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St. Jude Catholic Church & The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
Parish Weekly Update as of March 5, 2021.

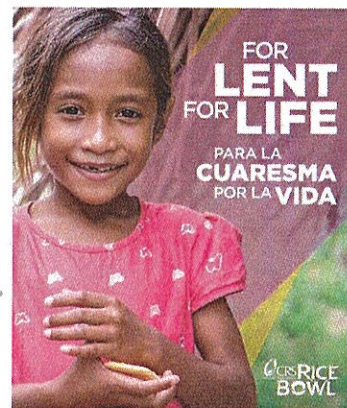
Stewardship:

St. Jude 2/28/2021

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$3,069	\$2,423	+\$896
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$80,527	\$84,808	-\$4,281

Shrine 02/27/2021

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$435	\$308	+\$127
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$9,995	\$10,780	-\$785



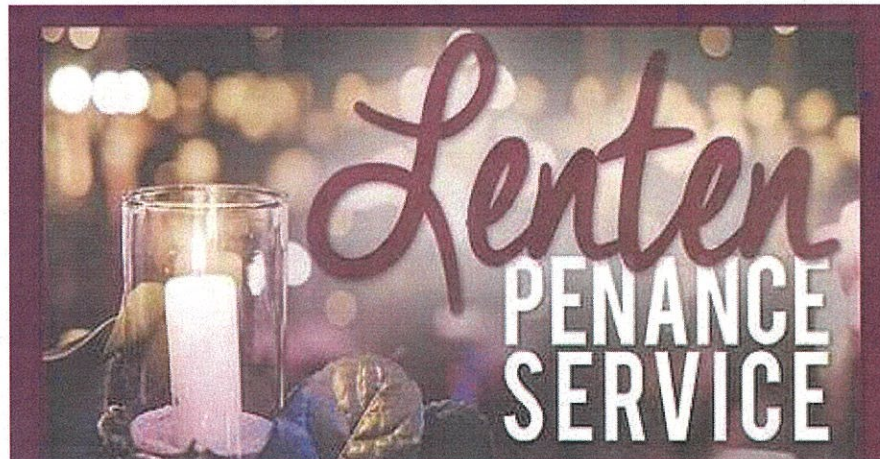
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It is time for CRS Rice Bowls! Did you know you can give for the Rice Bowl via our ParishSoft

3/7 - Winter Fuel Fund - **Shrine**
3/14 - Catholic Relief Services - **St. Jude/Shrine**
3/14 - Repair & Maintenance - **St. Jude**
3/21 - Winter Fuel Fund - **St. Jude**

April 2021:

4/2 - Holy Land/Good Friday - **St. Jude**
4/4 - Easter Offering - **St. Jude/Shrine**
4/11 - Repair & Maintenance - **St. Jude**
4/18 - Catholic Virginian - **St. Jude**
4/25 - Haiti Missions - **St. Jude**



Lenten Penance Service this coming week:

Thursday - **March 11, 2021: St. Mary's, Suffolk**

6:30PM



Join us for Stations of the Cross - Each Friday night during Lent

Where: St. Jude

Time: 7:00PM

**2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal:**

There are a lot of distractions in our lives; kids, sports, school, meetings, ministries, social media, cell phones, work, family, errands, driving, home repairs, shopping, and more! Where is God in all that? Do you take time to find Him?

We're almost halfway through Lent. How is it going for you? Have you had to do a restart? Lots of us have. Take a moment to examine and assess the distractions in your life. What are the things you need to "take a whip to and drive from the temple"?

If you haven't already, please make the **Annual Diocesan Appeal** part of your Lenten almsgiving. If you have already given to the appeal, thank you for your generosity!

Sunday March 7, 2021
3rd Sunday in Lent

Mass Intentions:

Shrine: For the intentions of *Rev. Kenneth Wood*.

St. Jude: For the intentions of *Rev. Kenneth Wood*.

Readings:

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

Psalm: 19:8, 9, 10, 11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Prayer of the Faithful

1. For those who suffer war's destruction, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For our confirmands, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For the members of this assembly, ... **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.

For the intentions of **Rev. Kenneth Wood** for whom this Mass is offered, and for the souls of the faithful departed, that eternal light may shine on them, ... **We pray to the Lord**

Meditation:

Moving House

Psychologists tell us that, apart from the death of a loved one, perhaps the most traumatic experience a person can have is that of moving house. Those of us who have gone through all that is involved in this particular trauma can attest to the truth contained in these words. One of the benefits derived from the exercise, however, is that we get rid of all the junk we have accumulated since our last move. It could perhaps be argued that people's dread of moving is directly proportionate to the amount of stuff they have gathered. The Israelites, having come out of Egypt, had been through the experience, and were inclined to avoid too much clutter. (One of the psalms laughs at the pagans who "carry around their idols made of wood.") Today we find Jesus clearing all the accumulated junk out of the Temple. But what is happening here is not merely the removal of unwanted items; by this symbolic act, Jesus is calling all the peoples of the earth to worship God "in spirit and in truth." True worshippers, he will tell us later in the gospel, are those who worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

Worship is not a word which figures largely in our religious vocabulary today. Like "adoration," it is a particularly God-centered word, ill-suited to be our self-centered age where religiousness is more often expressed in terms of self-actualization. There is a sense in which it is true to say that people today have forgotten how to worship, so that often even our liturgical acts become simply gatherings or experiences. To worship means to acknowledge the transcendence of God, and his claim on us as our creator, and to respond appropriately. Rather than being just a relic of primitive religion, worship is an integral part of the Judeo-Christian religious sense. From deep within our self springs the desire to worship and adore God. Getting in tune with that desire, and expressing it through word and gesture is at the heart of prayer.

In order to worship in spirit and in truth, we must prepare our hearts and minds by being faithful to the covenant relationship (keeping the commandments) and seeking the wisdom of God, which is the wisdom of the cross. We have to let Jesus cleanse us, as he cleansed the Temple, leave our sins behind, and simplify our lives, getting rid of any needless clutter. Then we are able to enter into the new Temple, which is

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:

Facebook! : <https://www.facebook.com/stjudefranklin0552>

Parish **YouTube** Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYoOhy_tZCHA40WYc5c4eQ

Diocesan Links:

Annual Appeal Give on line: <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/>

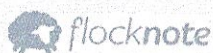
Diocese Website-<https://richmonddiocese.org/>

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



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