. Won't you please bring a non-perishable food item for your neighbors in need? Thank you.

**Looking for Yarn:** St. Joseph's Home in Burlington is looking for yarn for the residences to knit mittens for the WCAX Mitten Tree. These mittens are given to local schools and daycare centers. If you have any yarn you would like to donate, please leave in the box in the lobby. Thank you.

**Senior Meals:** St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for November 10 and 24 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

**Salvation Army Dinner:** St. Jude's will be providing a Thanksgiving dinner at the Salvation Army on Wednesday, November 25. We are looking for food donations along with monetary donations. We will be purchasing the turkeys, potatoes and ice cream. Any extra funds will be used for future dinners.

\*\*\*We are looking for food donations of coleslaw, corn, cranberry sauce, gravy, rolls, desserts and milk. We are also looking for people to help serve. Sign up sheets are in the lobby. Food needs to be at St. Jude's on **November 25 by 1:30 p.m.** Workers at the Salvation Army by 4:00 p.m. **We need enough food to feed approximately 150 people.**

**Helping the Homeless:** The Driver Family (Andrew, Chrissy and children) is collecting monetary donations for the homeless in our area. They are hoping to give 15 homeless families at COTS each \$100 in gifts cards (\$50 calling cards and \$50 Hannaford cards). They will be handing these out on Christmas Eve. They are accepting donations until December 20<sup>th</sup>. Look for the collection jar in the lobby. Thank you.

**Christmas Eve Puppet Show:** In keeping with the Christmas Eve Mass tradition at St. Jude's we are planning on having the Puppet Show at the 7:00 p.m. Mass. However, we are in need of someone to coordinate this and set up a rehearsal. If you are interested in coordinating this Christmas event, please contact Marie Cookson at 482-2290 or email at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com). For more information, please contact Sandy May at 482-3339.