



## The Epiphany of the Lord

01/06/2024 - 01/14/2024

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



Thank You for Your Generosity to  
our Mater Dei Parish Churches

December 30 & 31, 2023

Envelopes: \$ 4,149.00

Loose: \$ 2,209.00

eCatholic: \$ 615.00

TOTAL: \$ 6,973.00



#### "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

Weekly Budget Expenses: \$ 10,756.00

Deficit / Surplus: \$ - 3,783.00

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
GENEROUS  
SUPPORT!

There is a special collection this weekend  
for **Repairs & Maintenance**. During the last fiscal year, the  
parish paid \$15,925 for snow removal. This is only one of  
many expenses supported by your Repairs & Maintenance  
donation. Please be as generous as possible.

### EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL SEMINAR

You are cordially invited  
to attend Mater Dei's  
Eucharistic Revival Seminar

Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

6:00–7:30 pm

St. Mary Star of the Sea

Come to **KNEEL**

Come to **ADORE**

Come to **WORSHIP**



The seminar will include 30  
minutes of Adoration, a  
video, and a discussion led

by Normand Raymond, Fred Barker, and  
Ron Krisak, Mater Dei Parish's Eucharistic  
Revival Team.

Come to pray to the One and Only Jesus Christ in  
the Holy Eucharist.

### DIOCESEAN MARRIAGE DAY MASS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024



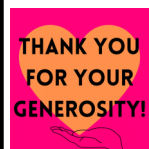
Married couples celebrating  
milestone anniversaries who wish  
to be recognized at the

Diocesan Anniversary Mass on  
February 4<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 am Holy  
Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Burlington are  
invited to register by contacting Nicole  
Hamilton at [nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org)  
or by calling (802) 658-6110, ext. 1131

Recognition is given to couples celebrating  
marriages of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25.....50, 51 or more  
years. The Diocese will need to know the names  
of the couples (as they would like them spelled  
on the certificate), anniversary date and year,  
current parish, and email address.

**The deadline to register is January 26, 2024**

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



St. Edward's Coordinators would like to  
thank everyone who participated in  
the Giving Tree for the residents of  
Michaud Manor.

Your generosity and thoughtfulness made the  
Christmas season more joyful for them.

Happy New Year and may God bless you all!!

*We saw his star at its rising and  
have come to do him homage.*



St. Edward's Tabernacle Light  
burns this week in loving memory  
of: † Jim Hrdlicka.

### ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Would you consider being one of 128  
donors of \$128 to celebrate their 128<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary? Contact Joanne Beloin at  
[jbeloin@stpaulscatholicsschool.org](mailto:jbeloin@stpaulscatholicsschool.org)



*With deepest sympathy...*

Please pray for the repose of the  
souls of † Dolores Dupuis and  
† Madeleine Poulin and for their  
grieving families.



St. James Catholic Faith Formation will meet on **Tuesday**,  
January 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.



## CALLING ALL ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS



St. Mary's parishioners are urged to attend their monthly informational meeting on



**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

**St. Bernard's Chapel in Newport**

to find out what's new at St. Mary's and to plan for upcoming parish events.

Your attendance and input are important. Hope to see you there!

## VOCATIONIST'S CORNER

### THE FOUR PILLARS OF FLOURISHING VOCATIONS



**PRAYER:** Prayer is foundational & essential since vocations are always a gift from God.

**EDUCATION:** through homilies about acting according to God's will, listening to the Holy Spirit & supporting a child's vocation.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Parishes & Catholic schools must help young men consider a vocation.

**AFFIRMATION:** ongoing encouragement about living a priestly life.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IS COMING TO MATER DEI PARISH!



Mater Dei Parish is pleased to announce that Worldwide Marriage Encounter is coming to our parish at the end of January, beginning **Friday evening, January 26<sup>th</sup>** and ending on **Sunday afternoon, January 28<sup>th</sup>**.

Meals will be provided.

**January 26 – 28, 2024**  
**St. Edward's Parish Hall**

Maybe your knight in shining armor needs polishing or the bloom is falling off the rose. Or maybe your marriage just experiences the normal ups and downs of married life.

Whatever your situation, the Marriage Encounter experience will give you tools to remain strong as a couple and continue to grow and thrive in your relationship.

For more information, contact Lynn & Gary Root at (802) 456-8114. Visit the Worldwide Marriage Encounter website at <https://wwme.org> and click on apply to register.



## TOP TEN STATES WITH THE LEAST CHURCH ATTENDANCE

The top ten states with the least amount of church attendance were recently revealed.

Unfortunately, Vermont ranked first in the poll. Our state has the least number of residents who attend church each week. The poll revealed that only 17% of Vermonters attend church. New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut and Massachusetts also made this list of shame.

Vermonters need to rearrange their priorities and return to God. We know that only God can lead the way to Eternal Life. Call a friend or family member and invite them to attend Holy Mass with you. There is nothing to lose and everything to gain!

## DON'T FORGET YOUR 2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES!

There are still church offering envelopes at our parish churches waiting to be picked up.



If you do not find your envelopes where you usually attend Holy Mass, please add your name to the list next to the boxes of envelopes. We will track them down for you and bring them to you.

Thank you for your continued financial support of Mater Dei Parish!



## ESTATE PLANNING

Are you thinking about the future and planning your estate? Why not consider making Mater Dei Parish a beneficiary of your

will? You can designate which one of our parish churches you would like your gift to go to, and even earmark your contribution for a specific project. Our needs are many and we rely on the generosity of our wonderful parishioners to meet these needs. Please keep Mater Dei Parish in your prayers as you make these important decisions.

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## NEWS FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE



ARE YOU TIRED OF SLANTED NEWS "SPUN" TO THE LEFT OR RIGHT? TRY THE EVENING NEWS ON EWTN, THE GLOBAL CATHOLIC NETWORK, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 6:00 – 6:30 PM AND 9:00 TO 9:30 PM.

ALL EWTN PROGRAMS ARE FAITHFUL TO THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

**NEW TO MATER DEI PARISH? WELCOME!! WE INVITE YOU TO REGISTER WITH THE PARISH. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT EACH OF OUR PARISH CHURCHES AND AT THE PARISH OFFICE IN DERBY LINE,**

