

November 19, 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—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." This servant was scared. He didn't want to take any risks and just wanted to play everything safe. As he confesses to his master, "Out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground." And the master was not pleased. The other servants who invested the money he gave them were richly rewarded for their efforts to produce more. But this servant was punished for letting his fear rule the day.

What factors are keeping us from making a return on God's investment in us? He has given us all life, and each of us also has a special collection of "talents" to make use of. We have certain gifts, skills, experiences, resources, and abilities that (though we may not often think about it) come from God. He calls us to make the most of these things, not just to take them for granted or bury them in the ground, so to speak. Our gifts are meant not just for our own enjoyment, but to help others, to spread truth and goodness and beauty to the world around us.

Sometimes, however, we fail to really capitalize on our potential. Laziness, distraction, or self-pity can get in the way if we are unwilling to put in the hard work to improve our natural gifts, if we allow ourselves to zone out with entertainment or frivolous pastimes instead of making good use of the time entrusted to us, or if we wallow in negativity by focusing on what we don't have instead of embracing what we do.

Each moment is a gift from God. May we seize every opportunity to multiply the investment God has made in us so that we may be worthy to hear God tell us, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$2,946.77
Maintenance: \$841.00
Online Giving Last Week: 290.00

Second Collection This Week for Campaign for Human Development

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - NOVEMBER 12

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$51,741.57
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$48,559.57

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$4,598.85
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$4,750.50

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$6,596.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$9,575.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 108 9:30 a.m.: 129

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Nov. 18 4:30 p.m. (No Intention)
Sun. Nov. 19 9:30 a.m. For All Souls
Sat. Nov. 25 4:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.
Sun. Nov. 26 9:30 a.m. For Bernard Giroux requested by the family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, November 20, 2017

Grace Link
Theresa Aube
Dick Stowe

Schedule of Ministries: November 25 and 26, 2017

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Chloe & Donna Shepardson
	Altar Server:	Hannah Shepardson Sawyer Lake
	Lector:	Mike Bullock
	Extraordinary Min.:	Judy Thibault Donna Shepardson Mike Bullock
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Kathy & Ted Barrett
	Altar Server:	Max Destito Emma Destito
	Lector:	Tom Giroux
	Extraordinary Min.:	Chris Destito Ted Barrett Doug Taff

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-11/22 Salvation Army Dinner
-11/28 Senior Meal at Noon
-11/28 Baking Demonstration-Pies at 7:00 p.m.
-12/01 Eucharistic Adoration following the 8:00 a.m. Mass
-12/03 2nd Year Confirmation Class
-12/04 Madrigal Singers at 6:30 p.m.

Question of the Week How am I investing those talents entrusted to me by the Master?

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

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.

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%.

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:

Tuesday, November 21 at 5:15 p.m. at OLMC
Sunday, November 26 at 11:00 a.m. at OLMC

Thank You, John Penoyar: After 22 years of leading the Music Ministry at St. Jude's, John Penoyar has decided to retire. His last Mass will be Sunday, November 26. We will greatly miss his musical talents.

--Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass on November 26, we will have a small farewell reception for John. Please stop by and wish him good luck and enjoy a piece of cake.

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.

St. Jude Craft Fair: There will be a Craft Fair at St. Jude Parish on Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many items will be available. Please join us.

*****St. Jude's will also be running a canteen during the Craft Fair. We are looking for donations of hot dogs and rolls, soups, chips, sandwich fixings, baked goods, soda and bottled water. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby.**

*****We are looking for help with distributing the Craft Fair signs in the local areas (Hinesburg, Starksboro, Monkton, Huntington, Williston, Shelburne, Charlotte, etc.) If you would be willing to help with this, please leave your name and email on the sign up sheet in the lobby. Please indicate what area you would be willing to help cover and how many signs you would like. 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.

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.



“Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’
His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great
responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’”

— Mt 25:20b-21
Excerpta from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1996, 1970 CCC.

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.****

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection: Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins.

Advent Appeal-2017: Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the Annual Advent Appeal. The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, there are basic needs to be met: food, shelter, and heat, to name but a few. With your help, we can make a difference in lives of those living on the edge. Many Vermonters are struggling to put daily bread on the table or to keep the lights and heat on in their homes. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a needy family. To donate, please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or give online at www.vermontcatholic.org. Thank you.

Madrigal Singers: The CVU Madrigal Singers will be performing at St. Jude's on Monday, December 4 beginning at 6:30 p.m. A free-will offering will take place to benefit the Madrigals. All are welcome to this Christmas event and sing-along.

SCHIP: SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop is hiring a part-time sales associate for its non-profit boutique in Shelburne Village. Work hours are 2+ days per week, including some Saturdays. Must like clothing and working with people; retail experience a plus. Must also be able to stand for long periods of time and be able to lift up to 25 pounds repeatedly. Salary is \$11.50 - \$13.00/hour, depending on experience. Please send resume to Caroline Vanderbilt, c/o SCHIP's Treasure, 5404 Shelburne Rd. #1, Shelburne, VT 05482 or schipstore@myfairpoint.net.