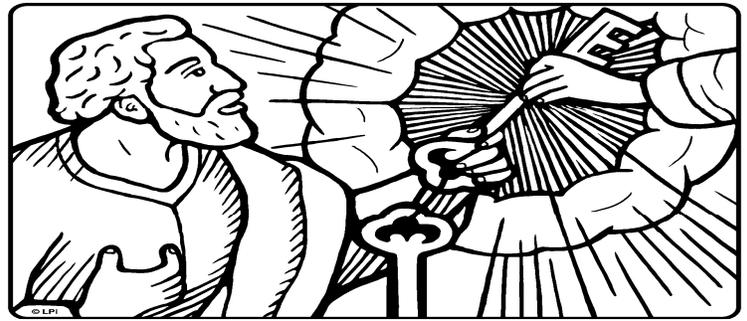


Confirmation Classes: Confirmation Classes for the 2nd Year students begins on **Sunday, September 10** following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's. The 1st Year students will begin on **Sunday, September 17** following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Information and registration forms for the 1st and 2nd Year students has been sent out. If you did not receive the info and have a child who should be in this program, please call 425-2637, 482-2290 or email marietcookson@aol.com and info will be sent to you. **PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM.**



“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

— Mt 16:19-20

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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 1, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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 12 and 26 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

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

Religious Ed Classes: Religious Ed information and registration forms were mailed out this past week. If you do not receive the mailing this week, please contact Marie. If you are new to the parish and haven't yet registered and have children who are school age, please contact Marie at the email address above and she will be sure that you get the information. Religious Ed Classes for Kindergarten through 8th grades begins on **Monday, September 11**, with the Parish Potluck Dinner.

St. Jude Parish Potluck Dinner: The St. Jude Parish Potluck Dinner is scheduled for **Monday, September 11** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to come, visit with fellow parishioners and not worry about having to make a complete meal. We are asking everyone to bring something based on the first letter of your last name: **A-F: Main Dish; G-K: Drinks; L-R: Side Dish, Salad, Hor'dourves, or Chips & Dip; S-Z: Desserts** Hope to see you there!!

St. Jude Raffle: St. Jude's is having a raffle for a Jay Peak Water Park Family Fun Package valued at \$725.00. Tickets were mailed out to all registered parishioners. **The drawing will be Labor Day Weekend.** Tickets are \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5. If anyone would like more tickets, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or at marietcookson@aol.com. We will also be selling tickets after the weekend masses, and at Lantman's in the near future. If you want to return your tickets and money, please put in an envelope, mark "Raffle" on the envelope and drop in the collection basket. Thank you for your support.

Bishop's Fund: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Bishop's Fund thus far. **To date, we are 103.87% (\$23,815.50) of our annual goal of \$22,928. Thank you very much!!** If you haven't yet made a donation, won't you please do so this week? Thank you.

Vermont Catholic Magazine: Please support the Bishop's Fund. By making a donation of \$24 or more, you will receive the quarterly VT Catholic Magazine. Thank you for supporting both the Bishop's Fund and VT Catholic.

Adult Confirmation: Are you an adult who has been baptized and received your First Communion in the Catholic Church but were never confirmed? We will be holding a 7 session preparation class in the fall for all those interested in being confirmed. If you are interested or would like more info, please contact the office at 425-2637 or carmel@gmavt.net and we will add you to our list and will notify you as we get closer to the start date.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: The RCIA program educates and forms adults in the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know wants to become a Catholic, or simply wants a better understanding of the Catholic Faith, please consider joining us. Do you know someone who does not belong to a faith community and who could use a boost in their spiritual life? — please invite them! **Classes will begin on September 20th at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall of St. John Vianney, South Burlington, and are free of charge.** Please contact Father Cray so he can get you registered through our parish.

Action For Ecological Justice: Join Bishop Coyne on **Saturday, September 30 at St. Michael's College**, for this one day conference hosted by the Catholic Church of Vermont as part of the Year of Creation. Consider our call to be global disciples who care for all of God's creation by discussing the connections between environmental degradation and human suffering and what each of us can do to aid our neighbors in need. Cost is \$35/person. Space is limited!! Go to vermontcatholic.org to register.

Catholic Variety Show: The Challengers will be hosting our first ever Catholic Variety Show on **October 13 at 7:00 p.m.** at the McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester. This event will feature nationally renowned Catholic Comedian Judy McDonald—a very funny lady that shares stories about Catholic Dating, Family, Life and just being Catholic. Throughout the evening there will be a medley of very gifted priests sharing their many talents. The whole evening will be a benefit show to help support our Diocesan Seminarians. More information and tickets available for \$15/each at www.VTChallengers.org.

VT Christian Rock-toberfest: YOU ARE LOVED! Truest words ever spoken – **STARS GO DIM** with hit song "You Are Loved" will perform with a variety of other artists including **MALLARY HOPE** with hit song "NOW" and Catholic Comedian **JUDY MCDONALD** – at this year's Christian Rock-toberfest on **October 14 at 7:00 p.m.** at North Avenue Alliance Church, Burlington. Tickets ranging from \$20-\$30/each are available online at www.VTChristianMusic.com.