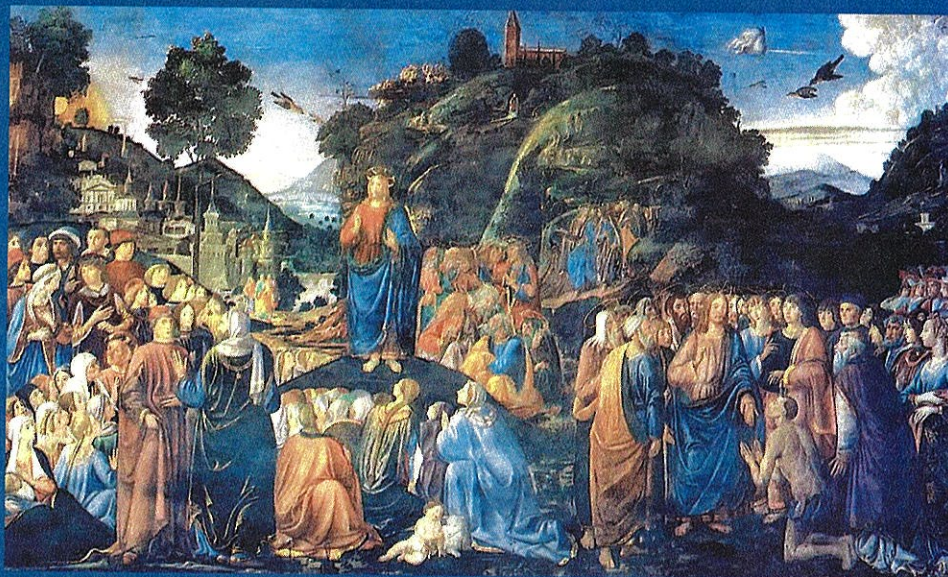


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St. Jude Catholic Church & The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
Parish Weekly Update as of July 25, 2021.

Stewardship:

St. Jude: July 18, 2021

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$953	\$2,423	-\$1,470
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$7,030	\$7,269	-\$239



Shrine: July 17, 2021

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$391	\$308	+\$83
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$1,201	\$924	+\$277

St. Jude: Repair & Maintenance July 18,2021

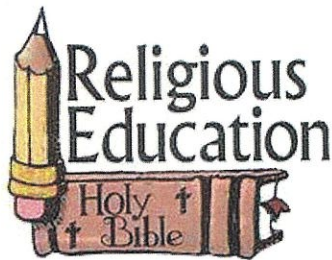
7/18	Mtd	Budget	Diff.
\$140	\$2,471	\$1,667	+\$804

Second Collections:

August 2021:

8/1- Summer Utilities- St. Jude/Shrine

8/8- Repair & Maintenance- St. Jude



St. Therese Chesapeake: Coordinator of Christian Formation Needed!

The Church of St. Thérèse, Chesapeake, is looking to hire an individual to help coordinate and implement an inter-generational Christian Formation program as well as other faith formation opportunities for people of all ages. This part-time position [10-15 hours per week] requires a person of faith, someone who is knowledgeable about the Catholic Church and the Gospel, who is filled with the spirit of Vatican II, who is creative, enthusiastic, and gets along well with people of all ages. A degree in Religious Studies or Theology is preferred. This person should be dependable, organized, and computer literate. Application deadline is August 20, 2021. Salary will be according to Diocesan guidelines. Please submit resumé and diocesan application <https://richmonddiocese.org/office/office-of-human-resources/> to Fr. Kevin.



St. Jude is seeking a part time Parish Secretary.

The position is 15 hours a week Monday - Thursday. The ideal candidate is computer savvy with experience in Microsoft Office 365. If you are interested please call or email the parish office.

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 25, 2021

Mass Intentions:

Shrine: For the intentions of the *parishioners of the Shrine*.

St. Jude: For the repose of the soul of Mary Wier

1. That the people of the world respect life, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
1. That we always hold in prayer the poor and homeless, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
1. For all who are traveling, ... **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 repose of the soul of **Mary Weir** 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:

Loaves and Fishes

We can sometimes find ourselves in situations beyond our abilities to cope, when the gap between the resources at our disposal and the issue to be dealt with seems too great. We feel a sense of helplessness which drains us of the energy to tackle the problem. The challenge seems simply too great to be faced. In this gospel we have an example of that kind of apparent powerlessness. Jesus and the disciples are faced with a very large crowd of hungry people in a deserted place. They need to be fed and the resources to feed them don't appear to be there. The sense of being overwhelmed by the task that needs doing is audible in the comments that Jesus' disciples make. Philip states, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' Andrew comments that there is a small boy present with five barley loaves and two fish, but he asks rather despairingly, 'What is that between so many?' I am sure that people who work for aid agencies like Trocaire, Concern, Goal and Gorta often found themselves in a similar situation in those parts of the world ravaged by conflict and famine. The huge need outstrips the available resources. Yet, in that situation such workers always do whatever they can with whatever resources they have at their disposal. They don't despair; they tackle the situation as best as they can.

Jesus was just as aware as his disciples of the enormity of the task and the apparent lack of resources. However, he did not share their sense of defeatism. He saw that in some way the small boy with the five barley loaves and two fish was the key to feeding the vast crowd. We cannot be certain what exactly happened on that day in the wilderness but it seems certain that the small boy with his few barley loaves and fish played a very important role. There was only enough food there for a simple meal for a poor family. Yet, he was willing to part with his barley loaves and fish; he handed them over to Jesus and, in some mysterious way, Jesus was able to work with the young boy's generous gift to feed everyone. One generous boy was the beginning of the feeding of the multitude. The boy's generosity gave Jesus the opening that he needed. In and through this small boy's simple gift, Jesus worked powerfully.

This is one of the very few stories about Jesus that is to be found in all four gospels. It clearly spoke very powerfully to the early church. Perhaps in and through this story the early believers came to appreciate that the Lord can use our tiniest efforts to perform his greatest works. As Paul declared in his letter to the church in Corinth that God's power is often made perfect in our weakness. The Lord can work powerfully in and through the very little that we possess, if we are generous with that

tinest efforts we make to be generous with the resources we have at our disposal, whether it is resources of money, or time or some ability or other. All four evangelists saw a connection between what happened in the wilderness on that day and what happened at the Last Supper and what happens at every Eucharist. Just as Jesus transformed the small boy's simple gifts of five barley loaves and two fish into a feast for thousands, so he transforms our simple gifts of bread and wine into a spiritual feast for all, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. The way the Lord works in the Eucharist is how he works in the rest of our lives. He takes the little we offer to him and by means of it, in the words of Saint Paul, he is 'able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.' [Martin Hogan]

Verbatim from the Association of the Catholic Priests Website

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2021/07/sunday-july-25-2021-seventeenth-sunday-in-ordinary-time/>

Useful Links:

Parish Links:

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>

ParishYouTube Channel:

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

Diocesan Links:

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

Diocese Website-

<https://richmonddiocese.org/>

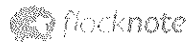
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