

January 29, 2017

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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—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." Here, in a nutshell, is the Christian belief about the afterlife. We trust that heaven is open to believers who accept the gift of salvation and follow the way of the Lord, even (or especially) when that way is difficult!

The beatitudes in today's Gospel give us a program for following the path to heaven. These famous words offer a kind of twofold image. There are, on the one hand, the beatitudes about what we should do and be: poor in spirit, meek, merciful, clean of heart, and peacemakers. Such qualities are reflections of the nature of God in whose image we are meant to live. When we embrace and reflect this image to the world, there is no doubt we are walking on the path of God's will.

Then, there are also the beatitudes about what we are called to endure: mourning, hunger for righteousness, persecutions and insults due to our belief in Jesus. These are the trials that often beset the life of a faithful Christian--admittedly more so in some ages and areas than in others. But Jesus makes it clear that even these trials and struggles are a sign that a Christian is on the right path, not that God has abandoned him or her, but that the reward of heaven lies around the corner.

One of the greatest consolations of our faith is that even when life does not unfold according to our own perfect designs, even when there is suffering to deal with, even when we do not have great success in the eyes of the world, we can maintain hope and peace as we await the "reward" of the just. The eternal happiness of heaven will be worth every ounce of temporary trial here on earth.

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$2,952.50 Maintenance: \$55.00
Fuel: \$245.00 VT Catholic: \$284.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$25.00 Initial Offering: \$105.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$620.00

Second Collection This Week for Catholic Education
Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 – JUNE 30

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$69,132.50
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$74,729.77

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$5,517.03
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$5,710.85

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$8,266.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$10,932.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:00 p.m.: 68 9:30 a.m.: 113

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Jan. 28 4:30 p.m. For Gerald Nolan requested by Patti and Michael New.
Sun. Jan. 29 9:30 a.m. For Dan Giroux requested by his family.
Sat. Feb. 4 4:30 p.m. For Pam Cutright requested by Marie Cookson.
Sun. Feb. 5 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, January 30, 2017

Judi Maculan
Ann Thomas
Stan Haselton

Schedule of Ministries: February 4 and 5, 2017

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	The Dufault Family
	Altar Server:	Annie Dufault
		Kaitlin Murphy
	Lector:	Mike Bullock
	Extraordinary Min.:	Mike Bullock
		Erin Dufault
		Peter Dufault
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	1 st Yr. Conf. Class
	Altar Server:	1 st Yr. Conf. Class
	Lector:	1 st Yr. Conf. Class
	Extraordinary Min.:	Heidi St. Peter
		Hollis St. Peter
		Doug Taff

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-1/29 Movie Night-Catholicism series at 7:00 p.m.
-2/03 Eucharistic Adoration following the 8:00 a.m. Mass
-2/05 1st Year Confirmation Mass and Class at 9:30 a.m.
-2/09 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-2/11 Family Mass and Pasta Dinner at 4:30 p.m.

Question of the Week Today's Beatitudes are the true test of the disciple. Do the words I hear in church today remain there? How can I allow God's grace to work in me so that I begin to live the Beatitudes and help to evangelize "the crowds"?

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.

New Parishioners: If you are new to the parish or have never registered, won't you please fill out a parish registration form found on the table in the lobby? We are trying to update our parish records and have incomplete info on some families.

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the 1st Half of This Fiscal Year Ending -12/31/16

- Offertory Income for this period was \$82,885 compared to \$70,868 for the same period in the prior year, an increase of \$12,017 or 17.0%.
- Total Income including Offertory, Fund Raisers, Gifts, Bequests and Miscellaneous Income for the period was \$108,255 compared to \$89,796 for the same period in the prior year, an increase of \$18,459 or 20.6%.
- St. Jude's had Net Income over Expenses of \$12,654 compared to \$1,149 for the same period in the prior year, an increase of \$11,504 or 1,000.8%.
- Total Cash available as of 12/31/16 was \$113,389 compared to \$99,861 or an increase of \$13,508 or 13.5%.

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 Life of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit**". In this lesson, Bishop Barron explores Catholic spirituality, which is centered on prayer. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "Prayer is the lifting up of the mind and the heart to God." On pilgrimage to the places where the great saints and spiritual masters lived, Bishop Barron explores the different types of prayer: contemplation; adoration; petition; and intercession. In telling the stories of Catholics like Thomas Merton, St. Theresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross, Bishop Barron demonstrates how the human person can be transformed through prayer that manifests a deep, spiritual commitment centered in Christ. 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, January 31 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, February 3 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Family Mass and Pasta Dinner: Our next Family Mass and Pasta Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 11. We invite everyone, especially CCD students and their families, to attend this Mass and Dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$10/adult, \$7/child and senior, \$30/family (2 adults and 2 or more children). We are looking for parishioners to furnish desserts. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby. If you would like to help with the Pasta Dinner please contact Lisa Boutin at 879-2896. We hope to see you there.

Adult Confirmation Program: A new Adult Confirmation Program is being implemented in the Diocese. This is a 7 session process designed for those adults who received their First Communion/Reconciliation but were never confirmed. This program will run during Lent and Easter Seasons, leading to the reception of Confirmation on Pentecost from Bishop Coyne. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Fr. David Cray at 425-2253 or email at dgcray@gmail.com.

Collection Envelopes: The collection envelopes for 2017 are available in the lobby of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order. If you have not used the collection envelopes in the past but would like to do so now, please take a box without a name on them.

****Please be sure to write your name and address on the envelopes for the first few weeks you are using them. Also, please do not use leftover envelopes from previous years. Some of the numbers have been changed due to the fact that we ordered less this year in order to not have so many leftover and thrown out. Thank you.**



*“Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.”*

— Mt 5:7-8

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

Catholic Schools Week – Open House

--St. Francis Xavier School in Winooski is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, February 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The school serves students from Pre-School (age 3) to 8th grade. Please RSVP by calling 655-2600 or emailing info@sfxvt.org.

--Christ the King School in Burlington will have an Open House on Thursday, February 2nd from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. CKS serves students pre-school (age 3) through 8th grade. Have questions about CKS? Email Mrs. Steel at osteel@cksvt.org or call 862-6696.

Adaptive Equipment Available: A parishioner would like to donate/pass along to an individual or family one or more pieces of adaptive equipment. They are a shower chair, support railings for a toilet and a commode. If you or someone you know could use these items, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com or call the church office--482-2290 (St. Jude) or 425-2637 (OLMC).

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 February 14 and 28 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

Free Domestic Violence Workshop: The Diocese of Burlington is presenting a free workshop aiding in developing tools to reach out and help victims of domestic violence. This workshop is open to everyone. It will be held on Wednesday, February 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Junction. Lunch is included. Please call 658-6110 ext 1453 or vermontcatholic.org to register.

World Marriage Day 2017: The celebration of World Marriage Day in the Diocese of Burlington will take place on Sunday, February 5 at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral in Burlington with recognition being given to those couples celebrating their Milestone Anniversaries in 2017 (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.). The form to sign up to attend this Mass or to request a special certificate is in the lobby of the church.

Relay for Life NordicStyle: The Relay for Life NordicStyle Event Leadership team invites all cancer survivors and their caregivers to a reception in your honor at Catamount Family Outdoor Center on March 11, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. The reception will consist of a lite lunch and dessert as well as fellowship with other survivors and caretakers. They also invite you to stay for the RFL opening ceremony and survivor lap around the track. Register and learn more at www.relayforlife.org/nordicstylevt or register at the event.