

October 22, 2017

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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—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Jesus had a brilliant way of navigating tricky situations. In today's Gospel, the Pharisees "plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech." But he outwitted them, as usual. They wanted to catch him being a political rebel; they expected him to suggest that paying taxes to Caesar was unnecessary or even unjust. But instead, he shifted the focus. He emphasized the importance of fulfilling our civic responsibilities but also the necessity of giving to God what we owe him.

So, how do we know what we should "repay" to God? Well, Jesus' response to the Pharisees gives us our answer. He looked at the Roman coin that bore the image of Caesar on it. Then he concluded that the coin belonged to Caesar because it was made in his likeness. Now, what bears the image of God? What is made in his likeness? We are! "God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them" (Gn 1:27). If the coin belonged to Caesar, we belong to God. We repay God by giving him ourselves!

This self-giving is what the Second Vatican Council called "the obedience of faith." Through this spiritual obedience, we freely commit ourselves to God, "offering the full submission of intellect and will to God" (Dei Verbum #5). Jesus is calling us today to use our will to choose to follow God. Indeed, the one thing we can give God in return for the gift of life is our will. He gave us the freedom to love him or not. And while the choice is always ours, today Jesus encourages us to make the right decision by giving God what is really his: ourselves!

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Oct. 22 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Oct. 22 11:00 a.m. (No Intention)

Sun. Oct. 29 8:00 a.m. (No Intention)

Sun. Oct. 29 11:00 a.m. For Will Dubuc requested by the Curtis Family.

Offertory Last Week: \$1,347.00
Electronic Giving: \$50.00

Second Collection This Week for World Mission Sunday
Second Collection Next Week for Priests' Benefit Fund

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, October 23, 2017

Gail Blasius
Cyndy Marshall
Sue Haselton

Schedule of Ministries: October 29, 2017

8:00 a.m. Altar Server:
Lector: Mary Tierney
Extraordinary Min.: Rose Bernier
Mary Tierney

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Rosemarie Cartularo
Altar Server:
Lector: Charlie Tegatz
Extraordinary Min.: Betsy Tegatz
Fritz Tegatz

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-10/26 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

-11/05 CCD at CCS at 9:00 a.m.

-11/05 2nd Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.

-11/12 1st Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.

-11/12 FIA Meeting at Noon

-11/12 Synod Parish Meeting from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Question of the Week How am I already exercising faithful, responsible citizenship? Is it time for me to join or initiate a concrete outreach to identify and address specific needs in my community?

Faith In Action Prayer Chain: OLMC Faith In Action Committee has a prayer list used by members to pray for those who request prayers to be said for them. Please contact Eileen Curtis at 425-4432 or Sheila Duffy at 425-7221 to add a name to the list.

Charlotte Food Shelf: The Charlotte Food Shelf is in constant need of healthy snacks for the children the Food Shelf serves. Items such as pudding snack packs, granola bars, microwave popcorn, peanut butter or cheese crackers, pretzels and fruit or applesauce cups are all samples of healthy, easy after school snack foods. Donations may be left in the OLMC vestibule or can be dropped off at the Food Shelf at the Congregational Church on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. or Thursday mornings 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Family Contra Dance: There will be a Contra Dance on **Friday, October 27** from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Jude Parish. Donations at the door for the event. All are welcome.

OLMC Summary Financial Report for the Three Months Ended 9/30/17:

-For the 1st Quarter ended 9/30/17, OLMC's Offertory Income was \$29,473 versus \$31,442 for the prior year comparable period, a decrease of \$1,969 or 6.3%.

-Total Expenses for the 1st Quarter were \$32,553 compared to \$32,500 for the same period last year, an increase of \$53.

-Net Income for the three months ended 9/30/17 was \$2,929 versus \$5,118 for the prior year comparable period.

-The total cash balance at 6/30/17 was \$149,303 compared to \$146,474 at 6/30/16.

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.

Yarn Donations: The Helping Hands Sewing Ministry at St. Jude's is looking for yarn. If you have any leftover yarn that you are looking to part with, please leave in the box in the vestibule of the church. Thank you.

Looking for Knitters and Those Who Crochet: For the past 11 years, St. Jude Parish has provided the meal at the Salvation Army on the eve of Thanksgiving. In past years we have also provided hats, mittens, and socks for the clients who came in that evening. We will be doing this again this year. We are looking for parishioners and others who would be willing to knit and/or crochet adult size hats and mittens and anyone who would be willing to donate thick, new adult size socks. There will be a box in the vestibule where you can drop off any of these items. If you have any questions, please contact Marie at 425-2637 or email at marietcookson@aol.com. Thank you.

Looking for Crafters: St. Jude's will be having a Craft Fair on Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are looking for crafters. If you are a crafter and are interested in purchasing a space at this Craft Fair, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com and an application form will be sent to you. 75% of items sold **must** be handmade.

Counters Needed: We are in need of more counters as many of our regulars will be heading south in the next month or two. Counting is done on Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the St. Jude Rectory. Folks work in teams of three. Counting is usually finished by 9:30 a.m. (usually earlier). It is a great way to meet some of your fellow parishioners and get to know those from St. Jude's also. If you are interested or would like more info, please contact Marie at 425-2637 or email at marietcookson@aol.com.

World Mission Sunday: Today is World Mission Sunday—a day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith—leads us to mission! Your generosity on World Mission Sunday supports the work of priests, religious and lay leaders in the Missions who share our faith with those most in need. This year we can even “chat” with our chief missionary, Pope Francis and learn more about these missions and missionaries. Learn more at ChatWithThePope.org. **CHAT-PRAY-GIVE** this World Mission Sunday.

Vocation Ministry Workshop: There will be a Vocation Ministry Workshop at St. Anthony Parish Hall in White River Jct. on **Saturday, November 4** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Rhonda Gruenewald, a vocation Promoter and author of “Hundredfold: A Guide to Parish Vocation Ministry” will present the day-long workshop open to all who want to share in the mission of promoting vocations in their parishes. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Mallorie Gerwitz at mgerwitz@vermontcatholic.org or call 658-6110 ext. 1334.



“Show me the coin that pays the census tax.” Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?” They replied, “Caesar’s.” At that he said to them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

— Mt 22:19-21

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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 **October 24 and November 14 and 28 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

Tai Chi: Tai Chi will be offered on Monday and Wednesday mornings at St. Jude Parish from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. beginning on **October 16 through December 6**. Classes will also be held at Charlotte Congregational Church on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:15 a.m. to 12 noon. Classes are progressive, starting at the beginning of the form and adding moves as the class progresses. Join them for fun and laughter, stronger bodies and improved balance and stamina. Suggested donation \$5/class. To register email Mary West at igolflikeagirl@gmail.com or call 802-922-0498 to leave a message.

Do You Work or Volunteer With Youth in the Church? As part of the Diocese of Burlington's continuing commitment to protect young people, all employees and volunteers who work with minors in our parishes and Catholic schools must complete all safe environment requirements. These requirements include: participation in annual online child abuse prevention training; submission of background check paperwork; reading of the Diocesan *Policies on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry*; and signing of an annual Code of Conduct. All of these requirements can be completed online through **Safe and Sacred**. To get started with the program, visit the “Child Safety” section of www.vermontcatholic.org. Contact the parish office, or the Office of Safe Environment Programs for more information.

Priests' Benefit Fund Annual Collection: The Priests' Benefit Fund works to support our Diocesan priests throughout their ministry, but especially seeks to provide senior and disabled priests with sufficient financial means to lead a prayerful and dignified life. The Priests' Benefit Fund was established as a means to care for the ill and aged priests with healthcare needs, and support a pension program providing a modest pension and health insurance coverage. The Collection will be taken up next Sunday, **October 29**. We appreciate your support and thank you.

Funeral Planning Workshop: Please join Ready's Funeral Home as they provide this workshop to help assist individuals with knowing the facts and the importance of having your final wishes documented. The Ready Funeral home will also welcome any questions you may have about this process. This workshop is free. A free lunch will be provided for you as well. The workshop will be on **Sunday, November 5** at 12:30 p.m. at St. John Vianney Parish Hall, Hinesburg Road, South Burlington. All are welcome.