

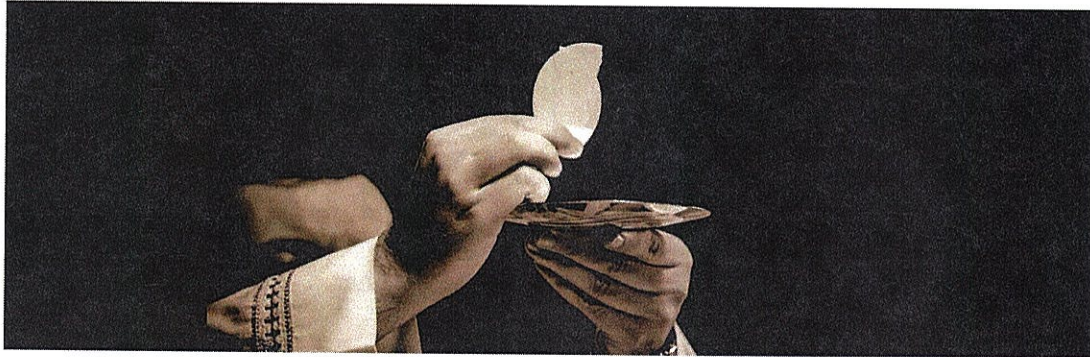
Weekly Update as of 7/31/2020

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St. Jude Catholic Church & The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague  
Weekly Update as of July 31,2020.

Stewardship:

**St. Jude: 7/26/2020**

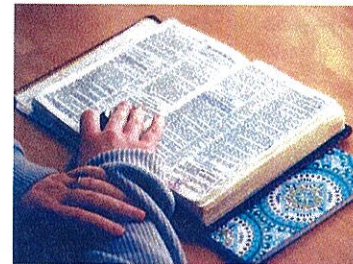
Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$1,020	\$2,423	-\$1,403
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$9,367	\$9,692	-\$325

**Shrine: 7/25/2020**

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$117	\$308	-\$191
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$1,125	\$1,232	-\$107

**Repairs & Maintenance - 7/2020**

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$725	\$1,667	-\$942
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$725	\$1,667	-\$942



**A note from the Finance Council Chair:**

New Fiscal Year began July 1. In making the new budget for FY 2020-21, your Finance Council set the

Maintenance collection in July has been far below budget, as you can see in the Stewardship Report for last week. Therefore we ask you to please remember to include Repair and Maintenance, as well as all second collections, in your giving. For those of you coming to mass in person, just drop your second collection envelopes in the same basket as you do your regular weekly envelopes. For those of you using our online giving web site, keep in mind that it is just as easy to give to a second collection as it is to the regular collection. You can even set up Repair and Maintenance as an automatic monthly donation.

***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***August 2, 2020***

***Mass Intention:***

***St. Jude - For the Repose of the Soul of - Glenn Coulter***

***Shrine - For the Intentions of - The Monahan Family***

**Today's Readings:**

**Reading 1 - Isaiah 55:1-3**

**Psalm - 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18**

**Reading 2- Romans 8:35, 37-39**

**Gospel - Matthew 14:13-21**

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

1. That Church leaders, stewards of the faith, will live in a way that will draw all believers to know Christ, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
  
- **That the world's government authorities will work together in the cause of global peace,...** **We pray to the Lord.**
  
1. That all who live with chronic illness will find assurance that they are always in God's tender care, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
  
1. That all who share pastoral gifts of hospitality be blessed with patient and loving hearts, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
  
1. That our parish will grow in faith and respect for all believers, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
  
1. For the special intentions in our "*Saint Jude Book of Intentions*", ... **We pray to the Lord.**

concern, on behalf of the people. In another place it says that Jesus "looked at the crowd, and felt sorry for them, because they had been with him for several days, and had nothing to eat." Yet the twin hungers in today's world are for meaning as well as for food.

Jesus sets the apostles a seemingly impossible challenge. When they point out the lack of food he tells them to feed the people themselves. This, of course, cannot be done, and they tell him so. He then taught them, and us, a basic lesson: "Whatever you have is enough. Just let me have it, and I will do the rest." At Cana, all they had was water, and it was all he needed; He would do the rest. In another version of this story, where one of the apostles says "We only have a few loaves and some fish, but what is that among so many?" The temptation was to put the loaves and fish back in the bag.

There is power in the actions of Jesus as he says a prayer and begins distributing the bread. Before he called Lazarus forth from the tomb, he raised his eyes to heaven, and said "I thank you, Father, that you have heard me." It was his constant contact with the Father that inspired his actions. At his baptism in the Jordan he had heard the Father's voice saying "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." He lived constantly with the Father's approval, even when everyone else rejected him. What a lesson this is for all of us! In commissioning his apostles, later on, he would tell them to feed the hungry. Because he came "to do and to teach," that is why he fed the hungry before sending his disciples to do the same.

It is a scandal that so large a part of today's world is made up of hungry people. Most of us have more than we need of money, clothes, food, etc. We may not have as much as we want, but we have more than we need. There is a struggle here, and there is a tension from which we cannot escape. "Whatever you do for the least of these, I will take as being done for me." The decisions to walk in the Christian Way removes many of my options and choices. Christianity is much more than just saying prayers. It is also a call to action. It is a call to do as Jesus would do. I cannot read today's gospel and remain indifferent or detached.

"It is in giving that we receive." When we give, we discover that we are not at a loss. It is an extraordinary paradox, but it is literally me. I will never know this until I try it. How do you consider yourself in the whole area of responsibility for the welfare of others? We are all familiar with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Concern, Goal, etc., and we may admire what they do. But we must go beyond admiration and become willing to imitate, and follow their example. Christianity is about witnessing, and in the witnessing is the invitation to "go and do likewise." The opposite to love is not hatred, but indifference. If God is love, and I am indifferent, then I must seriously examine where God is in my life. This is a fundamental and basic question that must be asked, and it must be answered.

*\*Verbatim from Association of Catholic Priests Website\**

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2020/08/02-august-2020-18th-sunday-year-a/>

## **Useful Links:**

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