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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 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Are you guilty of spiritual stockpiling? Spiritual stockpiling isn't an endless rotation of rosaries and novenas. It's accumulating emotional "goods" to meet your needs. Perhaps it's a collection of material objects you treasure. Maybe it's a preoccupation with money. It could also be relationships, making sure there's always enough friends and connections to never really feel alone. It's our tendency to let things add up so that we won't quite need God to fulfill our inner life. Yet in this Sunday's Gospel, we have that inescapable petition from the Our Father. "Give us each day our daily bread."

This life isn't an immediate arrival. And as much as we might try to shore up possessions and pleasures, we know the journey is unpredictable. Give us this day our daily bread implies enough for the next set of steps, but not enough to stockpile. So here's the big question: Do we trust God to give us what we need? After all, "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?... how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" At the Last Supper, Jesus said he would never leave us orphaned. God will not abandon us. And surely He wouldn't ask us to pray for what He does not intend to give.

Of course, sometimes our prayers for daily help can seem to go unanswered. Today's Gospel has advice for that, too. "I tell you... he will give up to him whatever he needs because of his persistence." Our spiritual stockpiling increases our self-reliance and decreases our openness to God's possibilities. Be persistent in your pursuit of God! Trust that He will keep His promises to provide for us, today and always.

Liturgical Pub

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. July 28 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. July 28 11:00 a.m. For Jackie Baker requested by her family.

Tues. July 30 5:15 p.m. For Mary Brady requested by Anne Lynes.

Sun. Aug. 4 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Aug. 4 11:00 a.m. For the Haman Family requested by Sue Haman and Family.

Offertory Last Week: \$1,309.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$350.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Please pray for all priests in your daily prayers, especially the following this week:

Sunday:	Priestly and Religious Vocations
Monday:	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
Tuesday:	All Our Seminarians
Wednesday:	All Deceased Priests
Thursday:	Pope Francis
Friday:	Bishop Christopher Coyne
Saturday:	Rev. Joseph Sanderson

Copies of the monthly calendar are available in the back.

Schedule of Counters: Monday, July 29, 2019

Jacqueline Jones
Cyndy Marshall
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: August 4, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Wanda & Vic Bean
	Altar Server:	Hadley Stockwell
	Lector:	Gail Blasius
	Extraordinary Min.:	Wanda Bean Rose Bernier

11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Rosemarie Cartularo
	Altar Server:	Henry Palmer
	Lector:	Matt Sulva
	Extraordinary Min.:	Eileen Curtis Ray Curtis

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-7/28 Saint Nicholas Project at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses
-8/01 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: What have I prayed for persistently in the past? Am I receptive when I am asked for something persistently?

Daily Mass: There will be NO daily Mass on **Monday, August 5 through August 9** due to Fr. Cray being away on Edmundite business.

Thank You: Thank you to Joe Blasius for the wonderful job on the floor in the parish hall and the new shelving in the closet in Marie's office. Both jobs look wonderful.

Dishes in the Hall: There are many dishes in the hall from parishioners who furnished food for recent funerals and memorial services. If you have furnished something recently, please stop into the parish hall and pick up your dish. Thank you.

Bishop's Appeal: We are 83.78% (\$19,350) to our parish goal of \$23,097 from 46 donors. We are grateful to all of those who have been able to participate and encourage others to learn more about your gift at work. We hope you will consider making a gift. To learn more visit: bishopsappealvt.org

Sermon on the Mount: Join 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 **Wednesday, August 14**. 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 to arrive early (by 5:45 p.m.) as there is very limited parking available at the top. **PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE** (Main Dish, Salad, Side Dish, Veggies, Chips & Dip, Desserts, etc.). OLMC will supply the drinks and paper products along with power chords for crock pots and warming plates for use if you'd like to bring a hot dish. 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 Saint Nicholas Project: The Saint Nicholas Project will be visiting OLMC!! Founded by Fr. Lance Harlow in 2015, the Saint Nicholas Project's goal is to raise awareness of and increase support for the boys and girls at Kurn Hattin Homes for Children, a K-8 grade residential care facility for children at risk from troubled homes. There will be an informational table available for you after the Masses on **Sunday, July 28**. The kids need you!! Please stop by and learn about Kurn Hattin Homes and find out how you can help children from families in distress right here in Vermont. Thank you! (They will be visiting St. Jude's in September.)

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 2** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Seeking Donations for Children in Congo: As mentioned in last week's bulletin: Jules Wetchi, a parishioner of St. Joseph's Cathedral in Burlington will be traveling back to his homeland in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in August. He will be bringing much needed clothes for children to be distributed there, Jules states specifically: "clothes for newborns, young girls and boys aged between 3 to 15 years old and adults of all ages. I will suggest the spring, fall and summer clothes because of Congo climate. I will prefer the new items or the clothes in a good condition. If it's possible shoes of all age." There is a box labeled CONGO at both OLMC and St. Jude's for the next 2 weekends to collect the items. Monetary donations are most welcome as the cost of shipping will be approximately \$800. Jules became a US citizen this July 4th (yah!) and as such he is just buying his airfare now, which will cost over \$2,000. Next week there will be a basket at the entrance to the church for monetary donations. For more information please contact Tricia Sulva at majac@gmavt.net. Thank you for kindly considering helping Jules out with this cause that is so close to his heart!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "Knock and the door will be opened to you." Discover the amazing plan God has for you and your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is November 15-17, 2019 in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <http://www.mevtw.org/>.



“Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,’ and he says in reply from within, ‘Do not bother me.’ I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.” — Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

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Rosary: The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's 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 **August 13 and 27** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

St. Joseph's Level III Residential Care Home: Rooms and suites are available at St. Joseph's Residential Care Home in Burlington, operated by VT Catholic Charities. The Residential Care Home is a small home-like community that provides personal care, medication management, home cooked meals, nursing overview, and a wide array of activities. The dedicated staff supports the needs of the whole person – physical, emotional, social and spiritual. For more information or to schedule a tour of the home, please call 864-0264.

Solidarity Bike Tour for Immigrant Justice: Frustrated at what's happening at our borders but not sure what to do? Vermont Interfaith Action is sponsoring a Solidarity Bike Tour from **Wednesday, August 21 to Saturday, August 24**, – 160 miles total from Montpelier to Dover, NH. The ride ends in a 5-mile walk to the Strafford County Jail in Dover, NH. Walkers may join in for the last few miles of the journey. Immigrants arrested by ICE and awaiting deportation are held at this jail. Cyclists will ride 40-50 miles each day, stopping in towns along the way and staying at supportive faith communities in the evenings. Every morning will begin with an overview of the route and a time of reflection on what our migrant neighbors are facing. In the evenings there will be educational or prayerful discussions open to the public. For more information, contact melissa@viavt.org. To register go to www.viavt.org.

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