

May 7, 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—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

"Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." Jesus' analogy about the pasture suggests the ideas of both provision and protection. In this grassy field, the sheep find their sustenance. The pasture is also the safe zone where the Shepherd can keep tabs on his flock. When Jesus speaks of himself as "the gate for the sheep" he is telling us that through our belief in him, we too will find provision and protection.

First: provision. Jesus wants to provide for his people. He "came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." The imagery here is of plenty, not just "enough." Today's psalm says, "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want...You spread the table before me...my cup overflows." This generous Shepherd provides not only our daily bread, but also our spiritual needs. "He refreshes my soul," the psalm tells us. When we are weary from the cares of life, the struggles of daily survival, and the burden of our sins, Jesus gives us "repose" in the "verdant pastures" of his love. Today's epistle follows the theme: "You had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls."

This brings us to the second point: protection. Jesus guards us, ensuring our safety. Again, Psalm 23 declares, "Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side." Jesus wants to comfort us when we are frightened by trials or threatened by temptations. He "calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." Out of harm's way. We only must be sure we know him well enough to "recognize his voice" when he calls.

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**Offertory Last Week: \$2,521.35    Maintenance: \$50.00**  
**Home Missions: \$1.00    Easter: \$100.00**  
**Online Giving Last Week: \$-0-**

**Second Collection This Week for Maintenance**  
**Second Collection Next Week for Church in Central and Eastern Europe**

**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - JUNE 30**

**Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$101,157.26**  
**Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$110,548.42**

**Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$9,155.03**  
**Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$8,803.10**

**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.: 80    9:30 a.m.: 110**

**ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

- 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.
- Fri. May 12 8:00 a.m.** For Ruebin Pillsbury requested by Jim Hill.
- Sat. May 13 4:30 p.m.** For Mary C. O'Brien requested by her family.
- Sun. May 14 9:30 a.m.** For the First Communion Students and Families.

**Pray for Vocations**

**Schedule of Counters: Monday, May 8, 2017**

- Grace Link
- Lee Cross
- Bill Doris

**Schedule of Ministries: May 13 & 14, 2017**

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| 4:30 p.m. | Greeters:           | Chloe & Donna Shepardson                               |
|           | Altar Server:       | Hannah Shepardson<br>Snow Lindemuth                    |
|           | Lector:             | Joan Magnant   |
|           | Extraordinary Min.: | Donna Shepardson<br>Kelly Rohan-Cooley<br>Steve Cooley |
| 9:30 a.m. | Greeters:           | Kathy & Ted Barrett                                    |
|           | Altar Server:       | Grace Buzzell<br>Annie Dufault                         |
|           | Lector:             | Mickey Wetzel  |
|           | Extraordinary Min.: | Ted Barrett<br>Stephanie Buzzell<br>Tom Buzzell        |

**Calendar of St. Jude Events:**

- 5/06 & 07 May Crowing following each Mass
- 5/08 First Communion Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
- 5/09 Senior Meal at Noon
- 5/11 Parish council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 5/12 First Communion Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
- 5/14 First Communion at 9:30 a.m. Mass
- 5/14 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.

**Question of the Week** Who have I pushed to the periphery of my life? How can I "call them by name" to be like Jesus, my Good Shepherd?

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

**Appreciation Weekend:** This weekend is Appreciation Weekend. One of the inserts this weekend list all the volunteers who help to make this parish what it is. Thank you to all who help out in any way. If you are interested in becoming involved with one of the many groups we have, please contact Marie at 482-2290 (office) or email [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) and she will connect you with the right person. Thank you.

**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..

**Parish Council Meeting:** There will be a Parish Council Meeting this Thursday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. All are welcome.

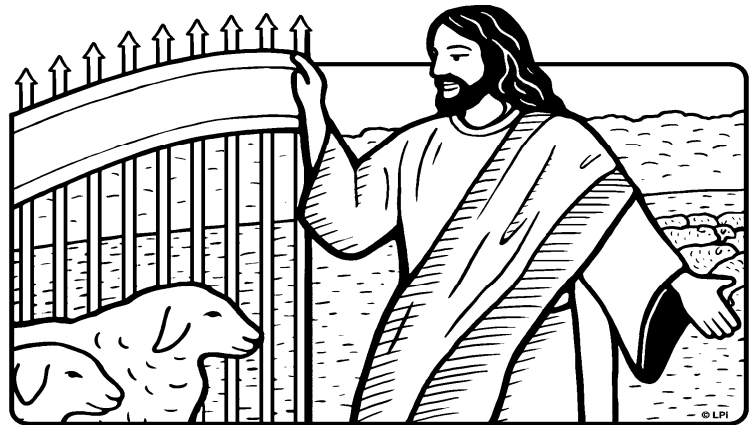
**New Evangelization Summit!** God is calling you and me. On May 12-13, Vermont will be hosting our VERY First Live-Streamed New Evangelization Summit out of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada joining thousands of others throughout North America. We will be gathering at Holy Cross Church in Colchester from 6:30 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](mailto:plawson@vermontcatholic.org) with questions.

**Bishop's Fund:** This weekend is In-Pew commitment Weekend for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. You and your family fulfill a key role in our faith throughout the state of Vermont. Please be prepared to participate with Father, parish staff and volunteers to make your commitment this weekend to the 2017 Annual Appeal. Thank you. Our parish goal this year is \$22,928.

**Birtheright:** Birtheright's Annual Carnation fundraiser will take place Mother's Day weekend, May 13-14 after each Mass. Our parish will give out carnations to all mothers. A donation has been made to Birtheright in support of its life-affirming work. We will also have a basket out on Mother's Day weekend for anyone who would like to make a donation to Birtheright. Birtheright is an emergency pregnancy service for women in crisis pregnancies and provides unconditional support to the woman to help her carry her baby to term. Birtheright's guiding principle is: "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born." Birtheright of Burlington wishes to give recognition and honor to all mothers, and appreciates your support! For more information on Birtheright, or if you are interested in volunteering, please visit [www.birtheright.org](http://www.birtheright.org) or call them at 865-0056.

**Rice Memorial High School:** Rice Memorial High School is currently accepting nominations for its Athletic Hall of Fame. This will be the 18<sup>th</sup> group of inductees representing students from Rice and its predecessor, Cathedral High School. Visit [www.rmhsvt.org](http://www.rmhsvt.org) or download a nomination form. Nominations will be accepted until May 12.

**Christ the King:** Christ the King School in Burlington will host an Open House for new families on Thursday, May 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome all day. RSVP at 862-6696. Join them for the Open House or schedule a tour by contacting [osteel@cksvt.org](mailto:osteel@cksvt.org).



*“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.” — Jn 10:2-4*

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**Mater Christi School:** Mater Christi School is a private Catholic school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy and located at 50 Mansfield Avenue in Burlington. They will be having an Open House on Wednesday, May 17 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. To visit or for more information, call 658-3992. You may also call to schedule a personal tour or “shadow day” for your child(ren).

**The Church in Central and Eastern Europe Collection:** Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. Thank you.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:majac@gmavt.net)