

May 8, 2016

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We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hoppers 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 –Seventh Sunday of Easter

"...That the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them." In this beautiful and heartfelt prayer to God the Father, Jesus expresses his deep desire for unity. He prays that "those who will believe in me... may all be one." This unity is meant to be an effect of the love that believers experience through their own unity with God. When we are filled with the love of God, we can truly be united to one another.

Why? Because God's love loves everyone. God's love sees the dignity of every human person, made in his own image. God's love does not allow room for grudges and schisms. It is always ready to forgive and embrace. This kind of love leads to the interpersonal unity that Jesus prayed we would have for one another.

But, alas, we get into fights. We argue, we criticize, we take revenge. We cause division where there ought to be unity. It's especially tragic when this happens among Christians. Whether it be petty infighting in a parish setting, family strife among those who practice the same faith, or animosity among Catholics and members of other Christian denominations, it matters little. All of these situations stand in stark contrast to the unity that Jesus desired for us. Being instruments of this true Christian unity begins in our own hearts.

Instead of finding fault in others, we would do well to ask ourselves how open we truly are to God's love. Have we, like Jesus, prayed that this divine love would be in us? Have we tried to look upon others with the loving eyes of God? When we approach the inevitable conflicts in life with a heart full of God's love, we can begin to serve as ambassadors of the unity that Christ so deeply desired.

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Readings for the Week of May 8, 2016

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Rom 8:8-17/Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
20:19-23

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,487.50
Maintenance: \$958.50
Online Giving Last Week: \$-0-

Second Collection Next Week for Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 73 9:30 a.m.: 183

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. May 7 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Carmen Cote.
Sun. May 8 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.
Mon. May 9 8:00 a.m. For a Special Intention.
Sat. May 10 4:30 p.m. For George St. Gelais requested by Steve and Theresa Aube.
Sun. May 11 9:30 a.m. For Anne Gardner requested by her husband, George.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, May 9, 2016

John Calcagni
Andrew Driver
Grace Link

Schedule of Ministries: May 14 & 15, 2016

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Karen Fox Cathy Bombardier
	Altar Server:	Becca Syverson Hannah Shepardson
	Lector:	Joan Magnant
	Extraordinary Min.:	Donna Shepardson
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	1 st Yr. Confirmation Hunter Driver
	Altar Server:	Kali Turner
	Lector:	1 st Yr. Confirmation Dan Smith
	Extraordinary Min.:	

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-5/08 First Communion at 9:30 a.m.
-5/10 Senior Meal at Noon
-5/16 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-5/17 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-5/18 Red Cross Blood Drive at 12:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: What part of my daily life qualifies me as a "sourpuss"? How can I become a joyful "missionary disciple" of Jesus' gospel?

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.

Parish Council Meeting: Due to Confirmation being held on Thursday, May 12, we are rescheduling the parish council meeting for Monday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Saint Jude's Nine Month Financial Summary – 7/01/2015 thru 03/31/2016:

--Offertory Income for this period was \$107,899 compared to \$113,098 for the prior year comparable period, a decrease of \$5,199 or -4.6%.

--Total Income including Offertory, Fund Raisers, Gifts, Bequests and Miscellaneous Income for the period was \$138,640 compared to \$150,262 for the prior year comparable period, a decrease of \$11,622 or -7.70%.

--St. Jude's had a New Loss of (\$19,666) for the 9 months ending 03/31/16 compared to a Net Gain of \$4,917 for the prior year comparable period.

--Total Cash as of 03/31/2016 was \$91,703 compared to \$114,595 on 03/31/2015, a decrease of (-\$22,892) or -20%.

First Communion: We have 7 students who will be receiving their First Communion this Sunday, May 8 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Confirmation: We have 9 students who will be confirmed on Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 18 at St. Jude Parish from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Walk-in or for an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.

Birthright Fundraiser: Birthright's Annual Carnation fundraiser will take place next weekend, Mother's Day weekend, after each Mass. Our parish will give out carnations to all mothers. A donation has been made to Birthright in support of its life-affirming work and there will be a basket to accept more donations. Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service for women in crisis pregnancies and provides unconditional support to the woman to help her carry her baby to term. Birthright's guiding principle is: "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born." Birthright of Burlington wishes to give recognition and honor to all mothers, and appreciates your support! For more information on Birthright, or if you are interested in volunteering, please visit their website at www.birthright.org or call at 865-0056.

Bishop's Fund: Some folks may have already received letters from Bishop Coyne asking for support of the Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. For those who have yet to receive Bishop's letter, we'd like to notify you that the In Pew Commitment Weekend for the 2016 Appeal will be next weekend. Please consider making a pledge at that time. Substantial administrative and postage costs were saved last year by so many of you embracing this opportunity to support during In Pew Commitment Weekend. Remember, no down payment is necessary. Bishopsfund.org now has a Frequently Asked Questions section that may assist you with additional information. Or, please contact 658-6110 ext. 102 with questions anytime. Thank you for helping to make 2016 a successful appeal!

Faith In Action: Have you been wanting to be more involved in your church and community but just can't seem to figure out how to fit it into a busy schedule? Well the answer is easy—join Faith In Action! On Sunday, May 15 at 12 noon there will be a potluck lunch at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Join them to hear how you can be part of this vibrant group. You can participate with whatever amount of time you feel you can give—no set commitment. They are looking for previous members to rejoin and new members too. Come enjoy meeting new faces and exploring new opportunities to support your church and put your faith into action! Contact Eileen curtis at 425-4432 with any questions. We look forward to meeting you!



“I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one.” — Jn 17:22-23a

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

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe: Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. Your donations help restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please give generously to the collection next week.

Toiletry Kit 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. We are in need especially of toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorants and soap. Thank you.

Young Life Thanks YOU: Young Life would like to thank you all for your time in listening to their message about Young Life (YL) in Chittenden County and specifically at CVU. They received an amazing outpouring of support and interest: after the Masses, in phone calls and emails this past week. They have just begun (!) and as this is an ongoing effort, if you would like to receive the quarterly newsletter via email, please let Tricia Sulva know. Again, they are looking for donated items for the tag sale at **St. Jude's on Saturday, May 14**. They are also looking for business sponsorships for the golf tournament in July and also players for golf. Contact Tricia at majac@gmavt.net. To donate to YL of CC, please use this link: <https://vt22.younglife.org/Pages/giving.aspx> or you may mail a check made out to: Young Life and send to Chittenden County Young Life, PO Box 4281, Burlington, VT 05406. They are so grateful for your enthusiasm and your prayers in helping them on this mission of bringing the opportunity of knowing Jesus to our youth.

Northern Bronz May Concert: Northern Bronze Handbell Ensemble is pleased to present its spring concert series, **“Ringin’ in the Rain and Wadin’ in the Water”**. Come and hear music inspired by water in nature that presents an exciting opportunity for handbells to ring familiar, yet challenging arrangements of tunes. Northern Bronze is a community based handbell ensemble comprised of experienced ringers from the northwest corner of VT, dedicated to sharing the art of ringing English Handbells. Their concert will be on **Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Jude's in Hinesburg**. Tickets are available at the door. General admission: \$12; children under 12 yrs \$8. All are welcome.