

February 11, 2018

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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—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We may not like it, but generosity and risk often go hand-in-hand. At least, that's what Jesus shows us in today's Gospel as a leper approaches him for healing. Until the nineteenth century, lepers were shunned to the margins of society for fear of spreading the disease. To touch a leper was to risk becoming unclean yourself. In today's Gospel, Jesus defies convention. "Moved with pity, he reached out his hand, [and] touched him." The leper is healed! But this is not the only risk Jesus takes.

Before Jesus heals the man, he knows full well the desperate nature of his situation. Jesus knows that this man will be overjoyed upon being healed and that he just might tell everyone he knows. For a Messiah looking to temporarily fly under the radar, healing this particular leper might not be the best idea. Jesus heals anyway.

It can be easy to become calculated in our giving. If I go out of my way to help this person, how will it affect my reputation? How will this charitable donation affect my budget? How could I possibly make time to volunteer regularly? In today's Gospel, Jesus casts these concerns aside. He touches the untouchable. He reaches the unreachable. For his efforts, he receives a betrayal of his request for silence. "The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter." Before long "it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." Jesus is forced to remain "outside in the deserted places." It would appear, perhaps, that he is unable to accomplish his mission.

When we take a risk to be generous, things might not follow the prescribed path. We might be disappointed. We also might be surprised! Our witness to radical generosity is attractive to a world in desperate need. Indeed, when Jesus took risks for love, "People kept coming to him from everywhere."

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$2,623.35 Maintenance: \$700.50
Catholic Education: \$35.00 Fuel: \$25.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$50.00 Souper Bowl: \$438.41
Online Giving Last Week: \$1,118.00

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 – FEBRUARY 4

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$81,060.62
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$79,720.03

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$6,991.85
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$7,302.50

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$11,708.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$15,304.00

Second Collection This Week for Church in Latin America

Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m.: 80 9:30 a.m.: 95

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Feb. 10 4:30 p.m. For James Case requested by Marie Cookson.
Sun. Feb. 11 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.
Fri. Feb. 16 8:00 a.m. for John Barrett requested by his siblings.
Sat. Feb. 17 4:30 p.m. For John Barrett requested by Bob and Sandy Twombly.
Sun. Feb. 18 9:30 a.m. For Grace Maculan requested by the St. Jude Parish Council.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 12, 2018

Lee Cross
Anne Donegan
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: February 17 and 18, 2018

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	The Stewart Family
	Altar Server:	Peter Stewart Nate Stewart
	Lector:	Mike New
	Extraordinary Min.:	Mike New Sue Haselton Stan Haselton
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Wendy Koenig Greg Tomczyk
	Altar Server:	Anna Ulager Ethan Cook
	Lector:	Wendy Koenig
	Extraordinary Min.:	Sue McGuire Doug Taff Emily Donegan

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-2/10 Family Mass at 4:30 p.m.
-2/11 1st Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.
-2/13 Senior Meal at Noon
-2/13 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-2/16 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
-2/18 XLT for Confirmation Students at 5:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: How can our compassion lead us to break barriers and bring healing to others, thereby giving glory to God?

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins **Wednesday, February 14.** Mass and distributions of the ashes will be held at OLMC at 7:00 a.m. and at St. Jude's at 7:00 p.m. This is a great way to begin the Lenten season.

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the 1st half of this Fiscal Year Ending -12/31/17

- Offertory Income for this period was \$88,047 compared to \$82,885 for the same period in the prior year, an increase of \$5,163 or 6.2%.
- Total Income including Offertory, Fund Raisers, Gifts, Bequests and Miscellaneous Income for the period was \$111,433 compared to \$108,255 for the same period in the prior year, an increase of \$3,177 or 2.9%.
- St. Jude's had Net Income over Expenses of \$20,276 compared to \$12,654 for the same period in the prior year, an increase of \$7,623 or 60.2%.
- Uncommitted Cash available as of 12/31/17 was \$126,181 compared to \$102,099 or an increase of \$24,082 or 23.6%.

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Souper Bowl of Caring: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring last weekend. We collected \$438.41 which was sent to the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Thank you so much.

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 spring for all those interested in being confirmed. If you are interested or would like more info, please contact the office at 482-2290 or stjude@gmavt.net and we will add you to our list and will notify you as we get closer to the start date.

Collection for the Church in Latin America: This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of rural terrain and a lack of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for them to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous.

Young Adult Retreat: The Young Adult Retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m. through Sunday, February 25, 3:30 p.m.** at the Mary Theotokos Monastic Retreat Center in Newark, VT. Father Lance Harlow will be leading this retreat, and the cost is \$40 per participant, which includes food and lodging. The retreat is open to young adults, ages 18+. If you have any questions or would like to register, please contact Bill Gavin at the Diocesan office at 658-6110 ext 1240 or email wgavin@vermontcatholic.org.

Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference: The Diocese is holding a one day conference for men on **February 17, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**, at Holy Family Parish Center in Essex. There are 6 spots available. For information or to register, go to vermontcatholic.org/men.

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.



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

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Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Jude's every Friday at **7:00 p.m.** during Lent beginning **February 16**. All are welcome.

Ash Wednesday Collection: The special collection on Ash Wednesday is to support the outreach work of Vermont Catholic Charities. A portion of the collection will go to help fund the Bishop deGoesbriand grants which are awarded to Vermont nonprofits who are making a difference in their communities.

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 **February 13 and 27** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Lenten Retreat Day: A Lenten retreat day for anyone who works for or ministers in the parish including: administrative assistants, bookkeepers, religious education leaders, catechists and aides, maintenance personal, music directors, musicians and singers, parish volunteers including greeters, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, counters, parish and finance councils and other parish staff. Retreat facilitated by the Diocesan Department of Evangelization & Catechesis. The retreat in our area will be held on **Wednesday, March 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at St. Jude's in Hinesburg. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com. Thank you.

Edmundite Heritage Trip to France: In celebration of the founding of the Society of St. Edmund 175 years ago, Rev. Marcel Rainville, SSE '67 and Louis Giancola '68 M'95 will lead a 10-day journey to France to discover the many towns, villages, churches and abbeys that were the centers of the Edmundites formation. Among the many sites you'll visit are the breathtaking Pontigny Abbey and Mont-Saint-Michel and you will spend the final leg in the City of Lights - Paris! Spots are limited and are reserved on a first-come first-served basis. All Saint Michael's alumni, parents and friends are invited. Trip dates: **May 13-22, 2018**. Full itinerary and costs can be found at <http://edmunditefoundation.grouptoursite.com/>. (Check out the trip extension options to Paris and Normandy.) To reserve your spot or for more information, contact Fr. Marcel at mranville@smcvt.edu or call 802-654-2848. Please see fliers in the lobby.