

Parish Weekly Update as of 8/14/2020.

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This is the day the *Lord* has made;
Let us *rejoice* and be glad in it.

PSALM 118:24

St. Jude Catholic Church and The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
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Stewardship:

St. Jude: 8/9/2020

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$3,996	\$2,423	+\$1,573
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$16,126	\$14,538	+\$1,588



Shrine: 8/8/2020

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$463	\$308	+\$155
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$2,032	\$1,848	+\$184

Repair & Maintenance Contributions Month to Date: 8/2020

MTD	Monthly Budget	Diff.
\$400	\$1667	-\$1,267

Sunday August 16, 2020
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions:

Shrine - Havden Kelly

1. That the faith and joy of believers attract unbelievers into God's loving arms, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
- **That people of every race and culture seek to understand those who are different from themselves, ... We pray to the Lord.**
1. That those on the verge of giving up find strength to persevere, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
1. That every immigrant and alien be treated with dignity as a beloved child of God, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
1. For all affected by the pandemic and recent natural disasters, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
1. For the special intentions in our "*Saint Jude Book of Intentions*", ... **We pray to the Lord.**
1. For the repose of the soul of **Joe Misseri and also pray for John Babik** for whom this Mass is offered, and for the souls of all the faithful departed, that eternal light may shine on them, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

Meditation:

Is God's welcome only for the few?

1. Not a church of pigeonholes: For office filing purposes pigeonholes are splendid. Bureaucrats love tidy compartments where accounts, applications, drafts etc. can be systematically stored — everything in its proper place. A good office motto might be: No surprises and no disorder! There's a temptation to think of God's grace as parceled out in a similarly neat, orderly way — as something reserved for the God-fearing elect, the People of God. Historically, many of our Jewish forebears adopted this view, and they (and we!) require the universalist message of Isaiah: God wants a house of prayer open to all the nations. Christians need to remember it too: God wills ALL human beings to be saved; in the Father's house there are many mansions.

2. Blessings of Loss: Our heavenly Father draws people towards Himself in strange, unpredictable ways. Just as in a family the misfortune of one member can serve to unite the others in a new, protective loyalty; or as in business the failure of one concern can direct energy into a new, more productive line.. so the rejection of Our Savior by the Jews resulted in His more rapid acceptance throughout the Gentile world. It's an ill wind blows good to nobody! Even the lapses and sins of mankind can be turned to good account, says Paul in a profound but difficult section of his letter to the Romans: "God has imprisoned all men in disobedience only to show mercy on all." Our own past sins will not bar us from Christ—they only show us how much we need him ("To seek and save what was lost.")

3. *Church in the Kitchen* When does Jesus want to visit himself? "The last supper of

sit down at table in the Kingdom of God.” Notice too the world-wide mission of the disciples, after the Resurrection (Mat. 28:18.)

4. Expanding circles: That’s how Christian faith should spread, like the rippling circles expanding on the surface when a stone drops into a still pond. First to the Jews, then to the Gentiles. Always handed on by direct contact, the sharing of trust, the witness of peaceful conviction, the bearing of one another’s burdens. But will our path of faith be smooth? Or will there be setbacks and obstacles, objections from people more clever than ourselves, a contrary wind of current opinion hostile to religious belief? In such circumstances, the Canaanite woman offers inspiration, with her iron resolve coupled with good humor and ready wit.

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<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2020/08/16-august-2020-20th-sunday-year-a/>

Useful Links:

Online Giving via ParishSoft Giving:

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