

March 5, 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—1st Sunday of Lent

"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." Today's Gospel brings us face-to-face with the reality of spiritual warfare. A battle is going on in the desert. The devil is out to win the allegiance of the Son of God. But Jesus fights back. Not with fists or knives, but with the word of God. For every temptation the devil proposes, Jesus arms himself with "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph 6:17). This strategy proves effective. Ultimately, "the devil left him," and then Jesus was consoled by the presence of angels.

In our modern era, we face a new temptation: to deny the existence of spiritual beings. Angels appear to be little more than lawn ornaments or Christmas crafts, and too often the devil is reduced to an analogy for the vague presence of evil. Perhaps the greatest achievement of the father of lies, as Pope Francis has suggested, is to make us believe that he does not exist. But the word of God gives us a different idea: "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Pt 5:8). This is no fairy tale. Satan wants to win our allegiance too. During Lent, we have the opportunity to fortify ourselves for this serious, if silent, combat. Just as Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days before that diabolical encounter, we take these forty days of Lent to "conquer" the weak spots where we are susceptible to attack. We fast to strengthen our self-control, we give alms to strengthen our generosity, and we pray to strengthen our faith in God's power and providence. A sincere effort now, in the "desert" of Lent, can lead us to victory as we engage in the ongoing spiritual battle for the allegiance of our souls.

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$3,441.35 Maintenance: \$25.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$50.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - JUNE 30

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$81,327.95
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$88,447.47

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$6,350.03
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$6,871.85

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$9,259.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$12,425.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:00 p.m.: 87 9:30 a.m.: 106

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Mar. 4 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Mar. 5 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Sat. Mar. 11 4:30 p.m. For Francis and Grace Casey requested by Dennis and Peg Casey.

Sun. Mar. 12 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, March 6, 2017

Stan Haselton
Ann Thomas
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: March 11 and 12, 2017

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	The Stewart Family
	Altar Server:	Peter Stewart Noe Lindemuth
	Lector:	Mike New
	Extraordinary Min.:	Mike New Sue Haselton Stan Haselton
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Tom Giroux Jim Ross
	Altar Server:	Max Destito Emma Destito
	Lector:	Aimee Frost
	Extraordinary Min.:	Sue McGuire Jim Ulager Mike Bullock

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-3/07 Lenten Series at 7:00 p.m.
-3/09 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-3/10 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.

Question of the Week In what area of my life have I not trusted God's providential care for me? How can I change that this Lent, even while making myself a living sign for someone else of God's care?

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.

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, March 10 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Parish Council Meeting: There will be a Parish Council Meeting this Thursday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. All are welcome.

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

Meatless Fridays During Lent: As part of the Church's Lenten observances, all Catholics aged 14 and older should abstain from eating meat on Fridays in Lent.

****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.

Prayer Chain: St. Jude Parish has an active prayer chain. If you would like to request prayers, would like to be a prayer partner on the prayer chain or would like more info, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com. This is a very rewarding ministry. **"Your ability to pray is a greater treasure than all the riches in the world."** - Gary Zimak

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.

Best Lent Ever: We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year you are invited to do something different. Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free, video-based email program featuring Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it. To sign up, visit BestLentEver.com.

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.



*Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."
At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!"*

— Mt 4:8-10a

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The Wizard of Oz: The Wizard of Oz will be presented by Rice Memorial High School on March 24 (7:00 p.m.), 25 (1:00 and 7:00 p.m.) and 26 (1:00 p.m.). Located at the Black Box Theater at Main Street Landing (60 Lake Street, 2nd Floor), Burlington. Tickets are \$7/student and seniors; \$10/adults. Tickets are on sale now. They can be purchased by emailing Brian Lynam at lynam@rmhsvt.org, or in person at Rice Memorial High School on weekdays, from 11:00 to 12:00. Please come and experience this timeless musical with its familiar and heart-felt music and amazing choreography. (P.S. Fr. Lance Harlow will be playing trombone in the pit orchestra.)

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.

Mary's Circle of Friends: Mary's Circle of Friends invites you to join them for a special Lenten program of prayer and coloring meditation, focusing on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. The group is offering two different times: Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm, (March 7 - April 4) and Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 am, (March 8 - April 5) at St. John Vianney Parish. Please RSVP to Cindy at SJV at 864-4166. All are welcome.

Time Change Next Sunday: Remember to turn your clocks ahead Saturday night for the new time change.

