

Meet and Greet: Next **Sunday, December 10** will be our next Meet and Greet following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Students from 3rd and 4th Grades will be providing food and greeting parishioners in the hall after Mass. Please plan on coming over to the hall after Mass and having something to eat and visiting with fellow parishioners.

Ministries for Christmas Masses: The sign up sheets are in the back of the church for Altar Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for Christmas Eve and New Year's Day Masses.

Help Needed: We are looking for help for the Christmas Eve Mass at the Old Lantern. This special Mass takes a village to make it happen. On **Saturday, December 23 at 8:30 a.m.** we need help transporting to and setting up at the Old Lantern. On **Tuesday, December 26** at 9:00 a.m. we need help in cleaning up and breaking down. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

Daily Mass at St. Jude's – Winter Weather: Once again the schedule for daily Mass at St. Jude's will follow the Hinesburg/Charlotte School System. If there is no school in Hinesburg and Charlotte due to the weather, there will be NO morning Mass on Monday or Friday mornings. Closings are found on the local radio and TV stations.

Line Dancing: Line Dancing will be offered at St. Jude on Tuesdays and Thursdays – **December 5 and 7 and December 12 and 14.** Classes begin at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$5/class. All are welcome.

Hinesburg Community Christmas Concert: The Hinesburg Artist Series will present the annual Hinesburg Community Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 10** with two shows at 2:00 and 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude's. Admission to the concert is free. Donations are greatly appreciated and all are encouraged to bring a non-perishable item for the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

Jay Peak Family Fun Package: St. Jude Parish is again raffling off the Jay Peak Family Fun Package with a \$725.00 value. Tickets are \$1/each or a book of 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will happen after the holidays. Tickets are available after the weekend Masses at St. Jude's or by calling Marie at 482-2290, 425-2637 or email marietcookson@aol.com.

Project Rachel: Find hope and healing from abortion. Project Rachel is a healing ministry for individuals who have been affected by abortion, helping them to grieve, receive forgiveness, and find peace. For more information about Project Rachel or to speak to a trained Project Rachel professional, please contact 658-4118.

Synod Parish Listening Session: We had the Synod Parish Listening Sessions last Sunday, November 12. Thank you to all those who attended. If you couldn't attend the listening session or have more to say, you can give your input online at www.vermontcatholic.org/synod, beginning November 15. If you don't have access to the internet, you can send a response to one or more of the three questions, typed or neatly hand-written and limited to **one page**, to **Diocesan Synod, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403**. The three questions are as follows:

1. **As the Catholic Church in Vermont, what are we doing well?**
2. **What are we doing that we should be doing better?**
3. **What are we not doing that we should be doing?**

Young Life Update: Young Life is going strong as they continue to grow in Chittenden County! At CVU there are upwards of 30 teens who attend Bible study each week, called Campaigners. Almost half of the Campaigners belong to one of our Catholic Churches serving the CVU towns. Thank you to all for your continued support through your prayer and donations. This year's \$10,000 matching donation has been matched! There is also another \$10,000 matching opportunity for 2018. More info on next year's events to come in the coming weeks. Contact Tricia Sulva with any questions at majac@gmavt.net.

Safe Environment-Protecting Our Children Young People and Vulnerable Adults : The Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington is committed to achieving healing and reconciliation with victims and survivors of abuse, and to provide safe environments for all of our children, young people and vulnerable adults.

To report child abuse or sexual misconduct call:

- Rev. Msgr. John McDermott, Vicar General or
- Tom Mott, Victim Assistance Coordinator
at 1-866-485-2488