

# February 12, 2017

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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--6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Jesus presents two paths for us today: we can break his commandments or obey them. And the result corresponds to our choice. If we decide not to follow God's guidelines, we will not enjoy the fullness of the kingdom of heaven. But if we choose otherwise, eternity will look much brighter for us!

Of course, it's easy to know in our minds what the right choice is. But putting this into practice is another matter. The commandments Jesus gives in today's Gospel are not easy to follow. He takes the ancient Ten Commandments to a deeper level of commitment. He says more than do not kill. Rather, do not even harbor anger in our hearts. He says more than do not commit adultery. Rather, do not even indulge in lustful thoughts. He says more than do not lie. Rather, do not even swear.

Undoubtedly, Jesus is asking us to chart a challenging course. But he would not expect us to follow these directives if it were impossible to do so. And it's important to bear in mind that Jesus doesn't set high standards to test or punish us. His love for us is at the root of everything he teaches us. Following these commandments, challenging though they may be, will in fact make us happier people, both now and in eternity! As with so many good things in life, committed effort on our part is necessary--whether it be maintaining good health, accomplishing a certain skill, or earning a sought-after award. So too with a soul that is truly free. We need to exercise a life of virtue by taking the advice of Jesus Christ, the best life coach we could ever hope to have.

Liturgical Publications

**Offertory Last Week: \$3,038.35      Maintenance: \$926.00**  
**Catholic Education: \$60.00      Initial Offering: \$30.00**  
**VT Catholic: \$72.00      Fuel: \$175.00**  
**Online Giving Last Week: \$1,083.00**

### **Second Collection This Week for Church in Latin America**

#### **FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - JUNE 30**

**Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$74,405.50**  
**Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$79,907.62**

**Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$6,205.03**  
**Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$6,636.85**

**Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$8,879.00**  
**Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$12,015**

#### **Attendance Last Week:**

**4:00 p.m.: 75      9:30 a.m.: 143**

## **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. Feb. 11 4:30 p.m.** For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

**Sun. Feb. 12 9:30 a.m.** For Richard Dubois II by Pam Kerr and Family.

**Sat. Feb. 18 4:30 p.m.** For John Barrett requested by Bob and Sandy Twombly.

**Sun. Feb. 19 9:30 a.m.** For Betsy Taff requested by Bridget Hanna.

## **Pray for Vocations**

### **Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 13, 2017**

Lee Cross  
Judi Maculan  
Ann Thomas

### **Schedule of Ministries: February 18 and 19, 2017**

4:30 p.m.      Greeters:      The Stewart Family  
Altar Server:      Peter Stewart  
Noe Lindemuth  
Lector:      Sue Hoepfner  
Extraordinary Min.:      Steve Cooley  
Kelly Rohan-Cooley  
Peggy Cioffi

9:30 a.m.      Greeters:      The Thomas Family  
Altar Server:      Emma Destito  
Max Destito  
Lector:      Sue McGuire  
Extraordinary Min.:      Mike Bullock  
Sue McGuire  
Chris Destito

### **Calendar of St. Jude Events:**

-2/11 Family Mass and Pasta Dinner at 4:30 p.m.  
-2/12 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.  
-2/13 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
-2/14 Senior Meal at Noon  
-2/14 Movie Night-Catholicism series at 7:00 p.m.  
-2/14 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week** Is there a situation in my life calling for a reconciliation that will not happen unless I make the first move? How soon will I do so?

**Daily Mass:** There will be **NO** daily Mass on Tuesday, February 14 due to Father Cray being away for the day.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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%.

**HELP SYRIA!** The students in the St. Jude 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade religious ed classes are raising money to help the people in Syria. All monies will be donated to the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to help the people in Syria. The students will be collecting donations after the masses this weekend, February 11 and 12. Please be generous and thank you for your donations.

**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 "**World Without End: The Last Things**". Explore the Church's conviction that life here and now is preparation for an extraordinary world that is yet to come—a supernatural destiny. Bishop Barron presents the Catholic Vision of death, judgment, heaven, hell and purgatory as he journeys to Florence, Ireland and Rome. The vision of the Church sees beyond this world and invites us to consider a world without end. Bishop Barron shows how this vision is supported by the mystery and truth of the Resurrection of Jesus. 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, February 14 at 7:00 p.m.

**Liturgy Committee Meeting:** There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting this Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

**Senior Meals:** St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **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.

**Collection for Church in Latin America:** This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which strengthens the faith of our brothers and sister in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support is bringing the faith to those in remote villages who would otherwise not have access to church programs and outreach. Share your faith! Thank you.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Are you exercising and dieting, jogging, swimming, and playing tennis to stay fit and trim? What are you doing to keep your marriage in good shape? Why not try a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend? The upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is March 17 through March 19 at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte. For information or to apply, contact Gary and Lynn Root at [vtroot@together.net](mailto:vtroot@together.net) or call 802-456-8114 or go online at [www.wmevt.org](http://www.wmevt.org). Note that the application deadline is February 24, 2017.



**“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”** — Mt 5:33-34a, 37

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**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](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) or call the church office--482-2290 (St. Jude) or 425-2637 (OLMC).

**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](http://vermontcatholic.org) to register.

**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](mailto:dgcray@gmail.com).

**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](http://www.relayforlife.org/nordicstylevt) or register at the event.

**Safe Environment-Protecting Our Children and Young People:** The Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington is committed to achieving healing and reconciliation with victims and survivors of abuse, and to provide safe environments for all of our children and young people.

**To report child abuse or sexual misconduct call:**

--Kevin Scully, Director of Safe Environments or  
--Rev. Msgr. John McDermott, Vicar General  
at 1-866-485-2488