



Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

11/25/2023 - 12/03/2023

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



MATER DEI MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

MON – FRI: 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM @

ST. MARY'S

MON & FRI: 5:30 PM @ ST. EDWARD'S

FRIDAY: 11:00 AM @ ST. JAMES

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM @ ST. MARY'S



"SUNDAY" MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM @ ST. MARY'S

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM @ ST. EDWARD'S

9:30 AM & 11:00 AM @ ST. MARY'S

10:30 AM @ ST. JAMES



Thank You for Your Generosity to
our Mater Dei Parish Churches

November 19, 2023

Envelopes: \$ 3,589.00

Loose: \$ 1,805.00

eCatholic: \$ 318.00

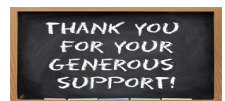
TOTAL: \$ 5,712.00

Weekly Budget Expenses

(5 year basis): \$10,756.00

Deficit / Surplus:

\$- 5,044.00



There is a special collection this weekend for **Youth Activities**. All donations will remain in our parish to support activities for our youth. Thank you for your continued generosity.

GIFT WRAPPING ELVES NEEDED

Children will be Christmas shopping for those they love again this year on:

Saturday, December 9th

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

National Guard Armory

Union Street in Newport



Volunteer elves are needed to wrap the gifts they pick out for their family members. Please contact Brendan Perry at brendanperry17@gmail.com or (802) 624-6221 with the hours you can help.

Wrapping supplies will be provided, but please bring your own scissors and tape.

Thank you for putting smiles on children's faces.

ST. EDWARD'S GIVING TREE



St. Edward's will begin their annual Giving Tree campaign next **Sunday, December 3rd** for the residents of Michaud Manor. The tree will be decorated with ornaments listing gift ideas for individual residents.

Please take an ornament home, and return your wrapped or bagged gift by **Sunday, December 17th**. Be sure to place the ornament gift tag on the outside of your package.

Thank you for your participation. Your generosity helps to make the Christmas season more joyful for Michaud Manor's residents.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING BASKET DONATIONS

Mater Dei owes a huge debt of gratitude to our parishioners for their overwhelming generosity toward this year's Thanksgiving Baskets. In addition to many donations of food, monetary contributions totaling **\$1,550** were received to help fill the baskets. 33 Thanksgiving Baskets were distributed to less fortunate members of our communities.

The need in the Northeast Kingdom is great. Our parish is blessed with generous parishioners who are always willing to help. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Blessing the Symbols of Christmas

Each Sunday during Advent, we will continue our tradition of blessing a symbol of the Christmas season.



Next Sunday, December 3rd, on the First Sunday of Advent, we will bless the **Advent Wreath**. You are invited to bring an **Advent candle** to bless during Mass.

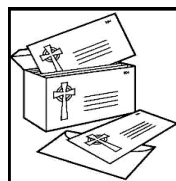
2nd Sunday of Advent—Tree Ornament

3rd Sunday of Advent—Manger Figurine

3rd Sunday of Advent—Baby Jesus

2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Mater Dei's 2024 church envelopes will be available the weekend of **December 17th** at the church you attend most often.



YOUNG APOSTLES COOKIE SALE

The Young Apostles Cookie Sale has been postponed until February.

Watch the bulletin for updates.....



St. James next Catholic Faith Formation class is **Tuesday, Nov. 28th**
from 3:00 — 4:15 pm in the Parish Center.



ALL SAINTS PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Saturday, December 2, 2023
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Dorian Hall
160 Main St., Richford VT

You are invited to join All Saints Parish for their annual Christmas Bazaar! Come visit and shop from local area vendors. Choose from religious items from the Holy Land, maple products, Scentsy aroma merchandise, jewelry, hot cocoa bombs, graphic designs on tumblers, glasses, take home kits, assorted crafts and more! Shop for Christmas and religious items and pick up some homemade fudge and baked goods at their ever popular All Saints Gift Table.

The Teacup Auction will feature a family pass to Jay Peak Pump House for 2 children and 2 adults, various gift certificates, and many items from local businesses.

Enjoy a light breakfast and a delicious lunch of various homemade soups, chili & sandwiches. Do your Christmas shopping from local artists & crafters! There is something for everyone!

Visit All Saints Church's Facebook page for more details.

CALLING ALL MASS COORDINATORS



Mass Coordinators from all Mater Dei Parish churches are asked to meet on

Monday, November 27th at 3:00 pm
at St. Mary's Rectory.

This will be the last Coordinator meeting before Christmas. Thank you for your dedicated service to our parish.

K of C Christmas Charity Raffle

All Knights of Columbus Christmas Charity Raffle tickets are due by **Thursday, November 30th.**

Tickets are still available on the K of C Christmas Card tables at our parish churches.

Drawings will begin on December 1st and continue daily until Christmas Eve.

Many thanks to everyone for your support of the Knights of Columbus and good luck to all the participants!



VOCATIONIST'S CORNER

IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES:

12/8: FR. JIM'S BIRTHDAY

12/8: FR. SHIJU'S 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

12/29: DEACON WARD'S 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE DEACONATE

12/31: FR. THOMAS KUTTIKATT'S 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD.

FORGIVEN: THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONFESSION

Join Fr. William Beaudin from St. Paul's Catholic Church in Manchester Center, VT for an Advent on-line seminar:



Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 pm beginning on November 29th.

11/29: Where Are You?

12/06: An Encounter with Mercy

12/13: Biblical Foundations: Forgiven

12/20: Embraced in Mercy: the Rite Explained

For more information and the Zoom link, visit: forgivencosp@gmail.com.

What a beautiful way to prepare for Christ's coming.

NORTHEAST DEANERY CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Sunday, December 3rd at 3:00 pm
at St. Mary's

Sunday, December 10th at 3:00 pm
St. Norbert's Catholic Church

193 S. Main St., Hardwick, VT
Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 pm
at St. Paul's in Barton

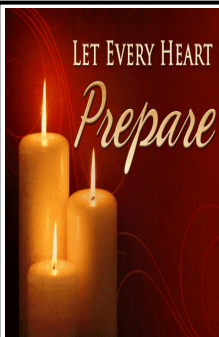
More Opportunities for Confession

St. Edward's: 10:00 am — 12:00 pm

Mater Dei Parish Office in Derby Line
Monday — Friday w/Fr. Tom & Fr. Jim

St. Mary's: 3:00 pm — 4:00 pm every Saturday

St. James: Fridays at 10:30 am before 11:00 Mass
Sundays after 10:30 am Mass



With deepest sympathy...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of † Debora Esposito, Fr. Jim's cousin, and for her grieving family.



St. Edward's Tabernacle Light
burns this week in celebration of:
Kevin & Dawn Perry's
50th Wedding Anniversary

JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

