Saturday, October 31st through Sunday, November 8th

SAT:	**4PM**	Claire Lavender (by the Lavender Family)
SUN:	**8AM**	Robert Rounds (by Family)
	10:30AM	The Parishioners of St. Michael's and Their Intentions
MON:	**NO MASS**	
TUES:	**5:15PM**	Donald J. Trump and His Intentions (by Mary Scanlon)
WED:	**8:45AM**	June Wheeler (by Rowe Wheeler)
THURS:	**5:15PM**	Pat Ratti (by Pete and Judith Nero)
FRI:	**8AM**	Dolores McInnis (by John Bartis)
	6PM	For Parents Who Have Lost a Child
SAT:	**4PM**	Anne B. Stuart (by Robert Stuart)
SUN:	**8AM**	The Parishioners of St. Michael's and Their Intentions
	10:30AM	Connie Carlson (by Ellen and Kerry)

Sanctuary Lamp Candle is lit this week for the Intentions of Margo

Events This Week

Sat. (10/31):
2:45-3:30PM — Confessions
4PM — Live Stream Mass on YouTube
5PM-6PM — Take-A-Box (SBK)

Sun. (11/1): All Saints
8 & 10:30AM — Mass

Mon. (11/2): All Souls' Day
11:30AM — Grab and Go and Bread Outdoors (SBK)

Tues. (11/3): St. Martin de Porres, Religious
4:15PM — Rosary at Pliny Park
4:45PM — Rosary
5:15PM — Mass
6PM — Bible Study Group

Wed. (11/4): St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
8:15AM — Rosary
8:45AM — Mass
11:30AM — Grab and Go and Vege Pick-Up (SBK)

Thurs. (11/5):
11:30AM — Grab and Go and Bread Outdoors (SBK)
4:45PM — Rosary
5:15PM — Mass
6PM — Women's Reading Group

Fri. (11/6):
7:30AM — Rosary
8AM — Mass
8:30AM-3PM — Adoration (church)
2:50PM — Benediction (church)

Sat. (11/7):
11:30AM — Bread and Pastries (SBK)
2:45-3:30PM — Confessions
4PM — Live Stream Mass on YouTube

Sun. (11/8): Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 & 10:30AM — Mass

Weekly Stewardship Report:

Offertory	
Last Week	**$2,986.96**
Bishop's Annual Appeal (Actual)	**$20,167.82**

Parish Prayer List

Abigail, Blake, Philip Bloch, Casey Bozetarnik, Michael Carey, Juliet Clough, Eileen Churchill, Matt & Heather R., Hilda Cleary, Patty Farrell, Leonora Farrington, Thomas Leonard Fournier, Virginia Fritz, Michael Gauthier, Mary Jane Giroux, Shawn Golec, Kevin Gragen, Elizabeth Herreid, Hilary, Beth (Propster) Hoppen, JoAnn Howard-Wisniewski, Rodney Howe, Joe, Helen, Michael and Tony Iannarone, Michael Johnson, Ruth Lapan, Mildred Maloskie, Soren McFall, Members of the Wisell and Dunham Families, Jai Mihigo, Kerry Morton, Karen Ortlieb, Judith Reichsman, Carson Rhodes, Arlon Rice, Chip Runge, Joanne S., Michelle Saunders, Tom Serra, Tink Severance, Carol (Honey) Seymour, Samantha Simonds, Peter Smyth, Karen Speranza, Sam and Sue Stepp, Erwin Stockwell, Lisa Vose, Donald Weisgerber, Helen Wilson, Barry Wisell, Shannon Wladyka and Parishioners & Their Families in Homes & Hospitals

Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; I John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peace makers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

St. Brigid's Kitchen Give Away

St. Brigid's will be giving away food on Saturday, ***October 31st from 5-6PM.*** Please let people know.

Requiescat in pace:

Janet Durkin and Elliot Georgina, Jr.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Christ Our Hope Campaign

Matthew 14:18-20: "...Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied..." When raising big sums of money, it is natural for us to think "my small donation won't make a difference." However, as we see in Matthew 14 when Jesus feeds five thousand followers on just five loaves of bread and two fish, God can put small gifts to work and accomplish great things. There is never a gift that is too small. Never a gift that won't make a difference. Each received, regardless of the size, is reason for celebration. Each takes us a step closer toward campaign success. Please consider how you can make a difference for the Diocese and <insert parish name> with your commitment to the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign.

Mass for Parents Who Have Lost a Child

Please join us on ***Friday, November 6th*** at 6PM for a Mass for Bereaved Parents. Refreshments will not be provided for this year and the standard Covid protocols will apply.

Rosary at Planned Parenthood

Please join us as we pray the rosary outside of Planned Parenthood in Pliny Park. We meet on Tuesdays at 4:15PM.

Day of Prayer for Clergy

Please join the Knights of Columbus for the state-wide day of prayer for clergy on November 7th, 2020 following the 4pm mass at Saint Michael's. We will pray the rosary and a few other select readings. Should be no more than an hour. Hope to see you there.

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Coat Drive

St Bridget's Kitchen is having a coat drive the 1st week of November. We are looking for new or gently used adult coats. You may drop on the Rectory front porch in the coat box or you can bring them to the back door of Galanes Vermont Shop. Please do not leave at St Brigid's. No other clothing is being accepted at this time. Thank you for your kindness. Now clean out those closets. Any questions call Missy 254-5677

Adoration and Benediction

Please join us on Fridays for Adoration on from 8:30AM-2:50PM and for Benediction at 2:50PM as we praise our Lord Jesus together.

Saint Michael Catholic School 2020 Super Raffle Results

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the parish for your support and generosity over the last 2 months. You welcomed our families so joyfully, and many of you purchased Super Raffle Tickets to help support the mission of our school. The Super Raffle is our single largest fundraiser of the year. The cost to educate a student at Saint Michael School far exceeds what we charge our families for tuition. We truly rely upon this fundraiser to help offset those costs. Through the support of all our local parishes, friends and family, we were able to sell all 1,000 tickets again this year. Hallelujah!

On behalf of all of our students and their families: THANK YOU!

We are pleased to share the winners of this year's drawing:

$7,000 Grand Prize: The Christi Family

$2,000 Prize: Nick St. John

$1,000 Prize: Kate McNulty

$500 Prize: Danielle and Mike Elwell

$250 Prize: Darlene Deane

$150 Prize: Ethan Grimes

We had wonderful conversations with many of you during our ticket sales! Saint Michael School strives to make a Catholic education available to anyone who desires it. You have helped to make that a reality! We are open for full time, in-person instruction this year. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling a student with us, please encourage them to call 802.254.6320 or email lindsayoneil@smsvt.info to schedule a visit.

As we move into these uncertain winter months, I want you to know that we at St. Michaels are here for you. We miss you. We invite you to come back to Mass if you have been away, even if it is one of our weekday Masses with fewer people present. If you are unsure about attending Sunday Masses during this time of pandemic, simply call the rectory, and I or a minister in the Church will meet you at the church to offer Holy Communion. I am also available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick. For Catholics, the Sacraments are instituted by Christ to give us grace. Pope Francis reminds us that Communion is not a reward for good behavior but medicine for the sick. We all need Christ's help during these difficult times. Take time out each day for your own prayer. Pray as a family before meals. Watch Mass online if you don't feel safe coming to Mass, and join in the online offerings that our parish and diocese offer. I am here for you and pray daily for you. This is my duty and blessing for me as a parish priest.

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This year Vocation Awareness Week begins on All Saints Day, reminding us that we need saints in every vocation!

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

NOVEMBER 1-6, 2020

A VOCATION STORY

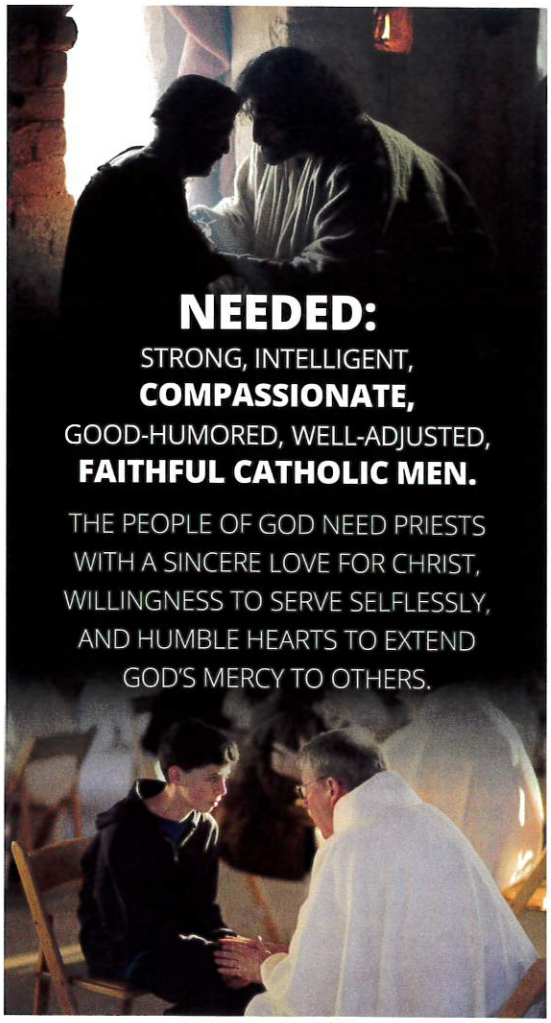
WHO WILL YOU BRING TO HEAVEN?

I grew up in a loving Catholic family, helping out often at my parish. I got tired of hearing everyone say, "You'll make a good priest when you get older!" Everyone, that is, except my pastor.

But one day, as a senior serving one of my last Masses, just as the old monsignor and I were about to enter the sanctuary, he asked, "John, what will you be doing after graduation?" I thought to myself, "Oh boy, here it comes." But I replied, "Monsignor, I'm thinking about studying medicine." And he replied, "Good, good. And what will you do after that?" I said, "Well, I suppose I will marry and have a family." The priest said, "Good, and what after that?" Not sure exactly where this was leading, I replied, "I guess I will grow old and eventually retire. And then I guess I will die and go to heaven." The pastor nodded his head thoughtfully, then looked at me earnestly and asked, "And who will you bring with you into heaven?" Immediately, he rang the sacristy bell and we walked out to begin Mass.

I thought to myself, "How clever you are, Monsignor. How clever you are. Who *will* I bring with me to heaven?" I pondered that question for several years before answering it by entering the seminary.

Adapted from an anonymous priest's vocation story as told in *To Save a Thousand Souls*



"Every vocation always requires an exodus from oneself in order to center one's life on Christ and on his Gospel." ~Pope Francis

BY THE NUMBERS

MEN ORDAINED IN 2020

16 Average age first considered the priesthood
34 Average age when ordained
25% Born outside the U.S.
90% Baptized Catholic as an infant
40% Attended Catholic schools
73% Served as altar boys
72% Frequented Eucharistic Adoration
70% Regularly prayed the rosary
54% Completed a degree before entering seminary
55% Worked full time before entering seminary
51% Participated in a parish youth group
29% Participated in Catholic campus ministry

Data from *The Class of 2020: Survey of Ordinands to the Priesthood*, conducted by CARA and commissioned by the USCCB

Above, sisters in Burkina Faso, Africa. Right, a sister-turned-nurse who served in Philadelphia during the 1918 flu pandemic.

NOW AS THEN, SELFLESS SISTERS SAVE LIVES

During the 1918 flu pandemic, thousands of religious sisters, many with no formal medical training, tended to the sick and dying, often in terrible conditions. "I have never seen a greater demonstration of real charity or self-sacrifice than has been given by the sisters in their nursing of the sick," said the mayor of Philadelphia a century ago.

Likewise, in New York City in the 1980s, during the height of the AIDS epidemic, Mother Teresa set up a house for men dying of the disease. They were tended round the clock by her quiet sisters, who in their blue-striped habits truly lived by their founder's guiding scripture: "Whatever you do for the least of these, you do unto Me."

Today sisters have once again risen to the challenge, especially in third-world countries where the Covid-stricken poor cannot afford medical care. As one sister said, "We're women who anticipate the dawn while facing the darkness… we can draw on our own spiritual resources to be nourishers of hope."

May many young Catholic women open their hearts to this heroic vocation!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

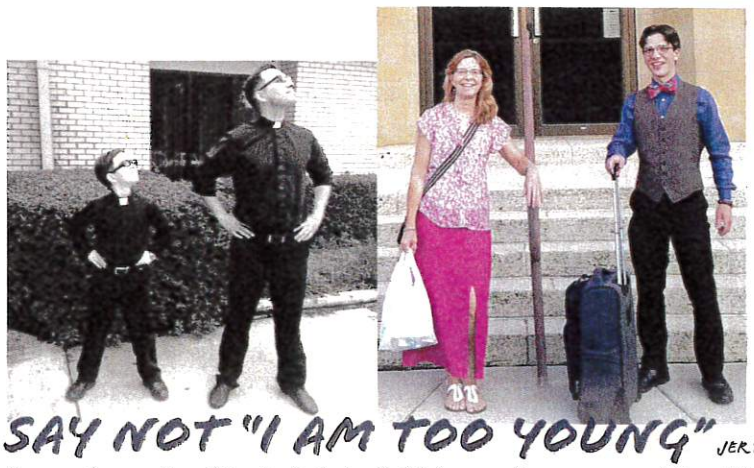
ENCOURAGEMENT IS KEY

What can you do to inspire vocations? Of course, parents should create a faith-filled home environment. Teachers and catechists should teach kids about marriage, holy orders, and consecrated life.

But for ordinary Catholics, the number one thing, by far, is to *invite*. In CARA's study of the 2020 ordination class, 89% of brand-new priests said they were encouraged to consider seminary by their parish priest, a friend, or another parishioner.

> "I SEE THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOU.

Another parishioner. That's you. When your gut tells you, "There's something special about that young man," say something! Look for an appropriate moment to draw him aside and say, "I see the Holy Spirit in you. If God called you to be a priest, I think you'd make a great one."



Remember seeing this viral photo (left) from a few years ago? For All Saints Day in 2013, John Paul Bickerstaff dressed up as his local parish priest. His mother, Paula, who recognized a possible vocation (not hard to do, since he said he wanted to be a priest!), gently encouraged him, but never pushed. This Fall, after deeper discernment with his vocation director, John Paul entered Sacred Heart Seminary to study for the priesthood.

NEWS FROM
The Inland See
October 31 – November 6, 2020
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

DIOCESE ANNOUNCES *Pastoral Associates* PROGRAM

When it is not possible to appoint a full-time parish priest or a parish administrator due to a shortage of priests, there is another way for a diocesan bishop to provide for the pastoral care of a parish community: pastoral associates.

This new position will ensure the care of and flourishing of Vermont parishes into the future.

"In order to sustain Christian life and to continue the evangelizing mission of the community, the diocesan bishop may entrust a share in the pastoral care of a parish to a deacon, to a consecrated religious or layperson or even to a group of persons" such as a religious institute or association," explained Deacon Phil Lawson, executive director of evangelization, catechesis, divine worship, marriage and family and respect life for the Diocese of Burlington.

To train candidates to be pastoral associates, the Diocese is instituting a Pastoral Associate for Parish Life Training Program. Applications for the one-year formation program will be accepted in the spring, and the program will begin in August for the academic year 2021-2022

It is designed to equip individuals with knowledge and skills to serve their parishes. This service will take the form of parish administration, pastoral care, pastoral counseling, finances, sacramental preparation, liturgical planning and assistance, human resources and faith formation.

The sessions will be facilitated by Deacon Lawson, Deacon Chris Keough, various diocesan leaders and individuals with experience serving in this role.

In addition to in-person formation in Vermont, students will complete a course from the Pontifical College Josephinum entitled "Best Practices in Parish Administration."

The Diocese will cover the majority of the cost of this program. Each participant will be asked to contribute $250 in tuition.

"We know that we have a real priest shortage at this time. This has necessitated the researching of additional means of caring for our parishes, while freeing up our priests to spend more of their time on that which they alone can do, in the areas of sacramental ministry and spiritual care," Deacon Lawson said. "However, this should not be seen as simply trying to plug a hole, but an opportunity to build vibrant parishes and move our parishes from mere maintenance to mission; drawing more workers into the vineyard who are inspired and equipped to joyfully share the Gospel."

To be eligible for the program, a candidate must be a Catholic in good standing. The normal prerequisite for submitting an application is successful completion of the Diocesan Lay Formation Program or similar previous formation. In addition, three letters of recommendation, including one from the applicant's current pastor, are required.

For more information, email Deacon Lawson at plawson@vermontcatholic.org.

VTC • *Cori Fugere Urban*

CHRIST OUR *Hope*
BUILDING A VIBRANT CHURCH

Christ Our Hope Campaign *Update*

A portion of the funds raised through the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign supports these types of ministries through the faith formation fund established in the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. This will ensure stable income for vital faith formation ministries, especially in times of crisis. To learn more about the campaign or make a gift online visit: **www.christourhopevt.org**.

16% As of October 20: $1,569,715 **Goal: $10,000,000**

Upcoming Events

11|03, 10, 17 TUESDAYS
The Apostles Creed: Reflection Group
Zoom Meeting • 7:45 - 8:45 pm

The Apostle's Creed is the oldest of the official creeds of the Church and is still used today as our baptismal creed. Why does the Apostle's Creed matter? What does this creed actually say? Why is it important for us today? What does it tell us about our faith and how we ought to live? Join Seminarian Greg Caldwell for a series of reflections followed by discussion upon the Apostle's Creed. **Email gcaldwell@saintmeinrad.edu to get Zoom information to join.**

11|04 WEDNESDAY
Mount St. Joseph Academy Open House
Mount St. Joseph Academy, Rutland • 5 - 7 pm

For prospective students and their families, the open house will include student-led tours and teacher-student presentations. Families will be greeted by a student ambassador who will lead them through a guided tour of the school. Faculty and staff will be on-hand to answer questions. Light refreshments will be provided.

11|07 SATURDAY
Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9:30 am

Join us the first Saturday of every month. Rosary and reconciliation begin at 8 and Mass at 8:30.

11|12 THURSDAY
Theology on Fire
UVM Catholic Center and Maille Dairy Farm, Burlington • 6:45 - 8 pm

Young adults are invited to gather for Theology on Fire, a series of conversations on theological topics. We'll begin with Mass at the UVM Catholic Center at 6pm. Following, join us at the Maille Dairy Farm, just 15 minutes away on Dorset Street. Bring a lawn chair and warm clothes! On October 29, Fr. Matthew Rensch will lead our discussion on "Conscience and the Holy Spirit."

11|14 SATURDAY
Women's Retreat 2020
Zoom Meeting • 8 am - 4 pm

The Women's Retreat this year will virtual, meeting online through Zoom. Please note that there will be no cost to pariticipate in this event, which will be a modified day in comparison to "in-person" retreats. More information on how to register (online) will be shared in the coming weeks, as well as the details of the Retreat.

11|22 SUNDAY
Holy Hour Prayers in One Accord
St. John Vianney, South Burlington • 3 pm

The Blue Army friends are hosting this special intention prayers with Adoration, chanted Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Litany of Reparation in honor to the Blessed Sacrament. Please come and pray together, Jesus is waiting for you. Ask and you shall receive.

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NOVEMBER 1–7, 2020

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

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God, thank you for the gift of my spouse and the gift of our marriage. Also, thank you for [whatever you are thankful for today].

God, help me to be loving and kind to my spouse and to serve our marriage with your grace. I also ask for [name your petitions].

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

CHRIST OUR *Hope*

2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As we launch the Christ our Hope campaign, we ask that you first prayerfully consider your annual gift to the Bishop's Appeal which helps support statewide ministries today: **bishopsappealvt.org**. If you are able, we then ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to our first-ever statewide campaign over a three-year period to ensure the vibrant future of our parishes, schools and ministries to the poor.

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2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal: $2,651,157

71%

as of October 21: **$1,877,688**