

August 22, 2021

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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 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.

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Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m.: 35 9:30 a.m.: 42

Offertory Last Week: \$3,546.00 Maintenance: \$167.00
Feast of the Assumption: \$320.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$-0-

Second Collection Next Week for Haiti

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday August 21

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Sr. Marguerite Martel requested by Helena Martel.

Sunday August 22

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Deacon Greg Caldwell and Rev. Robert Murphy.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the Gruppi Family requested by the family.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes

Monday August 23 8:00 a.m. (SJ) For Rev. Gerald Bombardier requested by Marie Cookson.

Tuesday August 24 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For the Intentions of Toni Clements

Wednesday August 25 (OLMC)

Thursday August 26 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For the Intentions of Toni Clements

Friday August 27 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Saturday August 28

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Raymond Cote requested by his wife, Helen.

Sunday August 29

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Arnold Gratton requested by his wife, Janice.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Shawn Coyle requested by the Parish Community.

Calendar of St. Jude Events

- 8/21 Outdoor Mass at 4:30 p.m.
- 8/24 Senior Bingo
- 8/25 Salvation Army Dinner
- 8/28 Outdoor Mass at 4:30 p.m. RAIN DATE
- 9/02 Red Cross Blood Drive at 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 9/03 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.
- 9/07 Men’s Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: What specific action can I take to show my commitment to remain a disciple of our Lord?

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the Fiscal Year Ending - 06/30/2021

- St. Jude's had a Net Loss of \$-26,127 for the year compared to a Net Gain of \$17,120 for the prior year, a decrease of \$-43,247. The roof project contributed to \$32,000 of this loss.
- Donations dropped by -28,443 or -15.1%
- Unencumbered cash reserves (Cash & Receivables Less Payables) were \$152,563 compared to \$176,175, a decrease of -\$23,612 or -13.4%.

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

Sunday:	Rev. Fidelis Agughara
Monday:	Rev. Ilayaraja Amaladass, HGN
Tuesday:	Rev. Julian Asucan
Wednesday:	Rev. Michael Augustinowitz
Thursday:	Rev. Luke Austin
Friday:	Rev. Dwight Baker
Saturday:	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty

Counter Schedule for August 23, 2021

Lee Cross
Theresa Aube
Marie Cookson

Schedules for August 28 and 29, 2021

Greeters: 4:30 p.m. The Shepardson Family
9:30 a.m. Charlene Van Sleet

Lector: 4:30 p.m. Mike Bullock
9:30 a.m. Tom Buzzell

EM: 4:30 p.m. Donna Shepardson
9:30 a.m. Doug Taff

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: Our Lady of Mount Carmel will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions every Tuesday following the 5:15 p.m. Mass. The next Adoration will be **Tuesday, August 24** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Faith Formation: Our Faith Formation Classes (Religious Ed) will begin in September. We will be meeting in person once a month. These classes include Mass, catechesis for students and for adults. The expectation is that parents attend these monthly classes if their children are enrolled in the program. If you have a child or grandchild who has not been part of our program in the past and you would like to enroll them, please contact Marie Cookson at marietcookson@aol.com so that you can be added to our mailing list.

Confirmation Program: As we implement the Diocesan Confirmation Plan, 6th and 7th grade candidates will be preparing for confirmation in the 2021-2022 school year. This preparation is designed to help candidates learn more about their faith, our Catholic Church and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. The process is intended to help the candidate become more receptive to the Holy Spirit and actively live out the mission of the Church in their lives.

Sacramental Prep: The preparation process for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion involves participating in the parish's first and second grade religious education classes. Both sacraments are celebrated during the second grade year.



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe
and are convinced that you are the Holy
One of God." — Jn 6:67-69

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Special Collection Next Week for Haiti: Bishop Coyne, following the request of the USCCB, is asking parishes to take up a special collection next weekend to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Haiti following the recent devastating earthquake and hurricanes. There are special collection envelopes available in the lobby for this collection. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO THE PARISH, NOT CRS. Thank you.

Salvation Army Dinner: Our next Salvation Army meal is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 25**. We will be serving Baked Beans, Hotdogs, Rolls, Potato Salad, Chips, Watermelon, and Desserts. **We need enough food to feed approximately 50 people.** Sign Up link is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094DA4A62FA7FC1-salvation> Food donations need to be at the church by **1:00 p.m. on August 25**. If you have any questions, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or marietcookson@aol.com.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Thursday, September 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter **HINESBURG**. We ask that appointments be made if possible as we may not be able to accommodate walk-ins due to the coronavirus. **MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.** **It is important to register online if possible as this allows the Red Cross to know what they can supply to the hospitals.

Musician Wanted: We are looking for a musician to help provide music for the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The knowledge of the Catholic liturgy is expected. If you or someone you know is interested or would like more info, please contact Fr. Zuccaro at 425-2253, email at carmel@gmavt.net or see him after Mass.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: St. Jude Parish is 64% (\$15,065) to our Bishop's Appeal goal of \$23,502. If you have not yet made a gift to the appeal or would like to make an additional gift online, visit vermontcatholic.org/giveonline. Thank you to those who made a donation on Founder's Day. St. Jude's received a matching grant for those contributions made that day. Thank you.

Senior Bingo: Seniors, you are invited to a morning of free bingo at St. Jude's from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. The next Bingo is **Tuesday, August 24**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, August 18**. **Masks are welcome if you wish to wear one but are no longer required for the fully vaccinated.** You will be given a packaged complete meal to take home, provided no charge by Age Well. Bingo prizes will be provided by St. Jude's. Contact Kathy and Ted Barrett at 453-3087 (leave a message) or email to tedbarrett79@gmail.com for reservations.

RCIA: Have you or someone you know been pondering what it means to be Catholic? Been yearning to know more about our faith? Been desiring to be welcomed into the sacraments of initiation? Very soon, we will begin preparing for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at St John Vianney, and you are invited to join. They will begin with an introduction to the faith during the month of September, meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the church hall, viewing videos from the Augustine Institute called "The Search." All are welcome to join during these sessions. They will then transition to a period of more focused instruction during the month of October, with meetings at the same time and place. Do you feel called to help make Christ's message to the world known and communicate his grace to others? They are also looking for people who are ready to give the candidates evidence of the spirit of the Christian community and welcome them into personal conversation and community gatherings. If you would like to journey either as a Catechumen or as a team member, please contact Connie St. John Vianney Parish at x 204 or at SVGoodNews@gmail.com, or speak with your local pastor.

Praying the Rosary: The Diocese is looking for volunteers to lend their voice for a recording of the Rosary for Life. These recordings will be aired on Facebook throughout the months of October and January to pray for all lives from conception until natural death. Each slide has a specific meditation prior to each Hail Mary. Each prayer has a separate slide so all you need to do is read what is in front of you! All people will see when it is aired are the slides that have been created especially for this Rosary and they will hear us praying. If you would like to record a Rosary please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4BACA92EA2F58-lenten1>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Peter & Sheila Oprysko at 201-651-9367 or visit them at <https://wwwmevtw.org/>. "You have the words of eternal life." Learn God's plan for your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

St. Peter's Resale Closet: St. Peter's Resale Closet store is inviting you to visit their Facebook page. They sell gently used housewares, clothing for the whole family, DVDs, toys and more! You will find postings on their page about new arrivals, sales and events! Just search them on Facebook as: St. Peter's Resale Closet.

Knights of Columbus Anchor Award: The Anchor Award is the highest award bestowed by the Vermont Knights of Columbus. Father Tim Naples, pastor of St. John Vianney Parish, South Burlington, has been chosen as this year's recipient, in recognition of his pastoral work, and seven years of fraternal work as State K. of C. Chaplain. The formal dinner for the honorary bestowal of the Anchor Award is **September 3 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Delta Conference Center (Formerly Doubletree Hotel). Tickets are \$40. Menu and registration information for anyone who wishes to attend can be found by going to www.KofCVT.org, going to "Events" in the menu, then clicking on the September 3 Anchor Award Banquet event. Contact information on the same website is available for questions. Congratulations to Fr. Naples on this award!!

Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman Presentation: You are cordially invited to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman **on Sunday, October 10, at Holy Family Church Hall in Essex Junction, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas Aquinas College, as well as Fr. Kevin Chalifoux. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. For more information or to RSVP by October 3 at VermontNewman@gmail.com

Job Openings: St. John Vianney Parish in South Burlington has current job openings in Religious Education and Youth Ministry: A Full Time Parish Catechetical Leader and Directory of Youth Minister is sought. A Part Time Youth Minister is sought. Please call St. John Vianney Parish (802-864-4166), or visit www.stjohnvianneyvt.org/job-openings for more details on each position.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Richmond and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Williston have an opening for a part-time Custodian to work 10 hours per week at each location for a total of 20 hours per week. Job Description - the person filling this position is responsible for the following:

- *Routine maintenance work involving custodial and housekeeping care of church building, parish hall (including kitchen) and grounds;
- *Maintain janitorial and housekeeping supplies and ensure re-ordering when needed;
- *Maintain custodial storage areas in a clean and orderly fashion;
- *Perform minor repairs when needed;
- *Perform snow and ice removal on walks, including salting and sanding of walks as needed;
- *Ensure materials for recycling are set out for bi-weekly pick-up;
- *Monitor and maintain cleanliness, with mopping, sweeping, and vacuuming as necessary.

Contact the Holy Rosary Parish Office at 434-2521 or the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Office at 878-4513 for more details or to arrange a meeting with Father Murphy.

Our Lady of Providence, a vibrant 45-bed residential care community, is seeking full time LPN's, LNA's, and PCA's for all shifts. Respectful and understanding of their employee's lives and challenges, OLP strives to help employees succeed in meeting personal and professional goals by offering innovative wellness programs, comprehensive benefits including a 403b retirement plan, competitive wages, above market shift differentials and flexible scheduling. For more details, contact Director of Nursing Rosemarie Provetto, at 802-655-2395 or online under the Careers section at OurladyofProvidence.org