

# July 23, 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—16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." This beautiful image gives us a glimpse into heaven. The saints who reside there radiate a brightness, a warmth that resembles the sun itself. Gathered around the throne of God, they share in the luminous presence of the King of Kings, the true Son of the Father.

Perhaps there really is something spiritual about the nearly universal craving to enjoy a tropical vacation, the trend to escape to warmer climates for the winter, or the move towards permanent residence in sunny climates. The continual presence of sunshine, the enjoyable experience of one warm day after another may be in fact like a little taste of heaven. In the Gospel, Jesus himself describes eternal bliss using the imagery of sunshine.

But heat has its downside too. When it's too intense, it can actually be deadly. Think forest fire. Think desert. Think "the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." These are not images of the four-star vacations that we want to last for eternity. No. Here Jesus is referring to the hellish habitat of "all who cause others to sin and all evildoers." That's not a trip we want to take. As uncomfortable as it may be, we need to examine ourselves to be sure we're not on board a train that's going in the wrong direction. We need to identify and acknowledge any patterns of sin that may have crept into our lives, and seek God's forgiveness. That will get us back on the right track, enabling us to be counted among "the children of the kingdom."

Let's aim for a journey to that kingdom, the one true trip to paradise that lasts for all eternity.

Liturgical Publications

**Offertory Last Week: \$1,958.00**  
**Online Giving Last Week: \$535.00**

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

**Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$6,868.41**  
**Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$6,283.50**

**Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$802.85**  
**Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$1,081.00**

**Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$1,218.00**  
**Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$1,928.00**

**Attendance Last Week:**  
**4:30 p.m.: 68      9:30 a.m.: ??**

### **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. July 22 4:30 p.m.** For Mary C. O'Brien requested by her family.

**Sun. July 23 9:30 a.m.** (No Intention)

**Sat. July 29 4:30 p.m.** For Angie Palmer requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.

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

## **Pray for Vocations**

### **Schedule of Counters: Monday, July 24, 2017**

Anne Dongean  
Dick Stowe  
Marie Cookson

### **Schedule of Ministries: July 29 and 30, 2017**

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Theresa Aube Karen Fox
	Altar Server:	Becca Syverson Kaitlin Murphy
	Lector:	Sue Hoepfner
	Extraordinary Min.:	Peggy Cioffi Theresa Aube Judy Thibault
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Charlene Van Sleet Paulette Noyes
	Altar Server:	Hunter Driver
	Lector:	Rodney Strong
	Extraordinary Min.:	Mike Bullock Sue McGuire Chris Destito

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

-7/25 Senior Meal at Noon  
-8/01 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.  
-8/04 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.

**Question of the Week:** This week, what can I do to be a mustard seed or a bit of yeast, doing a little good in a hidden way, making a little difference?

**Father Cray Away:** Father Cray will be away from July 17 to July 28. There will be NO daily Mass during this time. Fr. David Theroux will be celebrating the Masses the weekend of July 22 and 23. In case of an emergency, please call Marie at 434-4782 (h), 425-2637 (OLMC) or 482-2290 (St. Jude).

**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 **July 25 and August 8 and 22 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

## Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the Fiscal Year Ending - 06/30/17

- Offertory Income for this year was \$169,145.56 compared to \$145,432.52 for the prior year, an increase of \$23,713.04 or 16.3%.
- Total Income including Offertory, Fund Raisers, Gifts, Bequests and Miscellaneous was \$210,612.47 compared to \$180,849.26 for the prior year, an increase of \$29,763.21 or 16.5%.
- St. Jude's had a Net Gain of \$14,322.63 for the year compared to a Net Loss of (4,248.56) for the prior year, an increase of 18,571.19
- Unencumbered cash reserves (Cash & Receivables Less Payables) were \$109,817.37 compared to \$91,322.12, an increase of \$18,495.18 or 20.3%.
- With the increase in income we were able to repair and upgrade the main entrance doors to the church, replace the ceiling fans in the church, purchase a new commercial low-energy refrigerator for the hall kitchen, and replace the TV/DVD/CD player used for presentations in the hall.

**St. Jude Raffle:** St. Jude's is having a raffle for a Jay Peak Water Park Family Fun Package valued at \$725.00. Tickets were mailed out to all registered parishioners. **The drawing will be Labor Day Weekend.** Tickets are \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5. If anyone would like more tickets, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com). We will also be selling tickets after the weekend masses, and at Lantman's in the near future. If you want to return your tickets and money, please put in an envelope, mark "Raffle" on the envelope and drop in the collection basket. Thank you for your support.

\*\*\*We are in need of help selling raffle tickets after the weekend Masses and at Lantman's. If you can help out, even for one Mass or at Lantman's, please let Marie know. Thank you.

**Vermont Catholic Magazine:** Please support the Bishop's Fund. By making a donation of \$24 or more, you will receive the quarterly VT Catholic Magazine. Thank you for supporting both the Bishop's Fund and VT Catholic.

**Sermon on the Mount:** Join your fellow parishioners from OLMC and St. Jude's on the top of Mount Philo for the annual celebration of the Feast of the Assumption on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck to follow. There is no cost to you to drive/walk up the mountain—just tell the gate attendant that you are with OLMC. Senior citizens with Green Mountain Passes should show them to the attendant so we are not charged for your entrance. We ask that you try and arrive early (by 5:45 p.m.) and take advantage of the shuttle service to the top (if you don't plan walking to the top) as there is very limited parking available at the top. According to your last name you are asked to bring: **A-E: desserts; F-I: drinks; J-Q: main dish; R-Z side dishes/salads (potato, macaroni, pasta, tossed, etc.) or hor'dourves, chips, dips, veggie trays, etc;** OLMC will supply the paper goods. In the event of rain, the Mass and potluck will be held at OLMC. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Eileen Curtis at 425-4432.

**Adult Confirmation:** Are you an adult who has been baptized and received your First Communion in the Catholic Church but were never confirmed? We will be holding a 7 session preparation class in the fall for all those interested in being confirmed. If you are interested or would like more info, please contact the office at 482-2290 or [stjude@gmavt.net](mailto:stjude@gmavt.net) and we will add you to our list and will notify you as we get closer to the start date.



**"The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father."**

— Mt 13:41-43a

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**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.

**Bishop's Fund:** Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Bishop's Fund thus far. **To date, we are 96.67% (\$22,165) of our annual goal of \$22,928.** If you haven't yet made a donation, won't you please do so this week and help us to reach our parish goal? Thank you.

--Check out <https://vermontcatholic.org/annualappeal/> to learn more about the Department of Cemeteries, which operates within the Chancery. Parishes and parish cemetery committees across the Green Mountain State are able to consult Bob Brown, Director, on the many aspects that help to ensure cemeteries are maintained for future generations as well as for compliance of current practices. Bob's work applies to our entire Catholic population, with the hope that parishes are able to focus on the pastoral care needed for families in difficult times of transition. This valuable work could not be done without your support.

**Vatican Online Questionnaire for Young People:** To involve young people in preparations of the Synod of Bishops on youth in 2018, the Vatican has released an online questionnaire to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of 16 to 29 year olds around the world. The questionnaire can be found on the synod's official site: [youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html](https://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html) and is open to any young person, regardless of faith or religious belief.

**Rachel's Vineyard Ministry:** Rachel's Vineyard is a post-abortion spiritual healing ministry sponsored by the Diocese of Burlington. If you or someone you know has had an abortion and is seeking spiritual and emotional support and healing, please consider attending one of the following retreats:

**-Day of Hope:** A one-day retreat, to be held Saturday, October 21.

**-Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:** A weekend retreat on April 6-8, 2018.

For further info, please contact (in confidence) [projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org).