

April 30, 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—3rd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." Can you imagine this scene? Jesus comes up next to these two disciples, walks with them, talks with them, even goes so far as to explain the Scriptures about him to them, and they still fail to notice who he is. Understandably, they were sad, "looking downcast" because of Christ's death. Maybe their eyes glumly watched their feet as they trod along instead of taking in the sights around them. But at some point they must have looked at their companion's face. Why didn't they recognize Jesus until "he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them"?

In everything else during their encounter, Jesus had appeared to be just another man. But when he broke the bread, in fact celebrating the Eucharist, they realized who he was. And then, he "vanished from their sight." Could it be that the risen Lord wanted to teach his followers about the new way in which he was present? He may have vanished from sight, but he did not leave them. He was there, as we Catholics profess, through his real presence in the Eucharist.

We are not so different from the disciples on the road to Emmaus. We may at times become downcast, wishing that Jesus was with us in a more obvious, traditional way. But in fact, the risen Lord comes to join us every time we go to Mass, remaining with us through his presence in the Eucharist. We only need the eyes of faith to believe that it's true. This is not the same as physical sight, to be sure. But he is there. As Jesus himself said in last Sunday's Gospel, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29)

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Offertory Last Week: \$3,131.00 Maintenance: \$27.00
Home Missions: \$397.00
Easter: \$140.00 Easter Flowers: \$20.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$50.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - JUNE 30

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$98,669.76
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$108,027.07

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$8,196.53
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$8,753.10

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$11,815.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$16,411.00

Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m.: 90 9:30 a.m.: 101

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. April 29 4:30 p.m. For Pam Cutright requested by The Laughing Group.

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

Mon. May 1 8:00 a.m. For Joe Bettis and Connie Howard requested by Joan Bettis.

Fri. May 5 8:00 a.m. For Ruebin Pillsbury requested by Rita Hill.

Sat. May 6 4:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Sun. May 7 9:30 a.m. For the Deceased Pastors of St. Jude Parish.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, May 1, 2017

Theresa Aube
Judi Maculan
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: May 6 and 7, 2017

4:30 p.m. Greeters: The Stewart Family
 Altar Server: Peter Stewart
 Lector: Mike New
 Extraordinary Min.: Mike New
 Sue Haselton
 Stan Haselton

9:30 a.m. Greeters: The Cook Family
 Altar Server: Ethan Cook
 Anna Ulager
 Lector: Sue McGuire
 Extraordinary Min.: Sue McGuire
 Jim Ulager
 Chris Destito

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

- 5/02 Men's Group at 7:00 p.m.
- 5/02 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 5/04 Confirmation at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral at 7:00 p.m.
- 5/05 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.

Question of the Week Where did I encounter Jesus, perhaps by surprise, this past week? Where will I look for Jesus in the week that lies ahead?

Daily Mass: There will be **NO** daily Mass on **Thursday, May 4** due to Confirmation at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral that evening.

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 May 9 and 23 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

Saint Jude's Nine Month Financial Summary - 07/01/2016 thru 03/31/2017

- Offertory Income for this period was \$125,806 compared to \$107,899 for the prior year comparable period, an increase of \$17,907 or 16.6%.
- Total Income including Offertory, Fund Raisers, Gifts, Bequests and Miscellaneous Income for the period was \$156,866 compared to \$138,640 for the prior year comparable period, an increase of \$18,226 or 13.2%.
- St. Jude's had a Net Gain of \$7,538 for the 9 months ending 03/31/17 compared to a Net Loss of -\$9,574 for the prior year comparable period.
- Total Cash and Prepaid Expenses as of 03/31/2017 was \$112,439 compared to \$95,386 on 03/31/2016, an increase of \$17,053 or 17.9%.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting this Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Men's Discussion Groups: The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

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, May 5 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

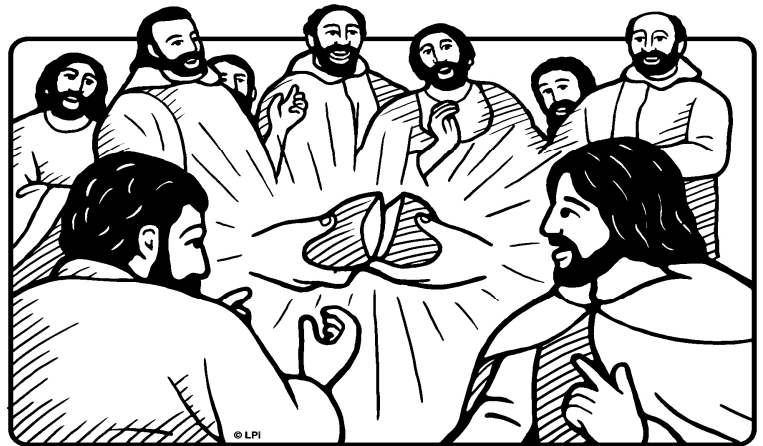
Confirmation: We have 8 students who will be confirmed on Thursday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Jars Needed: A local non-profit is in desperate need of glass jars of all sizes, large and small. Please drop off in the lobby. Thank you.

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 Evangelization Summit! God is calling you and me. On May 12-13, Vermont will be hosting our VERY First Live-Streamed New Evangelization Summit out of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada joining thousands of others throughout North America. We will be gathering at Holy Cross Church in Colchester from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (May 12) and 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (May 13) to hear speakers like Bishop Robert Barron and Sr. Miriam James Heidland. The cost of \$35 per person will cover materials, snacks and lunch on Saturday. For more information and to register visit <https://www.newevangelization.ca/>
Please contact Deacon Phil Lawson at (802) 658-6110 Ext 1453 or plawson@vermontcatholic.org with questions.

Bishop's Fund: Did you know that there is a new Department of Liturgy and Worship, whose Director, Josh Perry, will assist parishes in their Liturgical Celebrations? As we focus on the New Evangelization, and ask those in the community to come back and be a part of our Church Communities, this will help every parish to plan and generate a warm, inviting, and spiritual atmosphere. Please check bishopsappealvt.org to view Josh's plans for the upcoming year, and to make your pledge. Next week's In-Pew Commitment Phase will be an opportunity to pledge early, saving valuable time and resources. We'd love to hear from you, so please open your hearts in prayer. Any gift, no matter the size, truly does count. "Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." The New Evangelization is calling for us to work together to be stewards of time, talent and treasure, and bring so many Catholic back home, to Mass. Our parish goal this year is \$22,928.



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. — Lk 24:33-35

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Young Life Update: Young Life is growing by leaps and bounds! Thanks to your support, Young Life is a vibrant entity at CVU, serving our youth with joyful dedication to ensure each and every high school teen has an opportunity to form a relationship with Jesus. CVU has approved and is supporting a weekly Bible study group on campus. In addition, kids are now enjoying social and wholesome, engaging events like wiffleball golf. Support for this effort is ongoing and once again we will be fundraising to support Young Life at CVU and to help teens earn money for summer camp at Saranac Lake. You can continue to support us by:

- ~donating your Spring Cleaning items to the tag sale which will happen on May 13th at St. Jude's Church.
- ~offering kids opportunities to earn camp funds by hiring them to help with needed yard work and/or household chores.
- ~sponsoring and/or participating in the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Cedar Knoll on Saturday, June 24, 2017.
- ~PRAY: it is free and it is powerful. Please pray for the young leaders who work directly with teens, the committee members who are raising funds to support their efforts, and mostly for our youth to be able to fulfill God's purpose in their lives that can only happen by having a personal relationship with Jesus. To donate items, sign up for the golf tournament and any questions, thoughts or insights, contact Tricia Sulva at majac@gmavt.net

A Prayer For Those Who Serve as the "Face" and "Voice" of the Parish

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the face of the Father's Mercy and Love.
Teach me to bring Your Peace and the Father's Mercy to all whom I encounter today.
Send your Spirit to assist me in my work so that those I serve may encounter your love through me and depart with the Joy of the Gospel in their hearts. Amen