

November 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—31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For they preach but they do not practice." The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones Jesus was speaking about in today's Gospel, but we must be careful not to dismiss his words when it comes to our own actions. Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers that we must also heed when he said, "The greatest among you must be your servant." This is not the way the world usually works. Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is considered inferior to being someone who has risen to high levels of leadership or status. But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to selflessly serve those over whom they have influence. And he insists that the leaders who establish laws, rules, and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following their own directives! "Practice what you preach," as the saying goes.

Whether or not we have extensive public influence, almost all of us at certain points are in a position to exercise leadership--with our children and families, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and sometimes strangers. When these moments arise, we are called to step into this role without being hypocrites. It's important to be sure we don't issue unrealistic demands on others that we ourselves would find it burdensome or even impossible to fulfill. This requires the virtue of humility. Instead of reveling in the authority we may have at any given moment, instead of creating "heavy burdens hard to carry and lay[ing] them on people's shoulders," we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their shoes, and lead accordingly. And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership will be rewarded, for "whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$2,237.15
Priests' Benefit Fund: \$1,011.15
Online Giving Last Week: \$0-

Second Collection Next Sunday for Maintenance

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - JUNE 30

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$44,521.07
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$41,956.95

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$3,688.85
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$3,689.50

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$5,248.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$8,142.00

Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m.: 116 9:30 a.m.: 113

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Nov. 4 4:30 p.m. For Stan and Hilda Griffin requested by Theresa and Steve Aube.

Sun. Nov. 5 9:30 a.m. For Betsy Taff requested by Gerry Hanna.

Sat. Nov. 11 4:30 p.m. For All Souls

Sun. Nov. 12 9:30 a.m. For Freda Tabor Grassley requested by the Family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, November 6, 2017

John Calcagni
Judi Maculan
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: November 11 and 12, 2017

4:30 p.m. Greeters: Dawn Griswold
Theresa Aube
Altar Server: Becca Syverson
Lector: Sue Hoepfner
Extraordinary Min.: Dawn Griswold
Theresa Aube
Peggy Cioffi

9:30 a.m. Greeters: Family Mass
Altar Server: Family Mass
Lector: Family Mass
Extraordinary Min.: Heidi St. Peter
Hollis St. Peter
Doug Taff

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-11/05 2nd Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.
-11/07 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.
-11/09 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-11/12 Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast
-11/12 1st Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.
-11/12 Synod Parish Meeting at 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Question of the Week When I think about the ministry I undertake in my community of faith, how can I ensure that it always reflects the word of God and not my own agenda?

Thanksgiving Day Mass: There will be a Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m. at OLMC.

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.

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

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the 1st Quarter ending 09/30/2017 of this Fiscal Year

- Offertory Income for this period was \$40,616 compared to \$37,842 prior year, an increase of \$2,775 or 7.3%.
- Total Income including Offertory, Fund Raisers, Gifts, Bequests and Miscellaneous Income for the period was \$46,855 compared to \$44,647 for the prior year's 1st quarter, an increase of \$2,209 or 5.0%.
- St. Jude's had Net Gain of \$10,278 after expenses for the 1st quarter compared to a Net Gain of \$6,627 for the prior year's 1st quarter, an increase of \$3,651 or 55.1%.
- Total Cash on hand as of 09/30/2017 was \$119,861 compared to \$100,706 at 09/30/2016, an increase of \$19,155 or 19.0%.

Remembering our Deceased: We have a permanent book to record the names of our deceased family members and friends to be remembered at Mass during the month of November. This book is available in the lobby of the church.

All Souls Masses: During the month of November we will have six (6) masses for All Souls. This is a way to remember our loved ones. The remaining masses will be as follows:
Sunday, November 5 at 8:00 a.m. at OLMC
Saturday, November 11 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude
Sunday, November 19 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude
Tuesday, November 21 at 5:15 p.m. at OLMC
Sunday, November 26 at 11:00 a.m. at OLMC

CCD Teacher and Aide Needed: We are in need of a 5th grade CCD Teacher and Aide. If you are interested, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com or call the office at 482-2290. Thank you.

Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast: Our next Family Mass will be held **Sunday, November 12**. The Mass will be followed with the Pancake Breakfast. There is **NO CHARGE** for the breakfast but a **FREE WILL OFFERING** basket will be available. If you would like to help with cooking the breakfast, please contact Lisa Boutin at 363-0630. Thank you.

Yarn Donations: The Helping Hands Sewing Ministry is looking for yarn. If you have any leftover yarn that you are looking to part with, please leave in the bin in the lobby. Thank you.

Looking for Knitters and Those Who Crochet: For the past 11 years, St. Jude Parish has provided the meal at the Salvation Army on the eve of Thanksgiving. In past years we have also provided hats, mittens, and socks for the clients who came in that evening. We will be doing this again this year. We are looking for parishioners and others who would be willing to knit and/or crochet adult size hats and mittens and anyone who would be willing to donate thick, new adult size socks. There will be a box in the lobby where you can drop off any of these items. If you have any questions, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or email at marietcookson@aol.com. Thank you.

Counters Needed: We are in need of more counters as many of our regulars will be heading south in the next month or two. Counting is done on Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the St. Jude Rectory. Folks work in teams of three. Counting is usually finished by 9:30 a.m. (usually earlier). It is a great way to meet some of your fellow parishioners and get to know those from St. Jude's also. If you are interested or would like more info, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or email at marietcookson@aol.com.



Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." — Mt 23:1-3

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Salvation Army Dinner: St. Jude's will be providing a Thanksgiving dinner at the Salvation Army on **Wednesday, November 22**. We are looking for food donations along with monetary donations. We will be purchasing the turkeys, potatoes and ice cream. ***We are looking for food donations of coleslaw, corn, cranberry sauce, gravy, rolls, desserts and milk. We are also looking for people to help serve. Sign up sheets are in the lobby. Food needs to be at St. Jude's on **November 22 by 1:30 p.m.** Workers at the Salvation Army by 4:30 p.m. **We need enough food to feed approximately 150 people.**

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Wednesday, November 29** from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. More info in the upcoming weeks.

Looking for Crafters: St. Jude's will be having a Craft Fair on **Saturday, December 9** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are looking for crafters. If you are a crafter and are interested in purchasing a space at this Craft Fair, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com and an application form will be sent to you. 75% of items sold **must** be handmade.

6th Annual Vermont Catholic Women's Retreat: The 6th Annual Vermont Catholic Women's Retreat will be held on **Saturday, November 18** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Center, 28 Lincoln Street, Essex Jct., VT. You are invited to join women from all over Vermont for a day filled with prayer, fellowship, and encouragement—focused on the teachings of Pope John Paul II on the gift of being a woman. Keynote Speaker will be Mother Mary Catherine of the Divine Word M.W. Visit www.vermontcatholic.org for more information or to register.

Chittenden County Right to Life: The Chittenden County Right to Life will meet on Tuesday, November 14 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in St. John Vianney Parish Hall, 160 Hinesburg Road, So. Burlington. Discussion of ideas for new educational projects and promotion of the Rally For Life in Montpelier on January 13, 2018. Contact chitrighttolife@gmail.com for more info. All are welcome.

Taizé Evening Prayer: A Taizé Prayer Service will be held on **Sunday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m.** at The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 2 Cherry Street, Burlington. All are welcome to this ecumenical and contemplative prayer service which incorporates both song and times of quiet.