

September 4, 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 -23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." It's a modern misconception to think of Jesus as the ultimate nice guy who only said things that everybody loved to hear. Of course Jesus is the perfect model of charity and compassion, but he also gave some very challenging teachings. Today's Gospel is a case in point. Not many people are thrilled by Christ's lesson today that insists God MUST be first in our lives. Few are those who love to hear this instruction to renounce our beloved things as well as our beloved relationships. But Jesus does not mince words. We are to "hate" our "father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters," and even our own life.

It's important to understand that the use of the word "hate" here does not mean to despise anyone or treat them unkindly. It means rather to prefer something--or Someone--else, namely, God, to these important relationships. Taken in the context of the Gospel as a whole it is clear that Jesus is not advocating cruelty or animosity. On the contrary, just a few weeks ago we heard from Luke 10:27 as Jesus instructed us to love our neighbors as ourselves. However, in putting God first, inevitably something else must take second place. It is a kind of hatred of family, self, and "stuff" when we don't allow these things to become mini-gods in our lives. Instead, we keep God as God.

What does this mean for us? It means not allowing a family member to prevent us from practicing our faith to the fullest, and also not putting our trust in gadgets and gizmos. It means, instead, putting all our trust in God, whatever the cost may be.

Liturgical Publications

Readings for the Week of September 4, 2016

Sunday: Is 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,245.84
Online Giving Last Week: \$50.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 107 9:30 a.m.: 92

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.

Sat. Sept. 10 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Carmen Cote.

Sun. Sept. 11 9:30 a.m. For Roger Strong, Jr. requested by his Family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Anne Donegan
Stan Haselton
Dick Stowe

Schedule of Ministries: September 10 & 11, 2016

4:30 p.m. Greeters: The Dufault Family
 Altar Server: Annie Dufault
 Lector: Sue Hoepfner
 Extraordinary Min.: Peter Dufault
 Erin Dufault
 Judy Thibault

9:30 a.m. Greeters: The Cook Family
 Altar Server: Hunter Driver
 Ethan Cook
 Lector: Mickey Wetzel
 Extraordinary Min.: Stephanie Buzzell
 Tom Buzzell
 Emily Donegan

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-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 must I transform myself to live Jesus' gospel so that I can offer everyone his generous, compassionate, self-sacrificing love?

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.

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.

Offertory Y-T-D- Last Year: \$20,865.84
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$21,207.85

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$1,670.23
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: \$2,506.00

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.**

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: There will be a Parish Council Meeting this Thursday, September 8 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 September 13 and 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

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.

Pray For Peace: Violence and Injustice are tearing our world apart. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated September 9 as a **Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities**. The Burlington Diocese will be hosting an evening of prayer at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (20 Pine Street, Burlington) from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. that evening. Doors of the cathedral will be open to the community. **All are invited** to enter, light a candle, offer an intention, and join together in prayer for peace in our communities. Reconciliation will be available.

Freedom Sunday: Freedom Sunday is September 25. Today over 45 million people are held in slavery and 1 in 4 slaves are children. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will host an afternoon event beginning at 2:00 p.m. with Sr. Pat McKittrick, S.P presenting. Sr. Pat will speak about modern day slavery, including in our state and local communities, and actions we can take to support anti-slavery efforts. All are welcome.



"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." — Lk 14:28, 33

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

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.



Thank you for all your support of the 2016 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. Our Parish is now at \$22,312 (96.05%) of total dollars **pledged** toward our goal of \$23,230. **(We need less than \$1000 to meet our goal.)** 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.