

September 18, 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 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You cannot serve both God and mammon.” Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real “god” we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, Wealth, Riches and Money, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon’s influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over “never having enough,” an “I can’t afford it” mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world’s problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

“Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God’s will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)” This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God’s kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God’s kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,304.25 Maintenance: \$112.00
Catholic University: \$248.00
Online Banking: \$300.00

Second Collection Next Week for Mission Appeal

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 45 9:30 a.m.: 88

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday September 17

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Sunday September 18

8:00 a.m. (OLMC)) For the repose of the soul of Anne Pidgeon requested by her mother, Irene Pierce.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the repose of the soul of JP Giroux requested by his family.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the repose of the soul of Donald Haman requested by his wife, Sue, and family.

Monday, 8:00 a.m. September 19 (SJ)

Tuesday 5:15 p.m. September 20 (OLMC) For the Intentions of Toni Clements.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. September 21 (OLMC) For the repose of the soul of Lorraine Berube.

Thursday 5:15 p.m. September 22 (OLMC)

Friday 8:00 a.m. September 23 (SJ) For the repose of the soul of Rev. Charles Davignon requested by the parish communities.

Saturday September 24

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For the repose of the soul of Richard Dubois, Jr. requested by the family.

Sunday September 25

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

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the repose of the souls of Victoria and Arthur Matte requested by Marsha Casey.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the repose of the soul of Dr. Stan Smith requested by Rosemarie Cartularo and Larry Poitras.

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-9/18 Middle School Youth Ministry at 4:30 p.m. at St. Catherine’s

-9/19 Most Holy Name of Mary Rosary Group at 9:00 a.m.

-9/21 Abide in Me at 6:30 p.m.

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the Fiscal Year Ending - 06/30/2022

- St. Jude's had a Net Loss of \$-15,470 for the year compared to a Net Loss of \$-26,056 for the prior year.
- Donations dropped by -24,340 or -15.2%
- Unencumbered cash reserves (Cash & Receivables Less Payables) were \$142,601 compared to \$152,563, a decrease of -\$9,963 or -6.5%.

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

Sunday:	Rev. Richard Iaquinto, OSB
Monday:	Rev. Romanus Igweonu
Tuesday:	Rev. Rijo Johnson, SDV
Wednesday:	Rev. Daniel Jordan
Thursday:	Rev. Thomas LaRussa, SDV
Friday:	Rev. Msgr. Richard Lavalley
Saturday:	Rev. James Lawrence

Schedule of Counters: Monday, September 19, 2022
Grace Link
Gail Blasius
Marie Cookson

Schedules for September 24 and 25, 2022

Greeters: 4:30 p.m. Joanne & Lee Cross
9:30 a.m. Linda & Matt Saunders

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

EM: 4:30 p.m. Steve Cooley
9:30 a.m. Doug Taff

Question of the Week: How can I be a prudent steward of the wealth God has blessed me with? Where do I regard my "true wealth"?

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: There will be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession following the 5:15 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on **Tuesday, September 20.**

The Most Holy Name of Mary Rosary Group: The Most Holy Name of Mary Rosary Group is meeting every Monday at 9:00 a.m. in St. Jude's Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Mission Appeal: Next weekend, Rev. Sahaya Paul Sebastian will be joining us for a Mission Appeal talk. The second collection next weekend will be to benefit the Diocese of Africa. Please give him a warm welcome and please be generous. (See the insert for more info.)

Bishop's Annual Appeal: We are at 99.5% (\$23,407) of our parish goal of \$23,502. Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far. Your generosity supports so many ministries that impact our parish, such as religious education programs. If you have not yet donated, won't you please consider doing so this week? Please visit bishopsappeal.org to learn more. Thank you.



“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”

— Lk 16:8b, 13
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Middle School Youth Ministry: We are beginning a Middle School Youth Ministry Program for 7th and 8th graders along with students from St. Catherine's in Shelburne. All 7th and 8th graders and interested adults are invited to join us on **Sunday, September 18 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Catherine's.** The location will change each month between St. Catherine's, St. Jude's and OLMC. We will be discussing ideas for the upcoming year. Please contact Marie at mcookson@vermontcatholic.org if you have any questions.

Online Giving: As some of you know we have been having problems with the online banking program we were originally using. Many of you have continued to send in your contributions for which we are grateful. Because of the past issues we have now signed on with a new online banking program with the firm that supports our website. You can now add your information with ease to the new program. Just go to our website at stjudevt.org and click on the "Donate" button. Please let me know if you want help in setting up your donation or if you have any questions. You can reach me at 802-482-2290 or at mcookson@vermontcatholic.org.

Deacon Ordinations: Seven men from our Diocese will be ordained as Permanent Deacons **on Saturday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral.** They are Robert Begley, RJ Dourney, Patrick Leduc, Thomas Lovett, John Magnier, Josh McDonald and Christopher Noble. Please keep these men and their families in your prayers. All are welcome to attend.

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MISSION APPEAL

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, September 27**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, September 21**. **Due to the increased numbers of COVID 19 in our area, we ask that everyone again wear a mask while at Senior Bingo. Free masks will be available if you need one. If you have symptoms, have been recently exposed and/or are feeling ill, please stay home. Thank you!!** If you are a newcomer to our event, please call the week before that you are attending, so that enough Grab and Go Meals can be ordered. 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.

Abide In Me for Catholic Women: Ladies, do you wish to grow in a deeper relationship with the Lord? Join Michelle Bessette in a 9-week program based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. The **Abide In Me** program will develop your ability to listen more closely to what the Lord is saying to your heart through sacred scripture using time-tested techniques. Participants commit to 30 minutes of personal prayer each day following prescribed scriptures and graces, brief journaling of the prayer experience, and attending all weekly share group meetings. **Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. from Sept. 21 - Nov. 16 in the St. Jude Rectory. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.** Registrations cannot be accepted on or after the first night. Pre-register by emailing or calling Marie Cookson: mcookson@vermontcatholic.org or (802) 482-2290. For questions, please contact Michelle Bessette at 678-521-1277.

RCIA: St. John Vianney Parish is offering a local RCIA program, Wednesday evenings starting **October 5** (R.C.I.A. stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). A weekly catechism study will present the essentials of the Christian faith to those who want to learn more about Christ and his Church. An additional process of prayer and discernment is incorporated for those who are considering the sacraments of baptism and/or confirmation. If you would like to journey with us as a parishioner, a Catechumen, or an inquirer, please contact Connie at St. John Vianney Parish, 802-864-4166 x204 or at SJVGoodNews@gmail.com.

Contemplative Prayer Series: St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Shelburne is offering an 8 week series on *contemplative prayer*, presented by a lay consecrated member of Our Lady of Life, a secular institute in the tradition of Carmelite contemplative spirituality. Learn how to close out the distractions and enrich your time spent in prayer with Our Lord! The series will be held in St. Catherine's Parish Hall on **Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, beginning Monday, September 19, and concluding November 14**. To register, call (802) 985-2373 or email stcatherineofsiena@vermontcatholic.org

Respect Life

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*."

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["Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing after Abortion"](#)

I'm Fr. Paul from the Diocese of Palayamkottai, South India, presently working in Stowe, VT. There are about 133,091 Catholics divided into 56 Parishes living in my Diocese. There are 107 priests and nearly 355 religious women working in my Diocese. The diocese of Palayamkottai runs 70 Primary Schools, 20 Middle Schools and 18 High Schools for the service of the poor by giving free education. Evangelization was started by St. Francis Xavier. Evangelization is not easy in India because of the Hindu fundamentalist groups. During summer vacation, the Catholic schools run Vacation Bible School (VBS) to evangelize both Catholic and students of other religions. At least 350 middle school students will attend this camp in my village alone. There are so many students attending this program in the whole diocese. The parents expect the schools to be open even during summer vacation and send their kids to the church for VBS. This Vacation Bible School is taught by high school and graduate students who will receive a minimum salary which would help them to meet their initial expenses at the beginning of their new school year. Mostly, many Hindu students attend the VBS classes which would shape their future to encounter anyone with love and charity. These young teachers, at the Vacation Bible School, are the village catechists who will be evangelizing the young students and nurture the future catholic families. I'm making this mission appeal to help these young evangelists or catechists to get some remuneration for their priceless ministry of evangelization among the evangelized and people of other religions. God bless your generous heart and your families. Thank you. Fr. Paul, Blessed Sacrament Church, Stowe, VT.

