



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2024**

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Administrator
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Very Rev. Msgr. John McDermott, J.C.L.
Diocesan Administrator

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Weekday: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday 9:30-10:30

Holy Days: As announced in the Bulletin

Baptisms & Reconciliation: By arrangement

Marriage: Couples please contact the parish six months in advance

Parish Contact

Office: 802- 674-2157
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New Parishioners are welcome and are urged to register with the Parish Office

Altar Server Coordinator: Ronald Hamel Jr.

Parish Finance Coordinator: Gerry Grimo

Parish Secretary: Shannon Harrington

Finance Council: Frederick Lord (Co Chair) (802)356-6496; Tom DiNetta (Co Chair)
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A message from Father Cyrain....

In this brief interval of Ordinary Time between the seasons of Christmas and Lent, the liturgy has given us an ongoing instruction on listening to the word of God. This theme reappears in today's readings, where we see that the divine word has the power to free us and transform us. This is the word spoken by the prophets in the Old Testament and made fully present in the New Testament with the coming of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who speaks with authority even to us, now.

Unlike the scribes, whose teachings were often an interpretation of the law, Jesus' words carried an intrinsic authority. The scribes may have been knowledgeable, but Jesus spoke with the voice of experience and truth and as someone intimately familiar with the Father's will.

In our day-to-day experiences, how do we perceive the teachings of Jesus? Do we treat them as one of many philosophical insights or as the definitive guide for our life? We need to remember that his words are not just guidelines but the very words of life, calling us to conversion, to a new way of being.

Eucharistic Revival:

The Eucharist communicates the Lord's love for us: a love so great that it nourishes us with Himself; a freely given love, always available to every person who hungers and needs to regenerate his own strength. To live the experience of faith means to allow oneself to be nourished by the Lord and to build one's own existence not with material goods but with the reality that does not perish: the gifts of God, his Word, his Body. (Pope Francis Homily – June 19, 2014)

Prayer Requests- Please remember in your prayers:

David Deschamp, Joyce Corbin, Helen George, Len Zabilansky, Louise Elias, Laurie Curtis, Kevin Curtis, Cindy DiNetta, the Longacre family, Griffin Thompson, The Thompson family, Jill Lord, Lisa Moeller, Amy Moeller, Cade Bagley, Logan Young, Elaine Markegiani, Christine Rose, Martha Sass, Helen Michalowitz, Claire Harlow, Christiane Zue, Scott McCandless, Amy Chesser.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Jan Lepisko, Patricia Lucarelli, George Veilleux, Theresa Morin, Dale West, Elinor Garcia, Ella Perry, Bill Dillon, Peter Toepfer, Ludwig Markert, Robert Leneau, Linda Parker, Loretta Gould, Lucio Cabueñas, Will Moeller, Cynthia Howe, Earl White Sr. Norman Piper, Mary Ann Notaro, Donna O'Neill, Anthony Rocchio, Bill Moeller, Ray Nedderman, Father Charles Davignon, Gina Kicinski, Anna Mary Noble, William Moore, Anne Hutchins, John Barth, Raymond Scott, Paul Wynn, Mark Curtis, Margaret Blake, Theresa Marie Fenton.

Mass Intentions:

If you would like to have a Mass offered for your intentions, for loved ones living or deceased, or for a special occasion, please contact the parish office by email, telephone, or drop a note in the collection basket. Please include the name of the person for whom the Mass will be offered and who is requesting the Mass. Let us know if you want a specific day. We will do our best to accommodate your request. Please include your contact information. The customary offering is \$10. Thank you

**Make your calendars: St. Francis Parish Celebrates
Mardi Gras February 11, 2024, at 2:00pm**

Come join us at our “Fat Tuesday” celebration, hosted by St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Music is provided by the East Bay Jazz Combo under the direction of Gerry Grimo. Traditional (as well as some novel), New Orleans Jazz selections, fitting the Mardi Gras pageantry, will surely lift your soul these last days before Lent.

The festivities include a “**King Cake**” competition. If you would like to enter the competition, please contact the Parish office at (802)674-2157 as soon as possible for planning purposes, or if you have any questions.

So, bring your beads and masks to what promises to be a great time.

Suggested donation is \$10.00 per person to benefit the St. Francis Fuel Fund.

Lent: Looking Ahead – Parish Lenten Reflections:

Ash Wednesday, February 14, marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. Take time this Lent to engage with scripture and reflect on your spiritual life with Open Our Hearts. Please consider joining our Parish Lenten Group as they gather each Thursday morning, February 15 through March 21, 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. (Coffee, tea provided). The cost of the book is \$10. Please join us, men and women! Please contact Joyce Corbin, (802)484-3329, or at email: joyce.k.corbin@gmail.com to confirm attendance, order a book, have any questions.

Lent: Looking Ahead – Stations and Soup:

The Saints Martha and Mary Women’s group has committed to offering a Friday Station and Soup night In addition, the K of C is considering to also host an evening. More to follow with dates and times.

A letter to Monsignor McDermott:

See Diocesan letter providing detail of the George Tooker Stations, posted on the Parish Bulletin Board.

First Friday Adoration: Join us for Eucharist Exposition and Benediction in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on the following dates **2:00 pm, Friday, February 2nd**

Parish Home Visits: Father may be requested to visit a parishioner at home, or current place of residency on the First Friday of each month, (**February 2nd**) Please call the Parish Secretary to set up a time.

Second Collection:

A collection to help Support the Church in Latin America (*Share your Faith*) will be taken up this week.

Bulletin on Line: In case anyone was not aware that we have a Web Site, we certainly do and we try to keep it up to date. Suggestions are always appreciated. If you wish to read the Bulletin on line or let a house bound friend know where to find it, here you go. You can forward the link through email or a text to others.

Hold your Ctrl button and click your mouse: <http://stfranciswindsor.org/bulletins>

Mass Attendance:

Dec 24-25	138	Dec 30-31	102
Jan 1	42	Jan 6-7	54 (Snowy)
Jan 13-14	81	Jan 20-21	100

Offerings : (Offerings report for FY 2023/2024)

Weekly Offertory for **January 20-21, 2024 \$1,235.71**

Includes: \$50.00 fuel donation

In addition: On line giving **\$330.00**; Mass Stipends **\$0.00**; Coffee Hour **\$40.00**
Catholic Education 2nd Collection \$176.00
Epiphany Concert \$ \$20.00

Totals to Date (7/1/23-01/21/24):

<u>Sat & Sunday Offertory</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Stipends</u>	<u>On line giving</u>
\$57,543.46	\$1,734.73*	\$1,300.00	\$9,958.00

*(Includes 2022 coffee hour donations)

Thank you for your prayerful generosity Please consider on-line giving. Contact Parish office for detail.

Our parish shortfall needed to meet our projected Budget for June 30, 2024, as of **Jan 21, 2024** is **\$903.17 per week.**

Mass Intentions

Saturday 01/27/24 6:00 p.m.

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

Sunday 01/28/24 10:30 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Clare Waugh by Kathleen and Earl White.

Tuesday 01/30/24 9:00 a.m.

For the Intentions of Ireen Daigle

Thursday 02/01/24 9:00 a.m.

For the health and well being of Faith Moeller Howard by Laryn Moeller

Saturday 02/03/24 6:00 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Leonard White by his sons.

Sunday 02/04/24 10:30 a.m.

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Jan 2024 Roman Catholic Chancery Bulletin Excerpts

Office of the Bishop

Prayer for the Appointment of a New Bishop

“ALMIGHTY GOD, Eternal shepherd and guide, in your love for us, grant to the Diocese of Burlington a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ’s heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church.” Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, Marriage & Family Life

Save the Date for Kids Summer Program **More information coming.....**

Totus Tuus summer 2024: Week of June 16-21: White River Junction-Norwich