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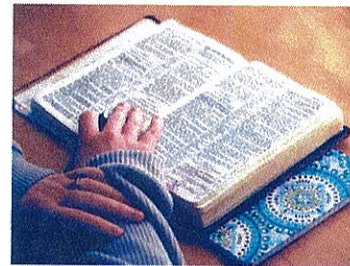
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## Stewardship:

### St. Jude:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$1,235	\$2,423	-\$1,188
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$107,584	\$111,462	-\$3,878



### Shrine:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$605	\$308	+\$297
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$17,573	\$14,154	+\$3,419

## Annual Diocesan Appeal Update:

### St. Jude:

Raised to date	Goal	% to Goal
\$6,720	\$7,280	92.3%

### Shrine:

Raised to date	Goal	% to Goal
\$1,265	\$1,370	92.3%





# WELCOME!

As we gather again for the celebration of Mass, we are all asked to do our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Out of an abundance of caution for others gathered, please be aware, prior to entering the church, an usher will ask you a series of questions. Please be patient and wait for their instructions regarding seating, as we must comply with social distancing guidelines.

We ask that everyone takes the following precautions:



Stay home if you are ill, elderly, anxious, or immunocompromised. Bishop Knestout has dispensed all Catholics in the Diocese from their Sunday Mass obligation.



Maintain six feet of social distance from others who are not from the same household at all times while in the church or on church property.



Wear a face mask or face covering. Be sure the mask covers your nose and your mouth. (Face covering should be removed before receiving Holy Communion.)



Refrain from physical contact, such as holding hands during the Our Father and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace.



Sanitize hand when entering and leaving church. Bring personal supply of hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion, if possible.



Consider receiving Holy Communion in the hand.

If you have a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, you will not be permitted to enter the building.

**Sunday May 24, 2020:**

**Mass Intention:**

**St. Jude - Katherine Nixon** (VA Beach mass shooting victim)

**Shrine - Dan Klapetzky**

**Readings:**

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Psalm 47:2-3,6-7,8-9

Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,11-13 or Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23

**Gospel:**

Mathew 28:16-20

**Prayers of the Faithful:**



5. That all who gather to praise the risen and ascended Lord share his peace and joy with one another, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

6. For the special intentions in our "*Saint Jude Book of Intentions*", ... **We pray to the Lord.**

7. For the repose of the soul of **Katherine Nixon** 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:**

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#### ***Last Will and Testament***

In the gospel we have just heard Our Lord's final instructions, his Last Will and Testament. Just before leaving them, he reminds them of what he expects of them. Earlier he had sent them out to spread the Kingdom of God. Those who go in his name, do so with *his* authority. The authority goes with the mission, so to speak. In Matthew's version he now adds this great promise, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Mark says that the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it". And Luke emphasises that they will be "clothed with power from on high", that is, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is very definite about what he has to say. Like any gathering of people, the feelings of his disciples were varied. But he sends them out to speak and act in his name.

Their mission was both easy and hard: easy to understand but hard to carry out. It was to teach others all that he had taught them. Just as he asked them to follow his way, they were to ask that others should follow that way too.

Has a doctor ever put you on a course of antibiotics. The most basic guidance about antibiotics is to complete the course. Even if the patient starts to feel well after a few days, to discontinue taking the medicine can let their condition grow worse.

Similarly, the message of salvation must continue to be shared until the end of time. With all the changes in the church and in society, neither Jesus nor his message have changed. His Gospel remains a call to live our lives to the full.

You write a new page of the gospel each day,  
through all that you do and whatever you say.

Others read what you write, be it faithful or true.

So what is the gospel according to you?

He is with us always. This can be a real help against loneliness. Being alone is not the same as being lonely. One can feel lonely in a crowded street; or alternatively, like Cicero, *never less alone than when alone* ("minus solum, quam cum solus").

This applies especially to those who believe the promise, "I am with you always."

Talking with him doesn't even need words. If we are open to His presence in our heart, and treasure it, we can experience fully that "Joy of the Gospel" so warmly described for us by our good Pope Francis.

\* <https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2020/05/24-may-2020-the-ascension-of-the-lord/> \*



