

February 27, 2022

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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 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, “For every tree is known by its own fruit.” What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others’ behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don’t know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others’ eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that “no one heals himself by wounding another.” Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites.

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Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 25 9:30 a.m.: 57

Offertory Last Week: \$5,713.85 Maintenance: \$680.00
Fuel: \$95.00 Initial Offering: \$40.00
Online Banking: \$-0-

Second Collection This Week for Church in Eastern Europe

Second Collection Next Week for Home Missions

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday February 26

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For David Bullock requested by his family.

Sunday February 27

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Yvan Plouffe requested by the OLMC Parish Community.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Ortho & Susan Emmons and Bernard & Theresa Emmons requested by Helen Cote.

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

Monday 8:00 a.m. February 28 (SJ) For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by Marie Cookson.

Tuesday 5:15 p.m. March 1 (OLMC)

Wednesday March 2 Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. (OLMC)

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Thursday 5:15 p.m. March 3 (OLMC)

Friday 8:00 a.m. March 4 (SJ) For Joan Bettis requested by Mickey and Jerry Wetzel.

Saturday March 5

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Ruth Shelley requested by Rosalie and Joe Genest.

Sunday March 6

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

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For James Aiken requested by the Religious Ed Teachers and Families.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Ann Cleary requested by the OLMC Parish Community.

Sanctuary Candle: The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of Roger and Estelle Fortin requested by Charlene Van Sleet.

Calendar of St. Jude Events

-3/01 Men’s Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.

-3/04 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions at 8:30 a.m.

-3/05 & 3/06 Food Shelf Weekend

-3/06 Family Faith Formation at 9:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: What can I do this Lent to bear fruit more fully in the world?

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the 1st half of Fiscal Year Ending – 12/31/2021

- St. Jude's had a Net Loss of \$-3,605 during the six months of the 12/31/2021 compared to a Net Loss of \$-15,523 for the six months ending 12/31/2020, an improvement of \$11,918.
- Unencumbered cash reserves (Cash & Receivables Less Payables) were \$147,080 compared to \$155,026, a decrease of \$-7,946 or -5.1%.

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

Sunday:	All Our Seminarians
Monday:	All Deceased Priests
Tuesday:	Pope Francis
Wednesday:	Bishop Christopher Coyne
Thursday:	Rev. Maurice Moreau, OFM
Friday:	Rev. Thomas Mosher
Saturday:	Rev. Brendan Murphy, OP

Schedule of Counters: **Monday, February 28, 2022**
Anne Donegan
Lee Cross
Marie Cookson

Schedules for March 6 and 7, 2022

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

Lector: 4:30 p.m. David Pearson
9:30 a.m. Sue McGuire

EM: 4:30 p.m. Donna Shepardson
9:30 a.m. Heidi St. Peter

COVID Update: While Catholics parishes do not have any mandatory facemask policies at this time, we strongly encourage those attending Masses to wear face masks. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins this **Wednesday, March 2.** Mass and distribution 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.

Looking for Greeters and Lectors: We are in need of Greeters for both Masses and Lectors for the 4:30 p.m. Mass. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let Fr. Zuccaro know after Mass or contact Marie at 802-482-2290 or by email at stjude@gmavt.net. Thank you.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: There will be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession on **Tuesday, March 1** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

-- St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions on **Friday, March 4** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Men's Discussion Group: Join men from St. Jude's and OLMC at St. Jude's from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a Men's Discussion Group. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 1.** If interested or would like more information, please contact Mike Bullock at mtn6@gmavt.net.



"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." — Lk 6:43, 45

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Sanctuary Candle: The Sanctuary Candle (by the Tabernacle) is lit at all times. Parishioners can now have the candle lit in memory of someone or for someone. Each week the intention will be listed in the bulletin along with the name of the person who has requested the intention, if they so desire. We are asking for a monetary donation of \$5.00 or whatever you are able to give. If you are interested in having an intention, please contact Marie at 802-482-2290 or via email at stjude@gmavt.net.

Paschal Candle: This year we will be purchasing a wax Paschal Candle for Easter instead of the oil candle we have been using. If anyone would like to contribute toward the cost of the new candle in memory of loved ones, please contact Marie. The Paschal Candle is lit at the Easter Vigil, during the Easter Season and for baptisms and funeral throughout the year.

Mass Intentions: Did you know you could request a Mass for someone, deceased or living or for a special intention? If you would like to schedule a Mass, please contact Marie at the office at 802-482-2290 or via email at stjude@gmavt.net. Tell her who you would like to have the Mass for. Mass cards are also available for you to send to the family of a deceased person or to the person you would like the mass for (living). The usual stipend for a mass is \$10 and masses can be requested for the weekend or weekday.

Thank You: Thank you to Peggy Cioffi from St. Jude's for the lovely Valentine's Day bags that were handed out the weekend of February 12 and 13. They were greatly appreciated. Thank you, Peggy.

FORMED

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Food Shelf Weekend: Next weekend, **March 5 and 6**, we will again be collecting items for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. The first weekend of each month will be Food Shelf Weekend. Items needed are health & beauty aides (no feminine products), body wash, shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste, laundry detergent, bathroom cleaning products, spring cleaning items. This is NOT a Food Drive—please bring items to Mass with 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, March 8**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, March 2**. **Masks and social distancing are required.** 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

40 Hours Devotion at St John Vianney Church: You are invited to help start Lent off with renewed devotion! One of the three pillars of Lent is prayer, and to offer an extra opportunity for meditation and contemplation, St John Vianney Church will host 40 continuous hours of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer. There are Masses, a penance service, and other special devotions planned during the 40 Hours. Adoration will begin after the **5:30 p.m. Mass on Thursday, March 3** and continue until Benediction at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 5, so please consider when you might be able to come and spend an hour with our Lord. We are in need of two people for each shift, especially during the overnight hours which are traditionally difficult to cover. Spread the word to friends and family! To sign up for a shift, you can go to the website, <https://stjohnvianney.vermontcatholic.org/> under News & Events/40 Hours Devotion, (or go right to signup.com/go/kQgjWBp). For more information, contact Connie McDonald in the office at SJVGoodNews@gmail.com

Diocesan Women's Retreat: *The Heart of Prayer-Our Living Relations With God* There will be a Women's Retreat on **Saturday, April 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Parish in Randolph**. This is for women who were unable to attend the one given in November, 2021. Key Note Speaker will be Sister Barbara Cline, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Limited number of Attendees. Deadline for registration is **March 11 with \$30 payment**. There will be a wait list in event of cancellations made prior to the retreat. Contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or 802-658-6110, ext 1131 to register or for more information.

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 there 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://www.mevtw.org/>. For those wishing to participate in a virtual experience, there is one beginning on March 9, 2022. It will be on seven Wednesday evenings (concluding on April 20) from 7:00 PM to about 9:00 PM. To apply, contact Jimmy & Bernice Acevedo at 877-697-9963 or visit bq-wwme.org.

CRS Rice Bowls: *Lent Is Coming!* Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic Communities across the US—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the table in the lobby. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Ash Wednesday Collection: There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, and Residential Care Homes. Donations can be made through the Diocesan website at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/catholic-charities/ash-wednesday-appeal/>; by mailing a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or by contributing to the collection at Mass on Ash Wednesday. Those who have collection envelopes will find an envelope in their box.

Diocesan Men's Conference and Retreat: The Diocese will hold their annual Men's Conference on **Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels in Randolph**. The theme this year is "**Band of Brothers**". The deadline to register is **March 4**. For more information or to register please go to vermontcatholic.org/men.

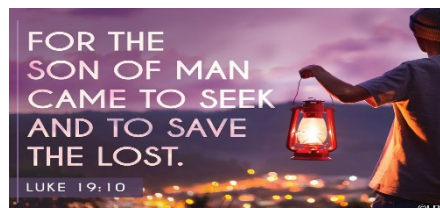
Universal Synod: You are invited to participate in the ongoing parish and Diocesan process of the Synod of Bishops scheduled for October 2023 in Rome. In recent times, "synods" of bishops have happened at least every ten years in Rome, where representative bishops throughout the world have met to discuss an issue, theme, or goal that is important to the worldwide church. The 2023 Synod will be larger in scope, and it is asking all Catholics, parishes and Dioceses, worldwide to share their perspective on three themes".

1. Communion
2. Participation
3. Mission

These three themes are indicated by the word "Synodality". Please see the survey created by the Burlington Diocese for all Catholics living in Vermont. The survey link is <http://vermontcatholic.org/universalsynod>. As you will notice, it is expected that a wide range of opinions will be expressed among answers to the various questions. Nonetheless, you are encouraged to focus your responses, giving just a paragraph on the point or observation that seems most important to you or if you feel compelled to speak to every single question you may come up with one or two sentences per question. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Zuccaro or Marie.

Respect Life

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**."



Guidelines for Lent:

- The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.
- The rule of **fasting** states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, "sufficient to maintain strength", are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59.
- Abstinence** refers to the eating of meat. The common estimation of the community is used to determine what falls under the category of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.
- The **substantial** observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation.
- Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended.
- Parents and teachers should see to it that, even those who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence because of age, are brought up in an atmosphere that is conducive to a sense of penance.

Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes

The following guidelines have been issued for the Diocese of Burlington concerning the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday:

- Imposition of ashes happens in the normal way, with the minister sanitizing hands before and after the ritual. Minister and participant MUST both wear masks.
- Those not comfortable with physical contact, but still want ashes may approach the minister AFTER the Mass/service, where the minister will impose ashes by sprinkling a small amount over the top of the head.

The faithful are reminded that there is **NO OBLIGATION TO RECEIVE ASHES** even if they attend Mass on Ash Wednesday. Ashes are an external sign of the interior disposition to contrition and penance. What is important is fostering the interior disposition.