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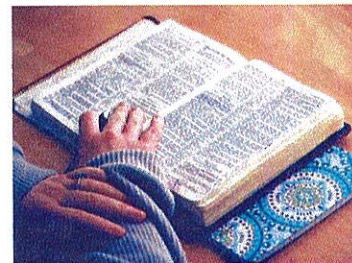


St. Jude Catholic Church & The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
Parish Weekly Update as of April 10, 2021.

Stewardship:

St. Jude 04/04/2021

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$4,967	\$2,423	+\$2,544
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$96,004	\$96,923	-\$919



St. Jude - Easter Offering 4/2021

\$1,505

St. Jude - Good Friday Offering 4/2021

\$245

Shrine 04/04/2021

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$465	\$308	+157
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$12,456	\$12,320	+\$136

4/18 - Catholic Virginian - **St. Jude**

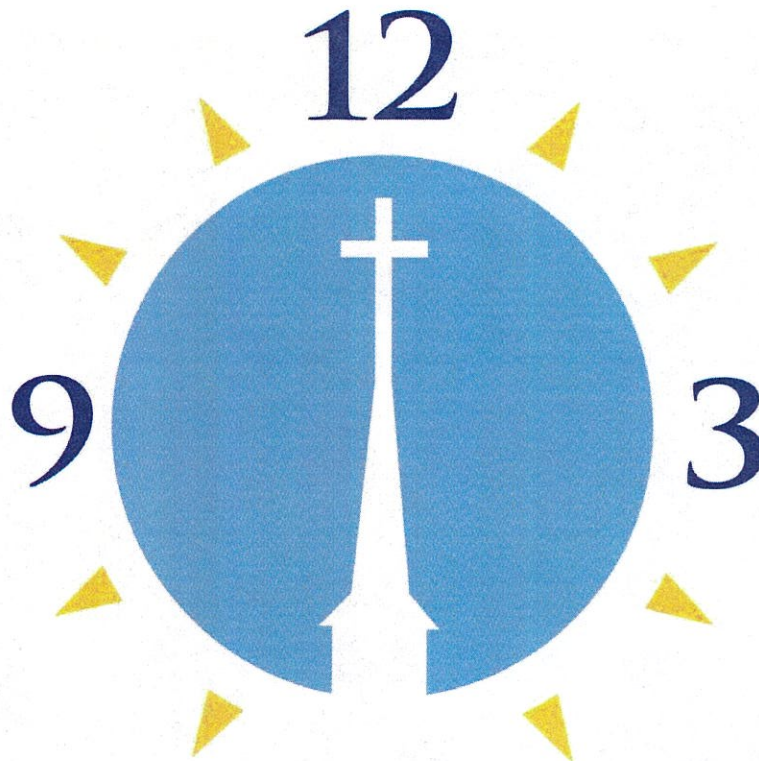
4/25 - Haiti Missions - **St. Jude**

May 2021:

5/9 - Repair & Maintenance - **St. Jude**

5/16 - Diocesan Home Mission - **St. Jude/Shrine**

5/30 - Parish Social Ministry - **St. Jude**



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are changing. The new hours are:

Mon-Thursday 9-12

Friday - *Office is closed*

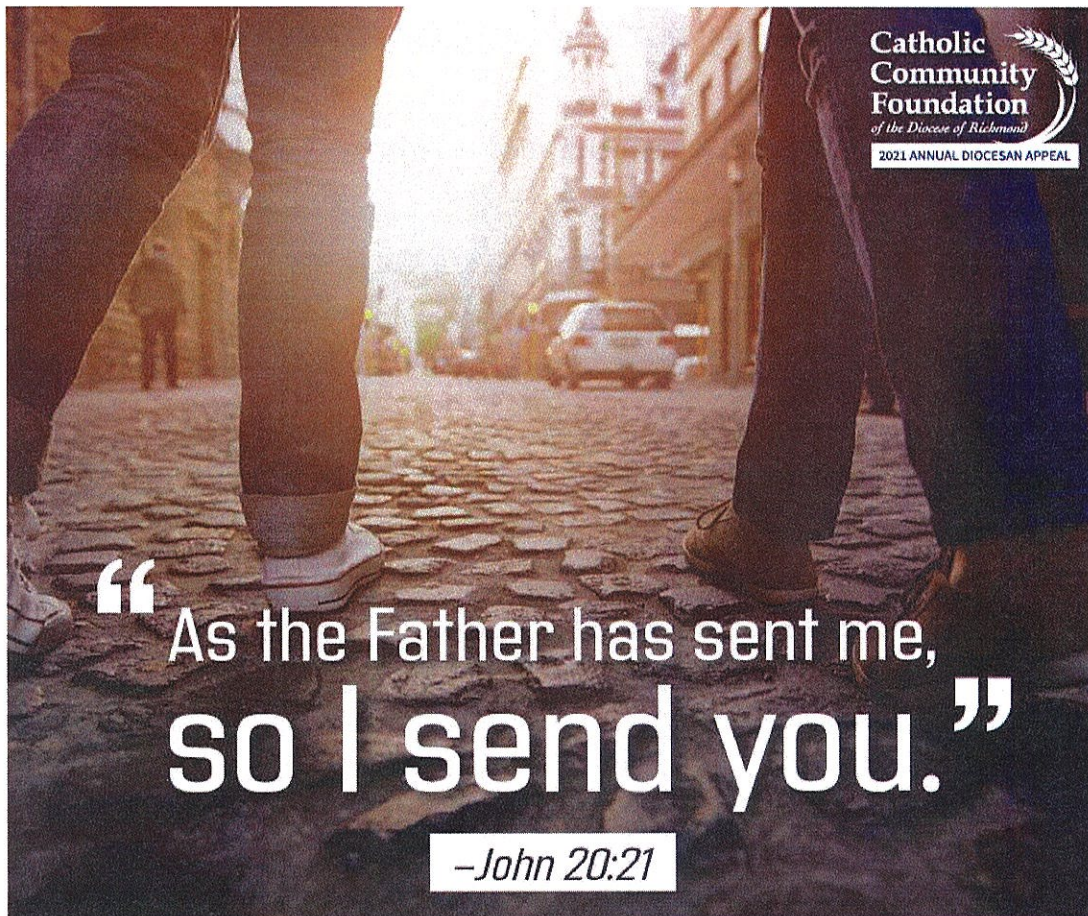
Saturday - 9-3

Sunday - *Office is closed.*

Kim will be available Saturday's during office hours, as well as before and after mass on Sunday's. You can also reach Kim during the week and leave a message at (434) 594-2436. Kim will get back to you at her earliest convenience.



Annual Diocesan Appeal:



"For most of us, the Christian life is so "routine" that we often don't stop to think about how radical it is; selflessly loving God and others in imitation of Christ, who gave Himself on the Cross. In fact, if we really took seriously its demands, we'd probably be struck by how impossible it all seems; for man to love as God loves.

That's likely what the Apostles were thinking when the Risen Lord, with the nail marks still fresh in his hands, sends them on mission "as the Father has sent" Him. And yet, it'd be a mistake to only focus on the seemingly impossible demands of this mission. Because if we're sent as Christ was sent by the Father, we're also called to live in the same relational mode that He did and does, in complete dependence upon the Father. This is why Christ's sending of the Apostles on mission is inherently connected with their reception of the Holy Spirit—the love between the Father and Son. If we're not in relationship with God, the Christian life is truly impossible.

*But of course, God invites us into relationship with Him today: in prayer, in the sacraments, and in Christian community. And when we're relying on Him, the mission He sends us on can seem less impossible. Here at St. Jude & The Shrine, we've discerned that part of our mission is to build up our parish community through the **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. During this Easter season, let's ground ourselves deeply in our relationship with God, so that we can generously respond to this and the entirety of our mission."*

Verbatim from the Annual Diocesan Appeal

Sunday - April 11, 2021

Prayer of the Faithful
St. Jude
April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter
Response... Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For the newly baptized and confirmed, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

- **For the poor in all nations, ... We pray to the Lord.**

1. For all suffering from the effects of COVID, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For all in need of God's mercy, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For the members of this community, ... **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 **Robert Curry** 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:

Unlocking our doors

"In the gospel we find the disciples locking themselves into a room because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Even after an excited Mary Magdalene came to them from the empty tomb announcing that she had seen the Lord, this was not enough to overcome their fear. What had been done to Jesus could be done to them. ... which led to their hiding in self-imposed confinement. The turning point came when the risen Lord himself appeared to them behind their closed doors and helped them over their fear. He did this by breathing the Holy Spirit into them, filling them new energy and hope, freeing them from fear and releasing them to share in his mission. "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you," he said. In the power of the Spirit they came to life and went out from their self-imposed prison, to bear witness to the risen Lord. This is the picture of the disciples that Luke gives us in today's reading from Acts. He describes a community of believers, the church, witnessing to the resurrection both in word and by the quality of their living. We can all find ourselves in the situation of those first disciples, locked in their hiding place. Any combination of the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" can water down our commitment to following the Lord. Like the disciples in today's gospel, we can be tempted to give up on our faith journey. The will to self-protection

The risen Lord never ceases to recreate us and to renew us in his love. Easter is the season to celebrate the good news.

Just as the disciples were unmoved by the hopeful enthusiasm of Mary Magdalene who had seen the Lord, so Thomas was unmoved by the witness of the disciples who told him they too had seen the Lord. Thomas, it seems, was an even harder nut to crack than the other disciples. He is one of those people who insist on certain conditions being met before he makes a move, "Unless I see, I can't believe." As he had done with the other disciples, the Lord takes Thomas on his own terms. He accommodates himself to Thomas' conditions and says, "Put your finger here." The gospel today implies that the Lord meets us wherever we are. He takes us seriously in all our fears and doubts. The Lord is prepared to stand with us on our own ground, whatever that ground is, and from there he will speak to us a word suited to our personal state of mind and heart. We don't have to get ourselves to some particular place in order for the Lord to engage with us. He takes himself to where we are, wherever it is a place of fear or of doubt. We might pray this Easter season for the openness to receive the Lord's coming into the concrete circumstances of our own lives, so that we too might say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God." We might also pray that, like the Lord, we would receive others where they are, rather than where we would like them to be."

Verbatim from the Association of Catholic Priests

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2021/04/april-11-2021-second-sunday-of-easter/>

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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