

July 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—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." How many of us think of our faith as "a pearl of great price"? How many of us really recognize the precious treasure we already possess? As baptized Christians, we have been welcomed into God's family. We are royalty in his kingdom! No matter what our status may be on earth, no matter what treasures we may or may not own right now, we are heirs of God's heavenly kingdom.

It is easy to take this for granted, however. On this side of eternity, it's even a temptation to forget that we have been adopted into God's family. Right now, for us, "the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." That is to say, the treasure isn't always so obvious. But that doesn't mean it isn't there. It just means that we have to dig a little bit to find it. We have to remove whatever layers of dirt or sand may be obscuring the priceless package and bring it back into the daylight.

So where is our treasure buried? What, if anything, is obscuring the full flourishing of our faith? Is it buried by the demands of work or school? Is our faith hidden beneath the weight of sickness or sorrow? Have we covered it over with false "treasures" that only give us fleeting joy? Or have we never even given our faith the chance to come into the sunlight at all?

Whatever it is for each one of us, we should resolve to recover the treasure that lies beneath our feet. By giving ourselves to Christ, encountering him regularly through prayer, Scripture study, and the sacraments, we too can experience the joy of that blessed merchant who, by selling all he had, truly became rich.

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$2,171.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$50.00

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - JUNE 30

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$8,962.21
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$8,454.50

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

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$1,318.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$1,978.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 73 9:30 a.m.: ??

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

- 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.
- Fri. Aug. 4 8:00 a.m.** For Patricia Haselton requested by her sister, Helen Cote.
- Sat. Aug. 5 4:30 p.m.** For Mary Douglass, Cora Twombly and Anthony Lowe requested by Bob and Sandy Twombly.
- Sun. Aug. 6 9:30 a.m.** For Bernard Giroux requested by his wife, June.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, July 31, 2017

- Stan Haselton
- Ann Thomas
- Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: August 5 and 6, 2017

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| 4:30 p.m. | Greeters: | Joanne & Lee Cross |
| | Altar Server: | |
| | Lector: | Deirdre Bissonette |
| | Extraordinary Min.: | Joanne Cross
Dawn Griswold
Deirdre Bissonette |
| 9:30 a.m. | Greeters: | The Meyer Family |
| | Altar Server: | Grace Buzzell |
| | Lector: | Alexis Meyer |
| | Extraordinary Min.: | Doug Taff
Emily Donegan
Sue McGuire |

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

- 8/01 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.
- 8/04 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.
- 8/08 Senior Meal at Noon
- 8/10 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: In a world divided by economics and education, social status and political opinions, race and religion, what can I do this week to bring people together?

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

Thank You: The Knights of Columbus from So. Burlington wish to thank the parishioners from St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel for your generous contribution to their annual tootsie roll drive. They collected a total of \$419 from both parishes. That money will be put to good use helping intellectually challenged people. Thank you.

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.

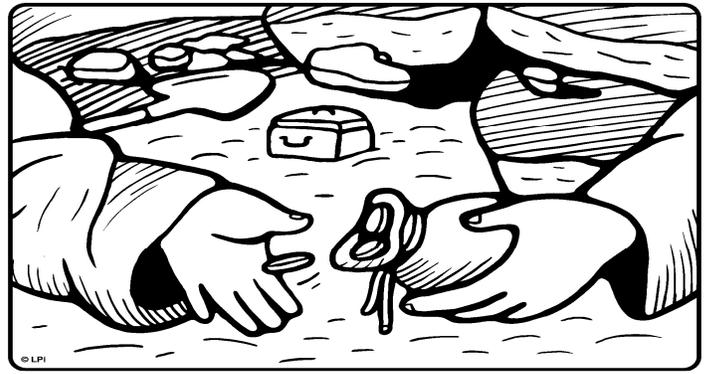
Helping with CCD: We are looking for teachers and aides for this coming school year. We are in need of help in Kindergarten (aide), 2nd (aide), 4th (aide), 5th (teacher and aide), 7th (aide) and 8th grades (teacher and aide). If you are interested in helping out or learning more, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com. This is a very rewarding experience.

****PLEASE NOTE:** CCD information and registration forms will be mailed out in August. If you are new to the parish and haven't yet registered and have children who are school age, please contact Marie at the email address above and she will be sure that you get the information.

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, August 4, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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. 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.

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 14th. 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.



“*The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*” — **Matthew 13:44**

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Men's Discussion Group: The Men's Discussion Group will be meeting this Tuesday, August 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All men 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.

Bishop's Fund: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Bishop's Fund thus far. **To date, we are 97.87% (\$22,440) of our annual goal of \$22,928 (less than \$500 from our goal).** 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.

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.

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 and is open to any young person, regardless of faith or religious belief.

Project Rachel Prayer Partners: Project Rachel Prayer Partners is looking for new members. This is a virtual prayer group of volunteers who pray for those involved in the Project Rachel Ministry for post-abortion healing. Members receive email or surface mail requests outlining specific prayer intentions. To join or for more information, contact Lori Daudelin at 658-6110 ext 1131.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: The RCIA program educates and forms adults in the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know wants to become a Catholic, or simply wants a better understanding of the Catholic Faith, please consider joining us. Do you know someone who does not belong to a faith community and who could use a boost in their spiritual life? — please invite them! **Classes will begin on September 20th at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall of St. John Vianney, South Burlington, and are free of charge.** Please contact Father Cray so he can get you registered through our parish.