April 17, 2016

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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 -Fourth Sunday of Easter

"Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." How blessed we are to be the "sheep" of such a Good Shepherd! Jesus promises that "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." When we follow the voice of our Shepherd, he leads us exactly where we want to go. But, of course, it's up to us to make sure that we recognize this voice.

In today's culture, many voices are competing for our attention. The voice of the media is a loud one, entering our homes and families through television, the Internet, print materials, and so on. We are also more and more a culture whose ears are literally filled with the voices of our favorite singers and the sounds of our personal playlists--the sight of people marching through their day with earphones blocking out other sounds is now a common sight. All of this has its appropriate place. We simply need to be sure that we don't allow these voices to become the primary ones in our lives.

To hear the voice of Jesus, we need to encounter his word in the Bible where he speaks to us loud and clear. We need to fill our ears with the message of the Gospel, to listen attentively to the prayers and preaching at Mass, and to "tune in" to the teaching of the Church and of the Holy Father, which is easily available to anyone these days through those same media outlets mentioned above.

All of these things will help us to stay close to our Shepherd, and to avoid going astray into regions where we might get lost in spite of ourselves. Jesus promises of those who hear his voice and follow him that, "No one can take them out of my hand." When we stay near the Lord, we can rest assured that he will fulfill his promises.

Readings for the Week of April 17, 2016

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Jn 10:1-10 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Jn 12:44-50 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Offertory Last Week: \$2,655.20 Easter: \$75.00 Maintenance: \$87.00 Pancake Breakfast (Discretionary Fund): \$277.73 Online Giving Last Week: \$140.00

Second Collection Next Week for Catholic Home Missions

Attendance Last Week: 4:30 p.m.: 63 9:30 a.m.: 158

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Apr. 16 4:30 p.m. For Margaret, Keith, Danny and David Stokes requested by the family.

Sun. Apr. 17 9:30 a.m. For the Deceased Pastors of St. Jude Parish.

Sat. Apr. 23 **4:30 p.m.** For the Intentions of Cecile

Auger requested by her daughter. Carmen Cote.

Sun. Apr. 24 9:30 a.m. For Paul Casey requested by his family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, April 18, 2016

Lee Cross George Gardner Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: April 23 & 24, 2016

The Dufault Family 4:30 p.m. Greeters:

Annie Dufault Altar Server: Patton Griswold Sue Hoeppner Lector:

Donna Shepardson Extraordinary Min.:

9:30 a.m. Greeters: Jim Ross

Chris Meyer Grace Buzzell Sophia Bisbee

Rodney Strong Lector: Sue McGuire Extraordinary Min.:

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-4/19 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Altar Server:

-4/26 Senior Meal at Noon

-4/27 Salvation Army Dinner

-5/01 2nd Year Confirmation Rehearsal and Potluck

-5/02 First Communion Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

-5/03 Men's Group at 7:00 p.m.

-5/06 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.

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Question of the Week: As a lamb who was lost but is now found, how can I join Jesus this week in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home at least one precious lamb?

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.

Lenten Baby Bottle Campaign: Thank you for participating in the Care Net Baby Bottle Campagin. Please remember to bring your bottles back as soon as possible. Thank you for being a part of this ministry.

Parish Potluck Dinner: Thank you to everyone who attended the parish potluck dinner on Monday. We had a wonderful turnout and lots of great food and company.

Salvation Army: The next Salvation Army Dinner will be Wednesday, April 27. We will be serving Shepherd's Pie, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Fruit Breads and Milk. We are also looking for workers. We need enough food to feed approximately 150 people. Sign up sheets for food donations and workers are in the lobby. Food donations need to be at the church by 3:00 p.m. on April 27. Workers meet at the Salvation Army by 4:30 p.m. and are usually finished by 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Marie at 482-2290.

Toiletry Kit Lenten Collection: We are continuing to collect toiletry items for the less fortunate. We have ziplock bags with a list of items in each one. You can either buy some or all of the items on the lists. The items will be categorized as most needed (toothpaste, soap, etc.) or less needed (lotions, body wipes, etc.). There will also be a box in the lobby for folks who would like to help with this collection but don't want to fill a whole bag. It is our hope to fill 200 bags to give out to clients at the Salvation Army, COTS or St. Joseph's Home.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, because educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and service their parishes. Please strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.

What Is A Meal Train? There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out"? The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a Meal Train.

--A meal train for the **Dubuc's** has been set up to help during this recent health crisis. You can use the unique web address for their meal train below to view the calendar to pick a date for making/delivering a meal if you'd like to help out. Thank you. http://mealtrain.com/747kn2.

--As you may have heard, James Donegan, son of Roger and Anne Donegan from St. Jude Parish, began chemotheraphy treatment for lymphoma this past week at UVM Medical Center. A meal train has been set up for him and his wife, Sara, and their daughter, Ruby. This is to provide meals or help with housework, errands, childcare transportation, etc. Their meal train is https://mealtrain.com/0z37q9. Also, YouCaring - https://www.youcaring.com/james-and-sara-donegan-538326/update/446362 to donate to James, Sara and Ruby to ensure James receives high-quality treatment and to offset the cost of their more limited time and energy for farming.

Mass of Healing for Abused: Four Evening Prayer of the Night services for victims of child abuse and neglect will be held in the month of April to commemorate April as National Child Abuse Awareness Month. Each service will take place in a different region of the state in order to afford everyone the opportunity to attend an accessible service. All services are on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. The one in our area will be held at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington.

Did You Know? The Diocese of Burlington continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families. In April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Diocese of Burlington wants to reiterate that it remains committed to helping survivors and their families heal and find peace. If you believe you or someone you know is a victim of sexual abuse by a clergy member or a Church employee or volunteer, please contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline at (866) 485-2488. Your story needs to be heard.



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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 April 26 and May 10 and 24 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

COTS Walk—Walkers Needed: The Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) is putting a call out for walkers for the annual COTS Walk, set for **Sunday, May 1.** Check in at 1:00 p.m.; walk begins at 2:00 p.m. On May 1, adults, youth and children from throughout northern Vermont are invited to gather at Battery Park to walk the 3-mile route a person who is homeless might take to connect with shelter and services. Walkers will visit COTS program sites, meet COTS staff, and see firsthand how the money they raise is put to work to end homelessness in our community. About half of COTS' annual budget comes directly from community support—and events like the COTS Walk. The goal this year is to raise \$200,000. For more information or to register, visit, www.cotsonline.org.

What Is Young Life (YL)? YL introduces adolescents and young adults to Jesus Christ, helping them grow in their faith. Young Life greatly appreciates the work that local churches do among teens. YL complements that work by reaching out to kids who might not attend activities at a local church. They are non-denominational, encouraging kids to live connected to the Body of Christ by being an active member of their local congregation. YL at CVU is new, arriving to our high school community last fall, yet Young Life as an organization is celebrating their 75th year. They are tried and true to the cause of going to where the young adults are and building personal relationships with them, giving them the opportunity to meet Jesus and follow Him. As members of our beautiful Catholic faith both at St. Jude's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we serve the CVU community. There are many ways to help bring Jesus' love to our young adults. Here are a few ways we can help support the Young Life mission. They will be doing a yard sale at the Hinesburg Yard Sale Day on Saturday, May 14 at St. Jude's Church. There will also be a Golf Tournament and dinner on Saturday, July 23 at Cedar **Knoll Golf Course.** Ways to help are: Begin collecting items to donate to the yard sale; Assist with the yard sale; Sponsor a hole as a bussiness at the golf tournament; sign up to play golf or gather your own foursome; Pray. The leaders need faith to to into the school and make connections while the Young Adults need the strength of our prayers to help them in achieving their highest and truest potential that only God can provide with His perfect love. For more info or to help, please contact Tricia Sulva (OLMC) at <a href="mailto:mail or Katie Nickitas-Tallman (YL Leader) at knickitas@gmail.com.