

November 27, 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 - First Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Jesus doesn't tell us when he will come again; but he does tell us all we need to know. First, he leaves no doubt in our minds that he will in fact return--this isn't a question we have to debate. And secondly, he tells us what we need to do to be ready: stay awake! As long as we don't doze off while we're waiting, everything will be all right.

So our task is a relatively simple one. We are called to be on the lookout. We are supposed to be ready for the Lord when he appears. This is a straightforward instruction to be sure. But it does contain an inherent challenge: it's often much easier to hit the snooze button than to get up and at 'em. It's our task, however, to make sure we don't give in to the temptation to fall back asleep.

This is what the season of Advent helps us to do. It's like the Church's alarm clock, ringing with persistence in our ears: Wake up! Throw off the covers of apathy and distraction! Jesus is coming! Get up and get your house in order before he arrives!

What exactly this means will be different for all of us--the particular behaviors we need to change, the specific virtues we need to develop--all of this is unique to each individual. But our common goal is the same--to clean house in our hearts and make ourselves ready to welcome the Lord. Yes, his return at the end of time will be a momentous event, but even if we never experience it during our lifetime, Jesus still wants to come to us here and now, to dwell in our hearts through the presence of his Spirit. This Advent, let's be ready to welcome the Lord every minute of every day.

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$2,106.50 Maintenance: \$101.00
All Saints: \$5.00
Bishop deGosebriand Appeal: \$318.70
Online Giving Last Week: \$470.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$47,429.65
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$53,848.07

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$3,882.53
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$4,344.85

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$5,555.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$7,391.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 77 9:30 a.m.: 100

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Nov. 26 4:30 p.m. For Anne Gardner requested by her husband, George.
Sun. Nov. 27 9:30 a.m. For Bernard Giroux requested by his family.
Sat. Dec. 3 4:30 p.m. For Mary Thornton requested by Jean Meehan
Sun. Dec. 4 9:30 a.m. For Dorothy Borkowski by Kerry Lake.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, November 28, 2016
Stan Haselton
George Gardner
Lee Cross

Schedule of Ministries: December 3 and 4, 2016

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	The Dufault Family
	Altar Server:	Annie Dufault Kaitlin Murphy
	Lector:	Mike New
	Extraordinary Min.:	Mike New Erin Dufault Peter Dufault
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	The Thomas Family
	Altar Server:	Anna Ulager Barbara Gile Sue McGuire
	Lector:	Emily Donegan
	Extraordinary Min.:	Doug Taff Jim Ulager

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-11/29 Movie Night: Catholicism Series at 7:00 p.m.
-12/02 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.
-12/05 Madrigal Singers at 6:30 p.m.
-12/06 Movie Night: Catholicism Series at 7:00 p.m.
-12/06 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week What "work of darkness" do I need to throw off? What "armor of light" do I need to put on to ensure that I am "awake" and "prepared" for the hour of the Lord's coming?

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Thursday, December 8 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude.

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.

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the 1st Quarter ending 09/30/2016 of this Fiscal Year

- Offertory Income for this period was \$37,841.52 compared to \$34,988.38 prior year, an increase of \$2,853.14 or 8.2%.
- Total Income including Offertory, Fund Raisers, Gifts, Bequests and Miscellaneous Income for the period was \$44,646.52 compared to \$40,203.23 for the prior year's 1st quarter, an increase of \$4,443.29 or 11.1%.
- St. Jude's had Net Gain of \$7,026.62 after expenses for the 1st quarter compared to a Net Loss of (\$13,188.28) for the prior year's 1st quarter, an increase of \$20,214.90.
- Total Cash as of 09/30/2016 was \$101,106.16 compared to \$101,697.35 at 09/30/2015, a decrease of (\$591.19) or -0.6%.

Holiday Mass Schedules: The holiday schedule is as follows:

Immaculate Conception:

--Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 a.m. at OLMC
--Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

--Saturday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. at The Old Lantern
--Saturday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude
--Saturday, December 24th at 10:00 p.m. at OLMC
--Sunday, December 25th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude

New Year's Eve and Day:

--Saturday, December 31st at **4:00 p.m.** at St. Jude
--Sunday, January 1st at 8:00 a.m. at OLMC
--Sunday, January 1st at 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude
--Sunday, January 1st at 11:00 a.m. at OLMC

Catholicism Series: Please join us at St. Jude's in Hinesburg for another evening of "Catholicism-The Journey of a Lifetime". This week's episode will be "The Ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Sought". It is not necessary to have viewed the previous episodes to be inspired by this week's DVD. We look forward to many more spiritually enriching evenings. Please join us this Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.

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, December 2 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

St. Jude Craft Fair: There will be a Craft Fair at St. Jude Parish on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many items will be available. Please join us.

*****St. Jude's will also be running a canteen during the Craft Fair. We are looking for donations of hot dogs and rolls, soups, chips, sandwich fixings and baked goods. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby.**

Winter Coat Collection: We are collecting **good** used children and adult winter coats, jackets, boots and snowpants (all sizes) for a local organization. If you have any of these items that your child(ren) has outgrown or you would like to get rid of, we would love to have them. We have a bin in the lobby. Thank you.

Madrigal Singers: The CVU Madrigal Singers will be performing at St. Jude's on Monday, December 5 beginning at 6:30 p.m. A free-will offering will take place to benefit the Madrigals. All are welcome to this Christmas event and sing-along.

Joan Bettis: Joan Bettis is looking for someone to help her with her grocery shopping. Please contact her at 482-4862 if you have any questions, would like more information or are interested in helping her out. Thank you.



"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." — Mt 24:43-44

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Daily Mass at St. Jude's – Winter Weather: Once again the schedule for daily Mass at St. Jude's will follow the Hinesburg School System. If there is no school in Hinesburg and/or Charlotte due to the weather, there will be NO morning Mass on Monday or Friday mornings. Closings are found on the local radio and TV stations.

Glass Jars Needed: We are in need of approximately 50 wide-mouth glass jars, preferably quart size, for our December and Christmas CCD art project. If you have any glass jars that you would be willing to donate, please leave them in the lobby in the special marked container. 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 December 13 and 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

O Mary, God Has Chosen You From All Women of the World: Join us for an Advent lecture with Fr. Richard Berube, SSE on Monday evening, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall. A reflection for Advent-Christmas, and on how Jesus and Mary both join and separate the world's largest religions, Christianity and Islam. There are many references to Jesus and to Maryam (Mary in the Quran [Koran]). In fact, Mary is the only woman named in the Quran, where she is honored for her spiritual perfection, her fidelity and obedience to the Word of God, and her being chosen to be the virginal mother of the Messiah, making her a contact point for dialogue between Christians and Muslims. Learn about your faith while exploring the faith of others. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Armstrong at 425-3773.

Advent Appeal-2016: Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the Annual Advent Appeal. The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, there are basic needs to be met: food, shelter, and heat, to name but a few. With your help, we can make a difference in lives of those living on the edge. Many Vermonters are struggling to put daily bread on the table or to keep the lights and heat on in their homes. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a needy family. To donate, please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or give online at www.vermontcatholic.org. Thank you.