

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the Fiscal Year Ending - 6/30/16:

--Offertory Income for this year was \$145,433 compared to \$148,693 for the prior year, a decrease of (\$3,260) or -2.2%.
--Total Income including Offertory, Fund Raisers, Gifts, Bequests and Miscellaneous was \$180,849 compared to \$196,101 for the prior year, a decrease of (\$15,251) or -7.8%.
--St. Jude's had a Net Loss of \$4,249 for the year compared to a Net Gain of \$256 for the prior year, a decrease of (\$4,505).
--Current Assets (Cash & Receivables) on hand as of 6/30/16 were \$101,285 compared to \$122,487 at 6/30/15, a decrease of (\$21,202) or -17.3%.
-Critical capital improvements to the Church, Rectory and Church Grounds amounted to more than \$40,000 during this period and were partially offset by in-kind donations and grants from the Diocese.

Meal Train for the Drivers: A meal train has been set up for the Driver Family from St. Jude Parish while Chrissy undergoes treatment for breast cancer. Andrew and Chrissy are the young couple who lived at the St. Jude's rectory for four years. Please consider signing up to furnish a meal for them during this time. The link to sign up is <https://mealtrain.com/59ool7>. Please contact Marie at 482-2290, 425-2637 or at marietcookson@aol.com if you have any questions.

Jubilee Of Mercy Celebration For Musicians: On August 21 there will be a Jubilee for Musicians at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, 20 Allen Street, Burlington. Musicians, choir members, cantors and all church musicians are invited to celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy. Light refreshments will be served after. All are welcome.

Card Shower: In light of Will Dubuc's most recent health status change, Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Faith In Action is requesting a card shower for him to show him his fellow parishioners (from both parishes) continued caring and support. Please send your well wishes to Will at 94 Wesley Drive, Charlotte, VT 05445. Thank you.

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 July 26 and August 9 and 23 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

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.

Joan Bettis: Joan Bettis, a parishioner at St. Jude's, is looking for someone to bring her to the 4:30 p.m. Mass each week. If you can help out, please contact her at 482-4862. She lives at Kelly's Field in Hinesburg.

Starting the Conversation in VT: The Church is calling for us to live the Joy of the Gospel amidst the New Evangelization. What is the new Evangelization? Why are we being called? How does it apply to Vermont in particular? "Starting the Conversation" is a free diocesan workshop being offered around the state, to provide history and insight into what this new evangelization is, and to equip the faithful with tools and ideas to enrich their parishes and communities. Phil Lawson, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Diocese of Burlington, will be presenting. This workshop will be offered at St. Jude's on August 22 at 6:30 p.m. along with many other sites. Please see the bulletin board for more dates and places. No registration required. All are welcome



"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." — Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD.

An Invitation to Pray For Peace: There will be a Prayer Service For Peace on Tuesday evenings beginning July 26 through August 30 from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Shelburne. The Prayer Service is dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of Peace. Please join them in a communal prayer for peace throughout the world, in our country, in our local community and in our families. All are welcome.

Summer Reflection Series: In July and August, the members of the Society of St. Edmund and Diocesan Priests will present the Summer Reflection Series at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte. The programs begin with the 11:15 a.m. Mass, followed by lunch and a presentation. All are welcome! Reservations are appreciated though not necessary and can be made by calling (802) 928-3362.

-7/27 Br. Michael Carter, SSE Praying with Joan of Arc
-8/03 Rev. Michael Cronogue, SSE Praying with Catherine of Sienna
-8/10 Rev. Joseph McLaughlin, SSE Topic TBA
(More dates and topics in the upcoming weeks)

ANEW Place: The summer is a slow season for volunteer groups and they need help. If you are able to provide a meal to ANEW (formerly Burlington Emergency Shelter), it would be greatly appreciated. Grab a friend, neighbor, co-worker, someone from your church community and visit <http://anewplacevt.org/meals/> to see what days work for you.



Thank you for all your support of the 2016 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. Our Parish is now at \$17,955 (64.66%) of total dollars **pledged** toward our goal of \$23,230. We are answering Pope Francis' call in this Jubilee Year of Mercy to go out to every family and to bring them the goodness and mercy of God. Your generous gifts help to strengthen our collective mission of mercy, charity, hope and love. Please visit bishopsfund.org to see why your contributions matter. **We have a list of parishioners who gave gifts to the Bishop's Fund in the past but have not yet responded to this year's request. It would really be appreciated if these folks would make some response in the next few weeks. Thank you.**