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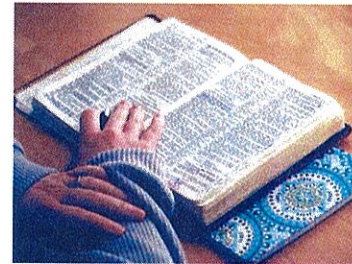


Saint Jude Catholic Church and The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague Parish Weekly Update as of September 4, 2020.

Stewardship:

St. Jude: 8/30/2020

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$2518	\$2423	+\$95
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$21,132	\$21,808	-\$676



Shrine: 8/29/2020

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$114	\$308	-\$194
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$2,482	\$2,772	-\$290

Repair & Maintenance: Final August 2020

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$1,220	\$1,667	-\$447
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$1,945	\$3,333	-\$1,388

Second and Special Collections: September 2020

1st - Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm - 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

2nd: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel:

Matthew 18:15-20

Prayers of the Faithful:

September 6, 2020
The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Response...Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For Bishops, Priests and Deacons, may they who labor to faithfully share the Good News, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

- **For civil servants who strive to end racial inequity and violence, may local leaders lead efforts toward reconciliation, ... We pray to the Lord.**

1. For all who suffered painful loss in the events of September 11, may they find comfort in the promise of eternal life., ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For all who labor in unhealthy and life-threatening situations, may employers strive to improve their workers' conditions, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For all workers in the vineyard of the Lord, may they find joy and fulfillment in their calling, ... **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 intentions of **Dan Klapetsky** 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:

Watchmen should warn

The homilist might venture a comment on the Ezekiel text. This prophet borrowed an image from war and its threat to national survival. He knows that a people under threat needs its sentries. The real threat that sentry Ezekiel sees, is not an attack from without, but failure of the community from within, a breakdown that leads to death. The danger that he must warn about is the threat of sin. This warning of Ezekiel is not directed to the community as a whole but to the individual within it. Individual responsibility takes on a new force in his message.

by reflecting on how we as a community can be a sign of what we preach, a repentant community that has found the life and peace offered by Christ. A reconciled community: Today's readings confront us with two aspects of the question. Firstly the need for a sense of individual responsibility in the way of conversion. Ezekiel certainly made it clear that the individual is addressed by the Word of God calling for repentance. There is no way out of this personal responsibility.

But all of this should not be seen simply in terms of what the individual owes to the community. The whole Church is called to be supportive of each person who seeks reconciliation. This is especially important in a world where so many people feel threatened by the alienating force of impersonal state structures. The Church is not called to be mega-corporation.

Individuals who are perplexed by their own failures or oppressed by the weaknesses of others, need a community that does not drive them further into isolation but one which calls them through forgiveness and love into the life of fellowship. Living in this fellowship does mean that we owe debts to one another, and as Paul reminds us today the only obligation that ultimately counts is the debt of love we owe one another.

This reconciled community will be an effective sign to the world not because it creates a superficial harmony, but because it faces the reality of sin in itself. It finds forgiveness as the solution to this threat. Renewal of the ministry of reconciliation in the Church increasingly takes the form of communal services of penance, linked to the celebration of the sacrament. This is an effective way of bringing home to people that all sin effects the community and reconciliation must include the community.

Verbatim from the Association of Catholic Priest website

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