

August 28, 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 -22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Today Jesus instructs us to be generous enough to serve others without expecting repayment. At least, without expecting to be repaid in THIS life. It's interesting that the Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise that if we follow this teaching, we "will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." In other words, God will "repay" our generosity on earth by welcoming us into heaven. Really, what better investment could there possibly be?

It can be tempting to think of our money as purely our own. We work hard to earn it. Or we receive it from others who wanted US to have it. Or luck came our way (and too bad for you that it didn't come your way). We thus feel possessive of our money and often struggle with the idea of giving it away or lending it without hope of being paid back (with interest!). But today's Gospel challenges us with a different perspective. In essence, Jesus tells us to use our money for the sake of others, not just to assure our own earthly comfort. As difficult as this request may be, its important to remember that Jesus honors the sacrifice! This is why he promises repayment in heaven. He understands that it "costs" us a great deal to part with the security of using our money for ourselves alone. He understands that in caring for the poor, we risk putting ourselves in their company.

But God's ways are not the ways of the world. Instead of investing everything in a bank, Jesus asks us to invest in the poor. After all, no bank on earth can possibly provide the infinite rate of return that Jesus promises.

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Readings for the Week of August 28, 2016

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-1
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,046.45 Maintenance: \$20.00
Feast of the Assumption: \$89.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$425.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m.: 65 9:30 a.m.: 115

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Aug. 27 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Carmen Cote.

Sun. Aug. 28 9:30 a.m. For the deceased members of the Raino Family requested by the family.

Sat. Sept. 3 4:30 p.m. For Victor Giroux requested by his wife, Mona.

Sun. Sept. 4 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, August 29, 2016

Anne Donegan
George Gardner
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: September 3 and 4, 2016

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Joanne & Lee Cross
	Altar Server:	Becca Syverson Hannah Shepardson
	Lector:	Joan Magnant
	Extraordinary Min.:	Donna Shepardson Sue Haselton Stan Haselton

9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Charlene VanSleet Tom Giroux
	Altar Server:	Kali Turner Sophia Bisbee
	Lector:	Tom Giroux
	Extraordinary Min.:	Sue McGuire Doug Taff Mike Bullock

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-8/31 Salvation Army Dinner
-9/02 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 p.m.
-9/06 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-9/08 Red Cross Blood Drive at 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.
-9/08 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: How can I honestly offer hospitality this coming week to someone not usually among my welcomed guests?

Presbyteral Days: Father Cray will be away for the annual Diocesan meeting of priests beginning Tuesday, September 6 through Thursday, September 8. There will be **NO** daily mass on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon.

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.

Offertory Y-T-D- Last Year: \$18,506.21
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$18,962.01

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$1,655.23
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$1,612.35

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$2,446.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$2,456.00

Religious Ed Classes: Our Religious Ed Classes for Kindergarten through 8th grades will begin September 12 beginning with the Parish Wide Potluck Dinner. Religious Ed information will be sent out this week. If you have a school age child and do 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 will also be information on the table in the lobby beginning next week.

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation Classes for the 1st Year students begin on Sunday, September 11 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude Parish. The 2nd Year students will begin on Sunday, September 18 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Information and registration forms for the 1st and 2nd Year students will be sent out. If you do 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.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration: St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, September 2, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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 September 13 and 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Red Cross Blood Drive: The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Thursday, September 8 from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.** We are in need of food donations. Please see the sign up sheets in the lobby. There is an urgent need for blood, especially this time of year. Please bring a friend and be sure to have your Blood Donor Card, Photo ID or two forms of ID.

Salvation Army: The next Salvation Army Dinner will be Wednesday, August 31. We will be serving baked beans, hotdogs, rolls, potato salad, chips, watermelon 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 August 31. 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.

Ride Needed: Joan Bettis is looking for a ride to the 4:30 p.m. Mass each week. She lives at Kelly's Field. If you can help, please contact Joan at 482-4862. Thank you.

Jubilee Of Mercy Celebration For Catechists and Teachers: On September 18, "Catechetical Sunday", join us for a Jubilee of Mercy for Catechists and Teachers at 3:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington. All are invited to attend, both Catechists as well as all who would like to pray for our Catechists! Refreshments will be served following the service.



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St. Jude Parish Potluck Dinner: The St. Jude Parish Potluck Dinner is scheduled for **Monday, September 12** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to come, visit with fellow parishioners and not worry about having to make a complete meal. We are asking everyone to bring something based on the first letter of your last name: **A-F: Main Dish; G-K: Drinks; L-R: Side Dish, Salad, Hor'dourves, or Chips & Dip; S-Z: Desserts** Hope to see you there!!

Nativity of Our Blessed Mother: Celebrate Our Blessed Mother's Nativity in Prayer, Adoration, Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist at St. Catherine of Siena, Shelburne, on Thursday, September 8 beginning at 6:00 p.m. and concluding with the Mass at 7:00 p.m. Those interested can bring flowers to leave near Our Lady of Fatima Statue which will be present at the celebration. Refreshments will be served after Mass. All are 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.

UVM and Champlain College Students: If you or someone you know from our parish family is attending UVM or Champlain College please let us know. The Catholic Center at UVM would like to reach out to these students to serve as a link between their home parish and their "Church away from home".



Thank you for all your support of the 2016 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. Our Parish is now at \$21,863 (94.12%) of total dollars **pledged** toward our goal of \$23,230. The Diocese has reached \$2.4M in pledges towards this year's \$2.8M goal. Please help us to achieve this goal! This summer, over 600 youth attended events within our state and throughout New England. The office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry has an additional 6 events planned for youth this fall. In addition, nearly 400 attendees were welcomed to the diocesan New Evangelization Workshops through the office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Bishop Coyne has many additional initiatives planned that will help us to strengthen our Community. This greater outreach and engagement is not possible without the support of our Catholic community in VT. Be sure to check www.vermontcatholic.org and bishopsfund.org for more information. Thank you.