





CATHOLIC FAMILY SUMMER CHALLENGE

This summer, we challenge you and your family to team up and complete the fun activities below. Each family that sends in their completed "challenge card" will receive a small prize and be entered to win our grand prize — a super family fun basket!

All activities, as much as possible, should be done as a family. The deadline for all submissions is September 9, 2020. Good luck and have fun!

EXPLORE the Faith

Complete 2 of the 4 activities and include at least one photo:

- Take a family photo with a saint statue and tell us where you found it!
- Go on a pilgrimage! Visit one of Vermont's beautiful religious sites, such as:
 - Isle la Motte — St. Anne's Shrine
 - Jamaica — Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer
 - Weston — Weston Priory
- Explore your church! Find something that you never noticed before.
- Pick one of the following saints. Read about their lives and, on their feast day, celebrate them in a special way!

• St. John the Baptist, June 24	• St. John Vianney, Aug. 4
• St. Josemaria Escriva, June 26	• St. Maximilian Kolbe, Aug. 14
• Sts. Peter and Paul, June 29	• St. Monica, Aug. 27
• St. Thomas, July 3	• St. Augustine, Aug. 28
• St. Kateri Tekakwitha, July 14	

Have FUN

Complete 3 of the 5 activities and include at least one photo:

- Build a fort. Get creative and spend some time reading stories, sharing snacks, or telling jokes together!
- Family Game Night (3x)
 - Choose one night a week for 3+ weeks to play a game together. Suggestions: dominoes, monopoly, candy land, cards, jacks, charades, scrabble, etc.
- Have a family BBQ - we recommend finishing with s'mores!
- Camp out in your backyard and explore the stars
- Plant a garden

PRAY Together

Complete 3 of the 6 activities and include at least one photo:

- Create a sacred space, indoors or outdoors.
 - Does your family have a space at home dedicated to praying together? This can be a corner in the living room with your favorite icons, and maybe some candles. Why not dedicate a space outside while the weather is great? Find a nice place under a shady tree and plant some flowers. Place a nice statue of Christ and your favorite saint there and get the family together for a Rosary!
- Attend daily Mass together
- For a full week, pray together before a family meal, for example:
 - Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.*
- Go to Confession together
- Go on a hike or walk and pray a decade of the rosary together
- Pray a daily rosary together for 2 weeks

Live the GOSPEL

Complete 2 of the 5 tasks and include at least one photo:

- Make a card for someone who would love to hear from you, such as a grandparent, family friend, or maybe a parishioner
- Donate clothes and toys (in good condition) that you no longer use
- Volunteer at your parish
 - Talk with your priest or call the rectory to see how your family can get involved!
- Invite your priest over for dinner or cook and bring him a meal
- Plan and do your own family service project



Looking forward to smiles in September

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August 23, 2020
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Father Charles Danielson

OFFICE HOURS: Tues. & Sat. 9:30am—1:00pm

PARISH SECRETARY:

Christine Porter

email: stfranciswindsor@vermontcatholic.org

JOIN US AT MASS!

We will no longer continue registration for weekend Masses. Please just feel free to come as you are able. However, if possible, groups of three or more should contact Christine in the parish office to be sure seats are arranged for you before you arrive.

ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR: Ron Hamel, Jr.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: (currently on hold)

Sundays 9:15-10:15 for Grades K-7

Sundays 5:30-6:30 for Grades 8-10

NEW PARISHIONERS: Are welcome and urged to register with Parish Office

Finance Council: Richard Fenton 885-3598 – Ginny Fox 436-2831 — Frederick Lord 356-6496 –
Andrew Robbins 738-3512 John Scanlon 484-9427

Parish Council: Barbara Barbour 299-7117 – Joyce Corbin 484-3329—Janet Farley 674-6065 –
Mary Anne Mesropian 674-9284 — Colleen DeSchamp 484-5245 – Steve Giroux 674-9509



WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Thursday
Mass 9:00 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

HOLY DAYS

As Announced

RECONCILIATION

11:15-12:00 noon

FUNERALS, MARRIAGES,

BAPTISMS

By arrangement

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass intention said for a friend or loved one, please contact the Parish office. There are many dates currently available.

Daily Rosary Apostolate:

The Diocese continues to offer a daily Rosary online. Individuals from around the diocese have been joining Valerie Parzyck in leading each day. Interested in leading a rosary? Here are the details:

“I would love it if you would schedule a time with me to record a Rosary. What does that look like exactly? It's very simple! You email me with convenient times for you and once it is scheduled, I will send you a link to Zoom for the appointed time. You may choose to show your face or, if you'd prefer, I can show slides for each mystery while we pray. If this is something you would like to participate in, *please* contact me. You can email me with a time that works for you and we can schedule it. Please email me at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org “

PRAYER FOR MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

TV MASS & SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

For the weekly schedule of Diocesan activities, including daily Mass at 12:05pm and Sunday Mass at 10:00am on Sunday, live rosary at 11:15am visit www.vermontcatholic.org/spiritualresources

Additionally, televised Masses can be seen on Windsor On Air Comcast Channel 8 & 1081 at the following times every week: Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 5:00 am, 7:00 am, and 5:00 pm and on WCAX-TV Channel 3 at 6:00 a.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers:

Peg Grimard, Dale West, Jan Lepisko, Lisa Moeller, Kathy Whited, Rhonda McFarland, Theo Shyne, Christiane Zue, Claire Harlow, John Hofmann, Elinor Garcia, Nancy LaBounty, Officer Kevin Valencia, Sandra Carney, Joan Schuyler, Renee Bowling, John Ayers, David Dillon, Joseph Farley, John Scanlon, Ron Poulin, Archer David Ruzik and Mark Curtis.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Ford Geno, Stephen Titus, Peter Barbour, Priscilla Spencer, Bill Moeller, Betty Lemire, Jackie Avery, Tom Baker, John M. Lynch, Nancy Hamilton, Janet McClellan, Pat Terry, Jean Hunt, William Tansey, Wesley Hrydziusko, Peter Kilfeather, Masie Ayers, Kacey Leavitt, John Crump, Gerald Lepisko, Father Raphael Kakwavu Nyabenda, Paul Koch, Peter Toepfer, Phil Turgeon, Shirley Bates, Hugh Duling, Phil Salzano, Anne Juzwiak, Nancy Levesque, Joan Lemire, Freida Leneau, Nancy Marsden, Nancy Hall, and Earl White Sr.

OFFERINGS

Offerings Report for FY 2021

Weekly Offertory for August 16, 2020: \$1,004.00
Weekly Offertory Goal: \$1,951.14

Offertory Collected (Year to Date): \$11,964.00
Offertory Year to Date Goal: \$13,657.98

Donations/Fees received in addition to Offertory:
August 16, 2020: \$0.00

Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date): \$ 701.00
Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal (\$935.12/wk): \$6,545.84

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 08/22 6:00pm

For the repose of the soul of Paul R. Davis by Nancy Davis

Sunday 08/23 10:30am

For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Tuesday 08/25 9:00am

For the intentions of Daniel Dildine

Thursday 08/27 9:00am

For the intentions of Jase Elzinga

Saturday 08/29 6:00pm

For the repose of the soul of Margaret Barrows by Myra Poland

Sunday 08/30 10:30am

For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Message from Fr. Rick, **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“But who do you say that I am?”

A very good question, indeed the 6-million dollar question.

How we answer this question determines our ultimate destiny!

Can it really be that simple? That urgent?

YES!!!! If Our Lord Jesus Christ really is who He claims to be, The Son of The Living God, then our acceptance of this truth and its claims on us really does matter, and matter ultimately... With Saint Peter and the other Apostles, with Our Lady, with all the Martyrs, with all the Saints down through the ages, may we say, and truly live, the truth of these words: “You are The Christ, the Son of the Living God!”

I have made the difficult, but I believe necessary, decision to end the weekly live-streaming of Sunday Mass. Having the technology available to do this, and having the talented people to provide it is a great blessing, and I am grateful to all who helped make it possible to provide this during these difficult times.

With fewer and fewer people watching each week, and with the protocols in place to ensure Saint Francis and Saint Anthony Churches remain safe and healthy places to worship, I believe it is time to encourage more parishioners to come and assist in person at Sunday Mass. If you are in a high-risk group, or if you are ill, please do not come to Mass, but otherwise please come back... You are Missed.

Bishop Coyne has suspended the obligation to attend Mass, but if you are overall in good health please come back and worship with us.

THANK YOU for your patience and understanding.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can continue to support St. Francis financially by continuing your usual weekly parish offering online?

You can visit our website and make a donation online, which can be setup as a one-time or recurring offering.

Visit <https://www.stfranciswindsor.org/donate>

If the internet is not your thing, you can also mail a check to: St. Francis of Assisi Parish, P.O. Box 46, Windsor, VT 05089. We greatly appreciate your support.

A reminder that Collection baskets will be found as you leave the Church and bulletins will be distributed at that time. Please hold onto your offertory envelope until you are leaving Church.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Kids will be returning to school soon. Across our Supervisory Union towns of Hartland, Weathersfield, Windsor, and West Windsor, hundreds of children qualify for free and reduced price school lunch. Their families will struggle to pay for much needed school supplies. Especially in the time of COVID, it's important that each child have their own supplies and not share with other students.

Old South Church, Mt. Ascutney Hospital, and Sled Dog Disco -- a Windsor-based group focused on building developmental assets in youth -- are hosting a school supply drive on behalf of WSESU. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 to purchase supplies for all 455 WSESU children who qualify for free or reduced price school lunch.

The schools have given us their supply lists, now we need your help to raise the funds to purchase them. A donation of \$13 will cover supplies for one Elementary School student. A donation of \$11 will cover supplies for one Middle School student. A donation of \$10 will cover supplies for one High School student. Donations in any amount are welcome!

Please make checks payable to “Old South Church” and put “School Supply Drive” on the memo line. Checks should be mailed to:

School Supply Drive c/o Mascoma Savings Bank
105 Main Street
Windsor, VT 05089

Thank you in advance for your contributions to help reduce financial burdens on struggling families in our community.

CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN

The Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign is underway! Teamed with the rest of the parishes across the state, we will be joined together in our effort to strengthen our Catholic Church in Vermont and renew our own parishes.

You should have received a letter with frequently asked questions that hopefully answered many of your questions about the campaign and why we need to do this now (also posted on our website). This week, every registered parish household will receive a packet of campaign information from our parish. The mailing will include a gift request letter signed by Bishop Coyne and me with instructions on how you can invest in the future of St. Francis and strengthen the Catholic Church in Vermont.

The request letter is an invitation not an expectation. We understand these are difficult times, but, as a Church, our needs have not diminished and for many they have increased. We first ask you to make the gift of prayer for the success of the campaign. We then ask you to consider our shared responsibility for the needs of our spiritual home, our parish, and the future of our Catholic Church in Vermont. Finally, we invite those who can give to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift beyond their usual offertory and bishop's appeal contribution. To learn more about the campaign visit: www.christourhopevt.org or <https://vimeo.com/437684366>