

# August 4, 2019

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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 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life - grateful or greedy?

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. "You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others.

Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "storing up treasure for ourselves." The more we grow in gratitude and generosity, the more we become "rich in what matters to God."

Liturgical Pub

### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**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.

**Sun. Aug. 11 8:00 a.m.** For Shane Beal requested by the OLMC Religious Ed Teachers.

**Sun. Aug. 11 11:00 a.m.** For Tom Marshall requested by the Marshall Family.

Offertory Last Week: \$1,877.25

Maintenance: \$85.00

Online Giving Last Week: \$125.00

**Second Collection This Week for Maintenance**

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	Rev. Hermogenes Sargado, SDV
<b>Monday:</b>	Rev. Jon Schnobrich
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. Msgr. Wendell Searles
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rev. James Shea
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev. Lourduraja Simeone
<b>Friday:</b>	Rev. Dallas St. Peter
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rev. Timothy Sullivan

Copies of the monthly calendar are available in the back.

### Schedule of Counters: Monday, August 5, 2019

Gail Blasius  
Linda Stowe  
Marie Cookson

### Schedule of Ministries: August 11, 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

-8/14 Sermon on the Mount at 6:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week:** Am I in control of my possessions or are they controlling me? What is the biggest obstacle that I need to overcome to become generous with all that I have?

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

**Feast of the Assumption:** The Feast of the Assumption is **Thursday, August 15** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated for this Feast Day on **Wednesday, August 14** at 6:00 p.m. at the top of Mount Philo (see Sermon on the Mount notice on next page) and on **Thursday, August 15** at 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude.

**Rosary:** The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's beginning at 4:10 p.m.

**WARNING:** It has been brought to our attention that once again folks are receiving emails from Fr. Cray asking for donations of gift cards. **THIS IS A SCAM!!** Fr. Cray would **NEVER** email folks asking for donations. If you receive an email from him, please check the email address. Father's email is [dgcray@gmail.com](mailto:dgcray@gmail.com). Anything other than that, is not him. We don't want folks being taken advantage of. If you are unsure about this, please contact Father or Marie directly. Thank you.

**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.

**Bishop's Appeal: We are 85.18% (\$19,675) to our parish goal of \$23,097 from 48 donors.** (We are about \$3,400 from our parish goal.) 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](http://bishopsappealvt.org)

**Seeking Donations for Children in Congo:** There is a box labeled CONGO at both OLMC and St. Jude's for this final weekend to collect the items needed for Jules Wetchi's trip back to his homeland in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Monetary donations are most welcome as the cost of shipping will be approximately \$800 and Jules' airfare will cost over \$2,000. This week and next week there is a basket at the entrance to the church for monetary donations. For more information please contact Tricia Sulva at [majac@gmavt.net](mailto:majac@gmavt.net). Thank you for kindly considering helping Jules out with this cause that is so close to his heart!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** "Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." Discover how much your marriage matters to God 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 <https://wwmevtw.org/>.

**Find Your Greatness:** The first ever Dynamic Catholic event is coming to Vermont! On **Saturday, August 17**, come to St. Monica in Barre, VT for a life-changing event titled **Find Your Greatness**. Dynamic Catholic events are not about feeling. They are about doing. They don't just give you something to *think* about. They give you a plan. They help you make your life work better. The goal is not to just inspire you for a few hours. At **Find Your Greatness**, you walk away with more than just knowledge about four life changing habits. You'll leave with a personalized plan on how to engage these habits in your normal, ordinary, everyday life. Tickets can currently be purchased at a flash sale rate of \$15 by visiting [DynamicCatholic.com/Vermont](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Vermont). All are welcome.



*“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” — Lk 12:20-21*

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**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.

**Senior Meals:** St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **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](mailto:melissa@viavt.org). To register go to [www.viavt.org](http://www.viavt.org).

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