

February 19, 2023

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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 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: **“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren’t you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God’s love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can’t be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That’s why it is so precious and rare. “What is unusual about that?” asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother’s heart, *while they were doing it*. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It’s stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

— Father John Muir

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,055.00
Maintenance: \$50.00
Online Banking: \$-0-

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 40 9:30 a.m. 68



MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday February 18

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For the repose of the soul of John Barrett requested by Bob and Sandy Twombly.

Sunday February 19

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 soul of Michael Timothy Poirier requested by the family.

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

Monday 8:30 a.m. February 20 (SJ)

Tuesday 5:15 p.m. February 21 (OLMC)

Wednesday February 22 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

7:00 p.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Thursday 5:15 p.m. February 23 (OLMC) For the repose of the soul of Anne Pidgeon requested by her mother, Irene Pierce.

Friday 8:30 a.m. February 24 (SJ) For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by Marie Cookson.

Saturday February 25

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For the repose of the soul of Mona Giroux requested by Irene Pierce.

Sunday February 26

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 soul of Cecilia Stillwell requested by Dan and Roxanne Smith.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI by the Parish Communities.

Calendar of St. Jude Events

-2/20 Mysteries of the Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

-2/28 Senior Bingo at 10:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins **Wednesday, February 22**. 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.

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the 1st Fiscal Quarter Year Ending - 09/30/2022

- St. Jude's had a Net Loss of \$-1,364 for the quarter compared to a Net Loss of -\$6,457 for the prior 1st quarter of 2021, an improvement of \$5,093.
- Donations during the period were exactly the same as the 1st quarter of 2021
- Unencumbered cash reserves (Cash & Receivables Less Payables) were \$134,282 compared to \$143,342, a decrease of -\$9,061 or -6.3%.

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

Sunday:	Rev. Jon-Daniel Schnobrich
Monday:	Rev. James Shea
Tuesday:	Rev. Sahaya Paul Sebastian
Wednesday:	Rev. Dallas St. Peter
Thursday:	Rev. Timothy Sullivan
Friday:	Rev. David Theroux, SSE
Saturday:	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty

Counter Schedule for February 20, 2023

Linda Savalli
Grace Link
Nicole Cookson

Schedules for February 25 & 26, 2022

Greeters:	4:30 p.m.	Dawn Griswold
	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.	Dcn. Patrick Leduc
	9:30 a.m.	Dcn. Patrick Leduc

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: There will be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession at OLMC this Tuesday, **February 21** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Lenten Video Series: Mysteries of the Rosary: Join your Catholic family for a Lenten journey to encounter Jesus in his Passion and Death as we travel together through sacred sites in the Holy Land. An authentic encounter with Christ leads to our transformation and sanctification. Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary will come alive in your heart and mind leading to a deepening of your prayer life. Drop-ins welcome. Refreshments provided. They will be meeting **Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. beginning February 20 through April 3**. Contact Michelle Bessette at mactire9@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

Knights of Columbus Archie Myers Memorial Scholarship:

Available to sons or daughters of members in good standing of Council 7525. Applicant must be a graduating senior from High School and have been accepted to an accredited college or university as a full-time student. Completed applications must be received by May 25, 2023. For more details on the scholarship, or how to join the K of C please contact David Bean at (802) 233-4391 or davidbean39@gmail.com.



“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” — Mt 5:43-45a

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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, February 28**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, February 22**. 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.

Young Adult Retreat: There will be a Young Adult Retreat at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte on **March 17-19**. This is open to young adults ages 20-39. Cost is \$75.00. Deadline for register is **March 3**. Registration at vermontcatholic.org/2023-young-adult. This retreat is an opportunity for Young Catholic Adults to gather with others from around the area for a weekend of community, fun, and spiritual nourishment. The retreat will also include members of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and will feature time for Mass, Adoration, and Confession. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org.

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Ribbons of Love: Our Faith Formation Students in Kindergarten through 7th grade are working on a project for the remainder of the school year. They are recording the "acts of love and kindness" they show to others. Each month they receive a ribbon for each act, which they then tie on to the tree in the lobby. Our goal is to show that everyone, no matter how young or old, can spread some kindness and love and to show everyone that there is good in the younger generation in spite of all the negative things we hear in the news. Check out the tree...there are ribbons on it now and continue to watch it grow more colorful with each month.

Ash Wednesday Almsgiving 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. The clients that come to our "doors" are some of the most vulnerable in our communities. The work that you will support will help transform people's lives. Donations can be made through the Diocesan website at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/catholic-charities/ash-wednesday-appeal/> or by mailing a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403. Please know that every gift- whatever the size-makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

Bingo: Bingo will be held on **Saturday, March 4 at St. Peter's Parish Hall**, 85 South Maple Street in Vergennes. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., Bingo starts at 6:00 p.m. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments will be sold. This event is sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.



"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"
respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

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.

