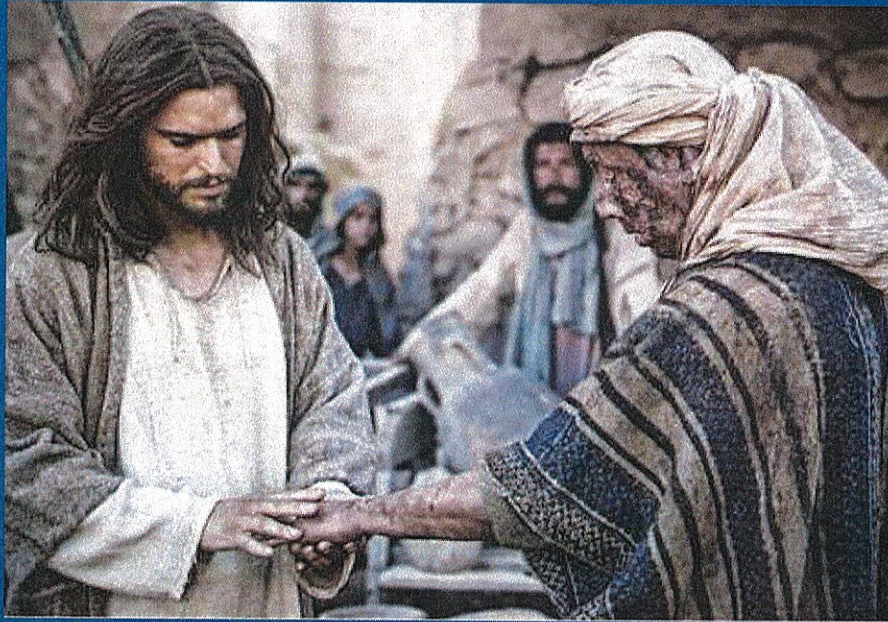


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St. Jude Catholic Church and The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
Parish Weekly Update as of February 12, 2021.

Stewardship:

St. Jude 02/7/2021:

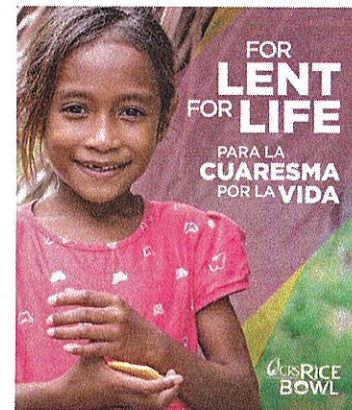
Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$3,382	\$2,423	+\$959
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$73,815	\$77,538	-\$3,723

Shrine 02/6/2021:

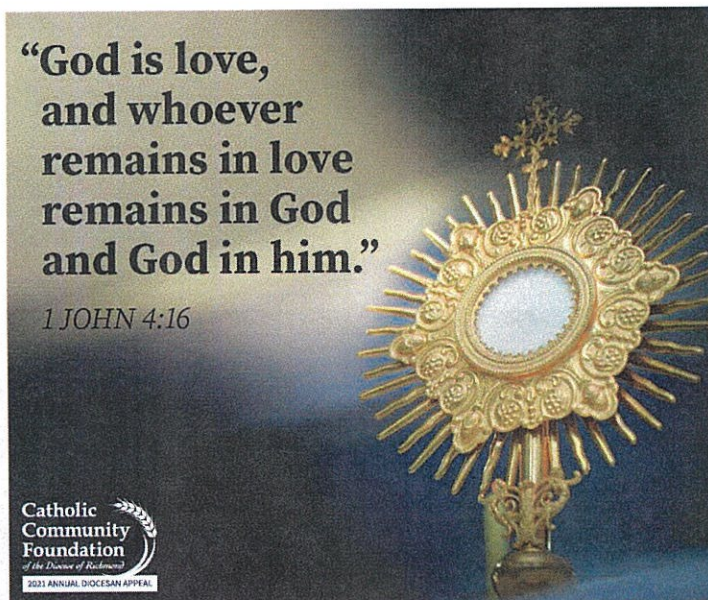
Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$568	\$308	+260
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$9,499	\$9,856	-\$357

St. Jude Repair & Maintenance as of 2/7/2021:

Actual	Month Budget	Diff.
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It is time for CRS Rice Bowls! Did you know you can give for the Rice Bowl via our ParishSoft Giving? Just select St. Jude then subfund - Ricebowl! #crsricebowl



2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal:

As we prepare to celebrate “Presidents’ Day” holiday, it is important to remember the deep faith of our founding fathers. On October 3, 1789, George Washington gave a Presidential Proclamation to acknowledge God and offer “thanksgiving” to him. The proclamation stated, in part, “...it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor” — and “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God...”

And, we are all familiar with the greatness of Abraham Lincoln, whose purpose was to free the slaves and heal a nation. In his second inaugural address on March 4, 1865, he stated, “With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan...”.

These are examples of their faith in and reverence for God. This week, as we celebrate them and celebrate LOVE through St. Valentine's Day, let's remember the work of charity, kindness and love that is accomplished through the **Annual Diocesan Appeal**, as well. Please make your pledge today.

Sunday, February 14, 2021
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer of the Faithful
St. Jude
February 14, 2021
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Response... Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For all who lead the Church, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

- **For the people of our country, ... We pray to the Lord.**

1. For those who suffer evil and injustice, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For the sick, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For the people of this parish, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For an increase in vocations, ... **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 **Glenn Coulter** 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:

Healing the isolated

We all need to connect with others, to be in communion with them. We don't like to feel isolated or cut off from family, friends, or the wider community. One of the most challenging aspects of sickness or disability can be the isolation that it brings. When we are ill or our body grows weak we cannot take the same initiative we used to take to connect with others. People can become housebound because of their physical condition; the things they used to do to meet up with others are no longer possible.

Certain forms of illness can be more isolating than others. The most isolating form of illness in the time of Jesus was leprosy. For hygienic reasons, lepers had to live apart, 'outside the camp', in the words of today's first reading. Lepers were only allowed to have each other for company. They lived apart from their family, their friends and the community to which they belonged.

The leper in today's gospel seemed determined to break out of his isolation. He did something that was unconventional and daring in approaching Jesus and pleading on with him, 'If you want to, you can cure me.' His desperation to be healed of an illness that kept him totally isolated drove him to do something that was against the Jewish Law at the time. In response to the leper's daring approach, Jesus did

daring energy of the leper. There can come a time when, like the leper, we need to take our courage in our own hands and, against the conventional expectation, to head out in some bold direction. It was desperation that drove the leper to seek out Jesus. Sometimes for us too, it can be our desperation that finally gets us going, gets us to connect with that person who matters to us and to whom we matter more than we realize or gets us to link up with some gathering or some group that has the potential to do us good or maybe even to transform our lives. Sometimes I can be amazed at the initiatives that some people take to connect with others, people who are much less healthier than I am and are much less physically able. I come across it all the time in the parish — older people who have mastered the internet and have come completely at home with Skype; younger people who in spite of some serious disability have found the means to live a very full life that is marked by the service of others. The man in today's gospel who approaches Jesus could well be the patron saint of all those who strive to connect with others against all the odds.

Unlike the leper, Jesus was perfectly healthy, but he had something of the same desire and energy to connect with others. When approached by the leper, he could have turned away, as most people would have done. Instead, Jesus stood his ground and engaged with the leper, reached out to him not only by word but by action. He not only spoke to him, but he touched him. Jesus often healed people by means of his word alone; but this man who had suffered from extreme isolation really needed to be *touched*. Jesus did more than was asked of him; he took an initiative as daring as the leper's move towards him. He went as far as any human being could go to deliver this man from his isolation. What the Lord did for the leper he wishes to continue doing through each one of us in our own day. There are many isolated and lonely people among us. The scope is there for all of us to take the kind of step that Jesus took towards the leper. Again, I can see examples of that in the parish all the time — people who look in on neighbors and make sure that they are all right and have what they need. There are always people among us waiting to be touched by our compassionate presence. When they are, they can experience the same kind of transformation as the leper did in today's gospel.

Verbatim from the Association of Catholic Priests

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2021/02/february-14-2021-sixth-sunday-in-ordinary-time/>

Useful Links:

Parish Links:

The **NEW** St. Jude/Shrine Website: <https://stjudefranklin.org/>

Online

Giving via ParishSoft Giving: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st1014121>

Social Media:

Follow Us on **Facebook!** : <https://www.facebook.com/stjudefranklin0552>

Parish **YouTube** Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYoOhy_tZCHA40WYc5c4eQ

Diocesan Links:

Diocese Website-<https://richmonddiocese.org/>

Independent Reconciliation Program-<https://assistance.richmonddiocese.org/>