

August 28, 2016

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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 –22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Today Jesus instructs us to be generous enough to serve others without expecting repayment. At least, without expecting to be repaid in THIS life. It's interesting that the Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise that if we follow this teaching, we "will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." In other words, God will "repay" our generosity on earth by welcoming us into heaven. Really, what better investment could there possibly be?

It can be tempting to think of our money as purely our own. We work hard to earn it. Or we receive it from others who wanted US to have it. Or luck came our way (and too bad for you that it didn't come your way). We thus feel possessive of our money and often struggle with the idea of giving it away or lending it without hope of being paid back (with interest!). But today's Gospel challenges us with a different perspective. In essence, Jesus tells us to use our money for the sake of others, not just to assure our own earthly comfort. As difficult as this request may be, it's important to remember that Jesus honors the sacrifice! This is why he promises repayment in heaven. He understands that it "costs" us a great deal to part with the security of using our money for ourselves alone. He understands that in caring for the poor, we risk putting ourselves in their company.

But God's ways are not the ways of the world. Instead of investing everything in a bank, Jesus asks us to invest in the poor. After all, no bank on earth can possibly provide the infinite rate of return that Jesus promises.

Liturgical Publications

Readings for the Week of August 28, 2016

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-1
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,585.00
Feast of the Assumption: \$286.00
Electronic Giving: \$175.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Aug. 28 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Aug. 28 11:00 a.m. For Joseph Nolan requested by his wife, Catherine, and family.

Sun. Sept. 4 8:00 a.m. For Raymond and Marie Laberge requested by Judy Laberge.

Sun. Sept. 4 11:00 a.m. For William Foran requested by Donald and Mary Haman.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, August 29, 2016

Margaret Titus
Jacqueline Jones
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: September 4, 2016

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: Eliza Merrill
Hadley Stockwell
Lector: Mary Tierney
Extraordinary Min.: Tricia Sulva
Mary Tierney

11:00 a.m. Greeters:
Altar Server:
Lector: Ray Curtis
Extraordinary Min.: Eileen Curtis
Ray Curtis

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-9/11 1st Yr. Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude
-9/15 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-9/18 CCD Classes at CCS at 9:00 a.m.
-9/18 2nd Yr. Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude

Question of the Week: How can I honestly offer hospitality this coming week to someone not usually among my welcomed guests?

Presbyteral Days: Father Cray will be away for the annual Diocesan meeting of priests beginning Tuesday, September 6 through Thursday, September 8. There will be **NO** daily mass on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon.

Rosary: The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's before the 4:30 p.m. Mass beginning at 4:10 p.m.

Jubilee Of Mercy Celebration For Catechists and Teachers: On September 18, "Catechetical Sunday", join us for a Jubilee of Mercy for Catechists and Teachers at 3:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington. All are invited to attend, both Catechists as well as all who would like to pray for our Catechists! Refreshments will be served following the service.

Religious Ed Classes: Our Religious Ed Classes for Kindergarten through 8th grades will begin September 18 beginning with the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Religious Ed information will be sent out this week. If you have a school age child and do not receive a registration packet, please call Marie at 425-2637 (office) or email at marietcookson@aol.com and a registration packet will be sent to you. There will also be information on the table in the back beginning next week.

Helping with CCD: We are looking for teachers and aides for this school year. We are in need of help in kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades. If you are interested in helping out or learning more, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com. This is a very rewarding experience.

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation Classes for the 1st Year students begin on Sunday, September 11 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude Parish. The 2nd Year students will begin on Sunday, September 18 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Information and registration forms for the 1st and 2nd Year students will be sent out. If you do not receive the info and have a child who should be in this program, please call 425-2637, 482-2290 or marietcookson@aol.com and info will be sent to you. **PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM.**

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration: St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, September 2, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Summer Reflection Series: In July and August, the members of the Society of St. Edmund and Diocesan Priests will present the Summer Reflection Series at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte. The programs begin with the 11:15 a.m. Mass, followed by lunch and a presentation. All are welcome! Reservations are appreciated though not necessary and can be made by calling (802) 928-3362.
-8/31 Rev. Richard Berbube, SSE The Really, Really Old Mass: After the Last Supper

Counters Needed: We are in need of help on Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. to count the weekly collection. Many of our regular counters are no longer available to count. With enough people, you would only have to count every 4 to 6 weeks. It really isn't difficult and it's a chance for you to meet your fellow parishioners and those from St. Jude's. Counting is done in the St. Jude rectory. If you are willing to help out, please contact Marie at 425-2637 or email at marietcookson@aol.com. Thank you.

Senior Meals: St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2nd and 4th **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for September 13 and 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

INSPIRE: Called to Love: Catholics...whether young or old, married or single, religious or ordained, INSPIRE: Called to Love is for you. Join thousands at the Lake Placid Olympic Arena on **Sunday, September 25**, to reflect on your baptismal call to holiness. The Vocations Summit will INSPIRE you with dynamic prayer, world-renowned speakers including Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop Christopher Coyne, George Weigel and Jennifer Fulwiler. More information and registration can be found at <http://www.inspirecalledtolove.com>.

Blessing of the Animals: The Charlotte Congregational Church will have a Blessing of the Animals today, August 28 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to bring your furry, feathered or scaly friends. Please have them contained. Special Guest is Jon Gailmor.



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Freedom Sunday: Freedom Sunday is September 25. Today over 45 million people are held in slavery and 1 in 4 slaves are children. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will host an afternoon event beginning at 2:00 p.m. with Sr. Pat McKittrick, S.P. presenting. Sr. Pat will speak about modern day slavery, including in our state and local communities, and actions we can take to support anti-slavery efforts. All are welcome.

Nativity of Our Blessed Mother: Come together to celebrate Our Blessed Mother's Nativity in Prayer, Adoration, Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist at St. Catherine of Siena on **September 8 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** and concluding with the Mass at 7:00 p.m. Those interested can bring flowers to leave near Our Lady of Fatima Statue which will be present at the celebration. Refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome to join in the celebration of Our Lady's Nativity.

UVM and Champlain College Students: If you or someone you know from our parish family is attending UVM or Champlain College please let us know. The Catholic Center at UVM would like to reach out to these students to serve as a link between their home parish and their "Church away from home".

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude Parish in Hinesburg on Thursday, September 8 from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.



Thank you for all your support of the 2016 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. Our Parish is now at \$20,041 (89.27%) of total dollars **pledged** toward our goal of \$22,449. The Diocese has reached \$2.4M in pledges towards this year's \$2.8M goal. Please help us to achieve this goal! This summer, over 600 youth attended events within our state and throughout New England. The office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry has an additional 6 events planned for youth this fall. In addition, nearly 400 attendees were welcomed to the diocesan New Evangelization Workshops through the office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Bishop Coyne has many additional initiatives planned that will help us to strengthen our Community. This greater outreach and engagement is not possible without the support of our Catholic community in VT. Be sure to check www.vermontcatholic.org and bishopsfund.org for more information. Thank you.