

February 4, 2018

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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—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For most of us, the dynamic between prayer and action is imperfect. Breakfast needs to be made and the kids dressed. Work demands our energy and additional responsibilities fill our evenings and weekends. Then there's the football game or a new TV series to stream. After all, don't we need to relax?

We're all busy. But just imagine Jesus' situation in today's Gospel. He heals Peter's mother-in-law, drives out demons, and cures diseases late into the night. With very little sleep, he arises before dawn to capture some peace and quiet, only to find "those who were with him pursued him." How often do we feel pursued by the harried commitments, even when we try to seek rest? Perhaps we can learn something from the response of Jesus.

Jesus models two key things: the essential nature of prayer and the essential call of vocation. "He went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." Despite inevitable exhaustion, Jesus prioritizes time with the Father. We might not have easy access to deserts and mountaintops, but today's Gospel challenges us to take intentional time set apart for God. We can designate a "prayer chair" in a corner of our home or leave a little earlier to pick our children up from school so we can snatch time in a nearby chapel. We can pray the rosary on our commute or take the dog for a long walk in silence.

However, when the Apostles arrive, Jesus doesn't linger overlong in the deserted place or make an excuse for why he can't return with his friends. Jesus is true to his calling. He continues on in his state of life, serving the people nearest to him. Like Jesus, we are invited to set intentional time for communion with God so that we can be refreshed and empowered for our communion with others.

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$2,502.50
Catholic Education: \$422.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$-0-

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 – JANUARY 28

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$78,022.27
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$77,096.68

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$6,065.85
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$6,602.00

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$10,625.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$14,186.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 72 9:30 a.m.: 110

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Feb. 3 4:30 p.m. For James Case requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.

Sun. Feb. 4 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Sat. Feb. 10 4:30 p.m. For James Case requested by Marie Cookson.

Sun. Feb. 11 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 5, 2018

Ann Thomas
Brenda Waters
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: February 10 and 11, 2018

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Family Mass
	Altar Server:	Family Mass
	Lector:	Family Mass
	Extraordinary Min.:	Peggy Cloffi
		Deirdre Bissonette
		Judy Thibault
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Paulette Noyes
		Charlene Van Sleet
	Altar Server:	Alex Gutierrez
		Allison Gutierrez
	Lector:	Tom Buzzell
	Extraordinary Min.:	Tom Buzzell
		Stephanie Buzzell
		Ted Barrett

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-2/04 2nd Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 p.m.
-2/06 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.
-2/08 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-2/10 Family Mass at 4:30 p.m.
-2/11 1st Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.
-2/13 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: What does it mean to be a disciple? How do I serve God and serve others?

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins **Wednesday, February 14.** Mass and distributions of the ashes will be held at OLMC at 7:00 a.m. and at St. Jude's at 7:00 p.m. This is a great way to begin the Lenten season.

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Church in Latin America

Souper Bowl of Caring: This Sunday, February 4, is Super Bowl Sunday. This weekend, **February 3 and 4**, we will have students collecting money after Mass for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items. Won't you please help out those in need in our communities? *"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."*

Family Mass: Our next Family Mass is next **Saturday, February 10**. We will not have a Pasta Dinner following this Mass due to the low numbers that have been attending the dinners.

Gluten Free Hosts: We have received some inquiries from parishioners who have gluten free diets and how they can receive Communion. One option is to receive Communion only from the chalice. If you need gluten free hosts, please contact Father Cray. The parish will purchase the pix and the gluten free hosts but the parishioner will be responsible for bringing the pix and unconsecrated hosts to Mass with them and giving them to Father before Mass begins.

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 spring 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 and we will add you to our list and will notify you as we get closer to the start date.

Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference: The Diocese is holding a one day conference for men on **February 17, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**, at Holy Family Parish Center in Essex. For information or to register, go to vermontcatholic.org/men.

Collection for the Church in Latin America: Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. Please be generous.

Young Adult Retreat: The Young Adult Retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m. through Sunday, February 25, 3:30 p.m.** at the Mary Theotokos Monastic Retreat Center in Newark, VT. Father Lance Harlow will be leading this retreat, and the cost is \$40 per participant, which includes food and lodging. The retreat is open to young adults, ages 18+. If you have any questions or would like to register, please contact Bill Gavin at the Diocesan office at 658-6110 ext 1240 or email wgavin@vermontcatholic.org.

Edmundite Heritage Trip to France: In celebration of the founding of the Society of St. Edmund 175 years ago, Rev. Marcel Rainville, SSE '67 and Louis Giancola '68 M'95 will lead a 10-day journey to France to discover the many towns, villages, churches and abbeys that were the centers of the Edmundites formation. Among the many sites you'll visit are the breathtaking Pontigny Abbey and Mont-Saint-Michel and you will spend the final leg in the City of Lights - Paris! Spots are limited and are reserved on a first-come first-served basis. All Saint Michael's alumni, parents and friends are invited. Trip dates: **May 13-22, 2018**. Full itinerary and costs can be found at <http://edmunditefoundation.grouptoursite.com/>. (Check out the trip extension options to Paris and Normandy.) To reserve your spot or for more information, contact Fr. Marcel at mranville@smcvt.edu or call 802-654-2848. Please see fliers in the lobby.



He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

— Mk 1:38-39

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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.

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Jude's every Friday at **7:00 p.m.** during Lent beginning **February 16**. All are welcome.

Ash Wednesday Collection: The special collection on Ash Wednesday is to support the outreach work of Vermont Catholic Charities. A portion of the collection will go to help fund the Bishop deGoesbriand grants which are awarded to Vermont nonprofits who are making a difference in their communities.

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 **February 13 and 27** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Lenten Retreat Day: A Lenten retreat day for anyone who works for or ministers in the parish including: administrative assistants, bookkeepers, religious education leaders, catechists and aides, maintenance personal, music directors, musicians and singers, parish volunteers including greeters, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, counters, parish and finance councils and other parish staff. Retreat facilitated by the Diocesan Department of Evangelization & Catechesis. The retreat in our area will be held on **Wednesday, March 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at St. Jude's in Hinesburg. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com. Thank you.

Line Dancing: Line Dancing will be offered at St. Jude's beginning **Thursday, January 26 through March 1 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** Cost is \$5 per week. All are welcome.

Bone Builders Program at Carpenter Carse Library: RSVP Bone Builders is an osteoporosis prevention program that involves weight training and balance activities. The sessions will meet in the Carpenter Carse Library Community Room every Wednesday and Friday from **10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** starting **February 7**. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers and bring water. Classes are free. For more info, call Sue Rusten at 482-5095 or Julie Soquet at 482-5251. Men and women are welcome.