

February 19, 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--7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow." Today Jesus continues the powerful teaching of his Sermon on the Mount. Typical of this famous sermon, here he urges us to see things in a new way, specifically regarding situations and people who bother us. First, he tells us not to seek revenge. Instead, we are to demonstrate incredible generosity. Then, he instructs us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." These instructions don't come naturally to most of us. We are much more inclined to want to get even with those who cause us to suffer, and to wish ill for those who have hurt us. But Jesus proposes another way.

In truth, what good does it do to seek revenge or foster hate? It only continues the cycle of evil. Jesus encourages behavior that will stop the cycle short. He gives us a model that--although it may not change the heart of our "enemies"--will nonetheless change OUR hearts for the better. When pressed into service for one mile, if we voluntarily go two, then WE are the ones whose attitude and experience is certain to change. Instead of spending the length of that one mile cursing and complaining, we spend the length of two enjoying a surprising kind of freedom: "I chose to do this," instead of "I am being forced to do this."

When we practice the generosity of giving more than we are asked, and the charity of praying for those who persecute us, we will find ourselves in a position to transcend the trouble. It sets us free to not be mastered by the evil around us. Thus, we are able to help end the cycle of evil and begin a new cycle of love and peace.

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$2,504.50
Church in Latin America: \$324.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$290.00

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - JUNE 30

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$76,925.50
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$82,412.12

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$6,350.03
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$6,636.85

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$9,259.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$12,305.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:00 p.m.: 116 9:30 a.m.: 93

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.

Sat. Feb. 25 4:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Sun. Feb. 26 9:30 a.m.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 20, 2017

Stan Haselton
Lee Cross
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: February 25 and 26, 2017

4:30 p.m. Greeters: Joanne and Lee Cross
 Altar Server: Farmer Lindemuth
 Snow Lindemuth
 Lector: Deirdre Bissonette
 Extraordinary Min.: Joanne Cross
 Sue Haselton
 Stan Haselton

9:30 a.m. Greeters: Wendy Koenig
 Greg Tomczyk
 Altar Server: Grace Buzzell
 Anna Ulager
 Lector: Tom Buzzell
 Extraordinary Min.: Stephanie Buzzell
 Tom Buzzell
 Jim Ulager

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-2/28 Senior Meal at Noon
-3/09 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-3/10 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.

Question of the Week Is there a person or situation in my life through which God is calling me to embrace Jesus' revolutionary invitation to transform the world by love?

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Jude's every Friday at 7:00 p.m. during Lent beginning on March 3. All are welcome.

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.

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

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins **Wednesday, March 1**. Mass and distributions of the ashes will be held at OLMC at 7:00 a.m. and at St. Jude's at 7:00 p.m. This is a great way to begin the Lenten season. The Church's Lenten practices include:
--Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays in Lent is required by Church law for those who are 14 years and older.

****PLEASE NOTE:** In consideration that St. Patrick is the secondary patron of the Diocese of Burlington, Bishop Coyne is granting a dispensation from the precept of abstaining from meat on Friday, March 17. If you take advantage of this dispensation, you should add some other sacrifice/penance to your Lenten observances.

-- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. Those between 18 and 59 may have one full meal and two minor meals on these days.

--Throughout Lent all are encouraged to intensify their prayer life, to do penance and to contribute to charities.

Ash Wednesday Almsgiving Collection: There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, Project Rachel and Residential Care Homes. Envelopes are available in the lobby or in your envelope box set. Please know that every gift—whatever the size—makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

Stations of the Cross: Join Bishop Coyne on **Friday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral, Burlington** for The Stations of the Cross with John Paul II: On the path of ecological conversion, followed by a sustainable soup supper and discussion of the Lenten practice of fasting. Learn about the Global Catholic Climate Movement's Lenten Fast for Climate Justice and how fasting from certain foods, especially meat, positively effects the planet and the poor.

Solidarity Prayer Vigil for Refugees and Immigrants: The Catholic Center at UVM invites you to an evening of prayer and standing together in solidarity with the 65 million refugees and immigrants around the world on **Thursday, February 23rd at 8:00 p.m.** In a time of great uncertainty for those seeking refuge and peace within our borders we want to take a stand for what we believe. Come light a candle, say a prayer, write a message to the refugees in our community or send a letter to a politician. Let us take a stand for a lasting solution to protect our brothers and sisters in Christ. "Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity." – Pope Francis

Presentation on Immigration: The Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Associates invite you to a presentation given by Sr. Kathleen Erickson, RSM, on Immigration and the Detention of Mothers and Children on **Sunday, March 19 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at the Mount St. Mary's Chapel, 100 Mansfield Avenue in Burlington. Sr. Kathleen will lead a presentation/reflection on how our broken immigration system calls us to go deeper as we examine what it means to be human beings in a polarized world. No cost for the event. Parking is available in the Mater Christi School parking lot.

Missionary Discipleship Today: A Joyful Witness: Holy Family Parish in Essex Junction welcomes everyone to attend either the 8:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Mass on Monday through Wednesday, **March 6th, 7th and 8th**. Each Mass will include an extended homily focused on what Pope Francis has called us to be as "missionary disciples" in today's world. Confessions will be available before and after Mass each day. The guest speaker will be Deacon Phil Lawson, MTS.



"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father." — Mt 5: 43-45a

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Why Lent?: Join Josh Perry, Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese, as he unpacks the liturgical year with his presentation **Why Lent?**. Learn how Lent came to be a time of intense preparation for those being initiated into the church as well as a time of spiritual renewal for the faithful. We'll consider anew the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as ways to make your Lenten observance more meaningful this year. This presentation will be held on **Tuesday, February 28** at Holy Family Parish Center in Essex Jct from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and again from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please RSVP by calling 878-5331.

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.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! 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 or call 802-456-8114 or go online at www.wmewt.org. **Note that the application deadline is February 24, 2017.**

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.