

December 31, 2023

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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 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir

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**Offertory Last Week: \$1,291.85 Flowers: \$20.00
Christmas: \$2,195.00
Online Banking: \$270.00**

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 59 9:30 a.m. 54

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
7:00 p.m.: 115 10:00 a.m.: 32

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday December 30 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For the repose of the souls
Joseph and Jeannine Cote requested by Helen
Cote.

Sunday December 31

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the repose of the souls
of Paul and Helen-Mary Danyow requested by
the Danyow Family.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude
and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

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

Sunday December 31 NEW YEARS EVE

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For the repose of the souls of
Emmanuel and Celinda Nadeau requested by
Marie Cookson

Monday January 1 NEW YEARS DAY

10:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Parishioners of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude
Parishes.

Tuesday January 2 (OLMC) 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday January 3 NO MASS

Thursday January 4 (OLMC) 5:15 p.m.

Friday January 5 (SJ) 8:30 a.m.

Saturday January 6 (SJ)

4:30 p.m. For the repose of the soul of Rev.
Walter Miller requested by Theresa and Steve
Aube.

Sunday January 7

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the repose of the soul
of Charles "Joe" Bean requested by Helen Cote.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the repose of the soul of
Jacqueline Lima requested by Mary Elizabeth
Lenahan.

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

Calendar of Events:

- 1/04 Red Cross Blood Drive from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 1/05 Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions at 9:00 a.m.
- 1/06 & 07 Food Shelf Weekend
- 1/07 Family Faith Formation Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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

Sunday:	All Deceased Priests
Monday:	Pope Francis
Tuesday:	Pray for a new Bishop for our Diocese
Wednesday:	Rev. Marcel Rainville, SSE
Thursday:	Rev. Charles Ranges, SSE
Friday:	Rev. Matthew Rensch
Saturday:	Rev. Kevin Rooney

Schedules for January 6 and 7, 2024

<u>Greeters:</u>	4:30 p.m.	Theresa Aube
	9:30 a.m.	Tom Giroux
<u>Lector:</u>	4:30 p.m.	Mike Bullock
	9:30 a.m.	Sue McGuire
<u>EM:</u>	4:30 p.m.	Dawn Griswold
	9:30 a.m.	Dcn. Patrick Leduc
<u>Hospitality:</u>	9:30 a.m.	NO COFFEE HOUR

Holiday Mass Schedule: The holiday schedule is as follows:

New Year's Eve and Day:

Sunday, December 31 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude

Monday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m. at OLMC

Thank You: Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make the Advent and Christmas season such meaningful and sacred times of worship for our parish family and friends. So many gave of their time and talents including our lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters, musicians and singers, ushers, and decorators. Thank You!!

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: There will **NOT** be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on January 2. However, Confession on that day will be available.

***-St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions for First Friday on **Friday, January 5** following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Daily Mass: There will be **NO** daily Mass this **Wednesday, January 3.**

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Thursday, January 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 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.

2024 Collection Envelopes: The Collection Envelopes for 2024 are available in the lobby. Envelopes are in alphabetical order. If you have not used collection envelopes in the past but would like to do so now, please take a box without a name on it. **Please be sure to write your name and address on the envelopes for the first few weeks you are using them. Also, please do not use leftover envelopes from previous years as some of you have a new number assigned to you.** Thank you.



*“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel.”*

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Knights of Columbus Scholarship: Knights of Columbus Scholarships Available for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications will be available beginning in JAN 2024. See details at this link: [KofCScholarships](#)

Senior Bingo: All Seniors (60+) and care companions (any age) are invited to a relaxed and fun morning of free bingo in the St. Jude Parish hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The next bingo is **Tuesday, January 9**. Prizes are provided by St. Jude's. Complementary snacks, hot coffee, tea and bottled water are available all morning. If you are a newcomer, to reserve a Grab and Go packaged full meal** contact Ted and Kathy Barrett at 802-453-3087 (leave a message) or email tedbarrett79@gmail.com by the Wednesday before the following bingo day.

**Please note: Meals are provided by Age Well, for a suggested donation of \$5.00 per meal now that pandemic funding has ended. We hope to see you soon.

Pickleball: Free weekly Pickleball has started at St. Jude's every **Friday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Any skill level is welcome. They'll show you how if you have never played before. Contact Ted Barrett at tedbarrett79@gmail.com if you are interested. Equipment will be provided.

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***Did you know you can use Formed for at home on-line RCIA instruction? If you are interested in learning more about the faith, please contact Fr. Zuccaro.

Food Shelf Weekend: Next weekend, **January 6 and 7**, is Food Shelf Weekend. Items requested from the Hinesburg Food Shelf are: canned chicken (5-12 oz.), canned beaked beans (16 oz), canned or microwave containers of pasta, chili, stew (9-16 oz), flour (2 lb. bags), hearty soup (16 – 19 oz low sodium/low fat), salad dressing (8 oz-plastic bottles), ketchup (20-32 oz), skillet meals (to be used with ground meat or tuna), jam/jelly (16-20 oz – not homemade) cake mix, brownie mix, canned frosting, quick bread mixes, canned pineapple and pears, juice (32-64 oz – plastic bottle or carton), plain pasta, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner (12-16 oz), deodorant, body wash, bar soap, laundry soap, wipes, lysol, soft scrub, toilet bowl cleaner, dog and cat food, dry and wet food—intented for “all life stages”. Monetary donations are always welcome. Thank you.

Beautiful EucharistL There are copies of the book, “Beautiful Eucharist”, sponsored by Dynamic Catholic available in the lobby. Please feel free to take a copy for yourself and one for a friend or family member. Enjoy!!



Men’s “COR” Formation: Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a deeper faith! You are invited to participate in COR Formation. “Cor” is Latin for Heart. Through fraternity, prayer, and the study of God’s word in Scripture and holy examples, we intend to grow closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. COR Formation is held on the third Saturday of the month. The next COR Formation is **January 20 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John Vianney Church Basement, Hinesburg Rd., So. Burlington.** Coffee and refreshments provided by the Knights of Columbus. All men are welcome.

Let’s Play Bingo: The St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus are offering a monthly bingo at St. John Vianney Parish Center, Hinesburg Road, So. Burlington. The Bingo is held on the third Thursday of each month with a chance to win a \$1000 jackpot. The next Bingo is scheduled for **January 18. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the first game begins are 6:30 p.m.** Come join the fun with friends and family. Bring a non-perishable food item and receive two free game sheets for the winner take all game. All food items are donated to the local Food Shelf.



LOOKING FOR A MUSICIAN TO HELP WITH MUSIC AT THE 11:00 A.M. MASS AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT FR. ZUCCARO AT 802-425-2253 OR SEE HIM AFTER MASS.



“Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life (www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)

Prayer for the Appointment of a New Bishop

Almighty God, Eternal shepherd and guide, in your love for us, grant to the Diocese of Burlington a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ’s heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

