Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street
White River Jct. Vermont 05001

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2022

Pastor: Rev. Charles R. Danielson
Deacon: John P. Guarino

Parish Office

Currently, you may contact the parish office by email or phone. If we are unable to take your call, please leave a message, and we will respond as soon as possible. Father Rick is available for appointments at Saint Anthony Parish on Monday and Friday and at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Windsor on Tuesday and Thursday. The phone number at St. Francis is 802-674-2157.

Telephone: 802-295-2225, ext. 3
E-mail: stanthonychurch@vermontcatholic.org
Website: https://stanthony.vermontcatholic.org

Mass Schedule

Weekend:	Saturday	4:00 PM
	Sunday	8:30 AM
Weekday:	Monday & Friday 9:00 AM	
Holy Days:	Consult the parish bulletin	

Rectory Chapel

Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is temporarily suspended.

Religious Education

Coordinator: Diane Usher, dmgu70@icloud.com

Sacraments

Reconciliation:	Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM
Baptism:	Parents must contact the rectory to get the necessary forms at least one month in advance.
Marriage:	Couples must contact the parish at least six months in advance.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 10	**4:00 PM**	**Seminarian Giang Vu** by the Knights of Columbus
Sunday, September 11	**8:30 AM**	**The People of Saint Anthony Parish**
Monday, September 12	**9:00 AM**	**In Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony** by J. D. L.
Friday, September 16	**9:00 AM**	**Daily Mass**
Saturday, September 17	**4:00 PM**	**John and Theresa Moynihan** by daughter Carol
Sunday, September 18	**8:30 AM**	**The People of Saint Anthony Parish**

Frank Klymn
Diane Reilly
Stephan Schools

Please also remember others who need our prayers.

Names will be published in our bulletin for one month. If you would like to renew your prayer request after one month, please contact the parish office.

Sanctuary Lamps will burn for:

Saint Anthony
Parishioners
& friends

Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses, we need: $ 4,325.00
Offertory collection August 20-21: $3,920.00

Thank You for Your Support of Saint Anthony Church!

Parish Support: Here at Saint Anthony Parish, we do not pass a collection basket during Mass. There are collection boxes by the tables at the entrance of the church. We appreciate your contributions for the support of our parish, Thank you!

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in the confessional at St. Anthony Church on Saturdays from 3:15-3:45 p.m. Individual confession is available by appointment. Please call Fr. Rick to schedule.

Low Gluten Altar Bread: Low gluten hosts for Communion are available to those who require them. When you come up to receive, let the minister know and they will get one for you.

St. Anthony Parish welcomes all those who are visiting with us this weekend.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners....."

Always in everywhere a good thing to remember.....

Twenty-two years ago today, the world as we know it changed forever.

For those of us old enough to remember, it is hard to believe a whole generation with no remembrance of that awful day has grown up, and right behind them, still another generation is coming up again with no personal remembrance of the events of 9/11. They and we have other events that likewise shook our world: war, terror, earthquakes, fires, floods, and cultural and political upheaval. That is why it is forever, always, and everywhere a good thing to recall, "Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners....."

The **SAINT ANTHONY CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND BAKE SALE** will be held on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022,** in the parish hall from **9:00 AM – 3:30 PM.** Please keep us in mind when you are making jam, jellies, pickles, preserves, etc. this season. A variety of homemade canned and baked goods are always welcomed. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Weekly Bulletin: Our bulletin is on our website https://stanthony.vermontcatholic.org. For those who do not have online access and would like a copy of the printed bulletin, you may pick one up outside the parish office from the wooden box on the small porch near the office door. You will also find copies of the *Living Faith* booklet and the Vermont Catholic magazine.

Sanctuary Lamps: The Sanctuary Lamps that are always burning in front of the tabernacle may be sponsored for your intentions. Each candle burns for 14 days. A donation to help defray the cost of the candle is appreciated, but not necessary. Please contact the office for availability.

Assistance to Our Neighbors in Need: As a parish, we have opportunities to support those in our community who are in need, both through our prayers and our financial help. Saint Anthony Parish publishes the Haven's weekly list of needs in the bulletin and has collected food weekly for them. This parish project helps people year-round. We also have a fund that allows us to provide individuals and families financial assistance for emergency needs such as fuel, shelter, and other essentials. Donations to replenish our Assistance Fund allow us to continue to provide for these needs. A check made out to Saint Anthony Church **marked "Assistance"** will ensure your donation is used for this purpose. Thank you for your generosity.

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, phone, or drop a note in the collection box. 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 date or if you would prefer the first available Mass, weekday, or weekend. We will do our best to accommodate your requests. Please include your contact information in the event that we are unable to reserve the date you have requested. The customary offering is $10. Thank you.

2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal: Gifts made online of $1,000 or more to the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal will be matched with $1,000 up to $20,000 (one match per parish). To make a gift online visit: vermontcatholic.org/giveonline. **As of August 31, 2022, our parish donations, and pledges total $10,868.00, or 31% of our parish goal of $35,032.20.** Extra envelopes with pledge cards may be found on the tables at the entrance of the church and in our bulletin box near the door of the parish office. Thank you for your support of the important work of the Diocese of Burlington. We all share in the benefits of that work.

Catholic Mass on TV: Those **unable** to attend Sunday Mass in person due to illness or medical conditions making them more vulnerable to COVID may view the celebration of Mass livestreamed at: https://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/ at 10:00 a.m. or watch televised Masses at:

WCAX-TV	(Channel 3)	5:30 a.m.
WNNE-TV	(Channel 13)	10:00 a.m.
CatholicTV Network	(Channel 166)	10:00 a.m.
EWTN	(Channel 38)	8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

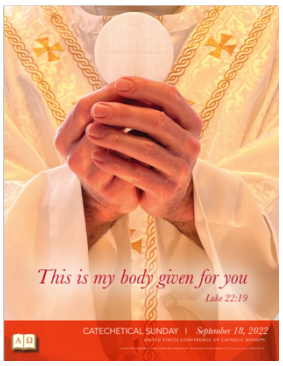
Daily Mass may be found at https://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/ or on CatholicTV and EWTN.

The Haven Food Shelf: The Food Shelf is open to anyone in our community. Curbside pick-up is available Monday-Thursday 9:00am - 4:30pm, Friday 9:00 - 3:00. Visit uppervalleyhaven.org/foodshelffaq/ for more information. Saint Anthony Parish has long supported the Haven by collecting non-perishable food in the basket at the entrance to the church. Thank you for your contributions.
Food Items: Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Pasta, Canned Vegetables, Pasta Sauce, Soups or Broths, Canned Tomatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Rice, Canned beans (black & kidney), Shelf-stable Milk, Instant oatmeal, and Pasta Sauce.
Personal Items: Toothpaste, Shampoo, Shaving items (razors and shaving cream), Body wash, Deodorant (men's/women's), Toothbrush, Body Lotion, Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6) and Pull-ups (sizes 3T-4T).

Amendment 22/ Proposal 5: Prop 5 has become Article 22 - a proposed amendment to Vermont's Constitution. It will be on the ballot this November. If approved, Article 22 will have profound effects and ramifications for parents, families, health care providers and their conscience rights, hospitals, the court system, religious institutions, and all Vermont taxpayers.

The proposed amendment includes:

- Guaranteed unregulated late-term abortions throughout all nine months of pregnancy up to the day of birth.
- The removal of "conscience protection" for healthcare workers, meaning more doctors and nurses would avoid working in Vermont, creating more staffing shortages.
- Elimination of parental rights concerning children's sexual and gender related choices.



Catechetical Sunday: Next Sunday **September 18, 2022,** the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The theme this year is: "This is my body given for you". This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. We also recognize and thank those in our parish community who serve as catechists in our religious education program.

This year's theme highlights the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word eucharistia, meaning thanksgiving. In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present -- body, blood, soul, and divinity -- under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

Religious Education Classes: Classes for grades 1-6 begin next Sunday, **September 18, 2022,** in the **Religious Education Center from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.**

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Dear Parishioners of Saint Anthony Parish,

Included with this letter are the Parish Financial Report for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and the Parish Budget for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

This information is published annually to keep you informed of the financial health of our parish. It is only because of your ongoing generosity that we are able to meet our financial obligations and also provide additional resources for expected and unexpected future needs. Your faithful support this year is truly appreciated.

This past year is a bit unique. Despite best efforts to contain costs, had it not been for a few parishioners who provided the parish with very generous one-time gifts, there would have been a loss of $938.47. The gifts totaled in the amount of $30,623.60. We are very grateful to these benefactors, living and deceased, who provided these funds to support our parish. In addition to the donations, the parish also received $5,222.92 from the diocesan Christ Our Hope Campaign. This is the parish's share of your contributions to this campaign. These funds are restricted and intended to be used for parish communications, faith formation, evangelization, and outreach. Adding the one-time gifts and these diocesan campaign funds to the loss stated above yields a net income of $34,908.05.

There are a couple of items the finance committee is compelled to share. The increased cost of energy, fuel oil especially, is concerning. The weekly offertory, the backbone of parish income, was $20,865.42 less than the previous year, a ten percent shortfall. Most concerning, this is the second year of declining weekly offertory income. The pandemic likely had an impact as it had affected all of us in many different ways.

On a positive note, repairs and maintenance as well as other needs were made without drawing from our Capital Improvement Fund. The last draw from the Campaign Funds, for the stained-glass window restoration, was made nearly five years ago in November 2017. The Capital Improvement Fund earned $2,326.60 in interest this year yielding a current balance of $282,542.29. The Capital Improvement Fund originated from a fundraiser that occurred several years ago; it is a fund restricted for use for large repairs or improvements.

Providing for the care and maintenance of our cemeteries continues to be an ongoing challenge. We were fortunate again this year to receive the allocation from the Town of Hartford. The town provides funds to supplement all the cemeteries. The appropriation for Mount Olivet and Saint Anthony Cemeteries is $17,800.00. We hope that the town will continue to provide support for the cemeteries in the community so they can be well maintained and not fall into disrepair. These funds, along with additional income from the sale of lots, other fees, and a modest amount of interest, covers the cost of mowing cemeteries. As a safety precaution, there were additional expenses of trimming dead and low hanging limbs and removing dead trees along the back of Mount Olivet Cemetery. This work exceeded the total income resulting in a deficit of $704.26. There is still a great deal of additional work to be done at Saint Anthony Cemetery which will occur as resources allow.

I would like to take this opportunity again to thank the members of the parish Finance Committee for the important work they do. Rick Jaros, Evelyn Jaros, Carolyn Coker, and Deacon John Guarino have devoted an abundance of their time and expertise over many years. They monitor the monthly finance reports, formulate the annual budget, and advise the pastor on numerous financial and related matters. Their contribution to the parish is crucial. I also thank Jackie Pierce and Nicole Curtis who manage our bookkeeping account at A.M. Peisch. Their competence and willingness to help the committee is always appreciated.

God has always been good to us, and we are very fortunate to have so many dedicated people offering so much of their time, talent and treasure to make this a great parish community. **Thank you to everyone!**

Sincerely,

Rev. Charles R. Danielson

Father Charles R. Danielson
Pastor

Saint Anthony Church

Parish Financial Report

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Operating Income

Regular Income	**$194,666.10**
Weekly Offertory Collection	
Holy Day Collections	
Fuel Envelope	
Building Repair Fund Envelope	
Additional Sources of Income	**$57,838.17**
Mass Stipends	
Funeral & Wedding Fees	
Catholic Education Collection	
Christmas Collection	
Easter Collection	
Christmas & Easter Flower Offerings	
Religious Education Fees	
Vermont Catholic Magazine (Subscription Fees Collected)	
Votive Candle Receipts (Sanctuary Lamp Memorial Donations)	
Fund Raisers	**$8,208.95**
Christmas Bazaar	
Interest Income (Includes Restricted Accounts)	**$4,356.54**
Cemetery Income	**$26,943.85**
Total Income	**$292,013.61**

Operating Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	**$80,439.93**
Priest	
Salary	
Car Allowance	
Christmas Collection	
Mass Stipends	
Substitute Priest Expenses	
Office Administrative Assistant	
Religious Education Coordinator	
Rectory Housekeeping	
Church & Religious Education Center Cleaning & Maintenance	
Payroll Taxes (FICA & Medicare)	
Contributions and Assessments	**$32,296.59**
Charitable Gifts	
Vermont Catholic Magazine Assessment	
Diocesan Assessment	
Catholic Schools Assessment	
Priest Benefit Fund Assessment	
Christmas Collection Assessment	
Services and Miscellaneous Fees	**$6,570.48**
Advertising (Valley News for Holiday Mass Schedules & Bazaar)	
Rentals and Leasing (Office Copier Contract)	
Postage	
Professional Fees	**$8,381.56**
Accounting & Bookkeeping Services	
Organist Fees	
Printing & Distribution (Parish Collection Envelopes)	
Diocesan Assessment for Priest & Deacon Retreats and Continuing Education	
Subscriptions (Valley News for Rectory)	
Insurance	**$13,945.40**
Property	
Workers Compensation	
Supplies	**$10,203.24**
Food & Beverages (Parish Activities)	
Liturgical (Candles, Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Palms etc.)	
Bulletins & Missals for the Congregation	
Flowers & Decorations for the Church	
Janitorial & Office Supplies (Includes Fundraising Expenses)	
Religious Education (Books & Materials)	

Repairs and Maintenance	**$38,686.63**
All Buildings (Includes Annual Fire Alarm & Lift Inspections & Maintenance)	
Lawn Care	
Snow Removal	
Computer & Office Equipment	
Utilities	**$52,630.94**
Fire Alarm Monitoring	
Telephone & Internet	
Rubbish Removal	
Electric	
Oil & Propane	
Water & Sewer	
Depreciation	**$13,950.79**
Total Expense	**$257,105.56**
Net Operating Income/Expense	**$34,908.05**

Saint Anthony Church

Parish Budget

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Income

Regular Income	**$230,368.60**
Weekly Offertory Collection	
Holy Day Collections	
Fuel Envelope	
Additional Sources of Income	**$14,350.00**
Mass Stipends	
Funeral & Wedding Fees	
Catholic Education Collection	
Christmas Collection	
Easter Collection	
Christmas & Easter Flower Offerings	
Religious Education Fees	
Vermont Catholic Magazine *(Subscription Fees Collected)*	
Votive Candle Receipts (*Sanctuary Lamp Memorial Donations)*	
Fund Raisers	**$8,000.00**
Christmas Bazaar	
Interest Income *(Includes Restricted Accounts)*	**$4,500.00**
Cemetery Income	**$22,200.00**
Gifts and Bequests *(Includes Memorial Donations)*	**$1,000.00**
Total Income	**$280,418.60**

Expenses

Salaries and Benefits **$80,736.34**

- Priest
  - Salary
  - Food Allowance
  - Car Allowance
  - Christmas Collection
  - Mass Stipends
  - Substitute Priest Expenses
- Office Administrative Assistant
- Religious Education Coordinator
- Rectory Housekeeping
- Church & Religious Education Center Cleaning & Maintenance
- Organist Fees
- Payroll Taxes *(FICA & Medicare)*

Contributions and Assessments **$36,436.96**

- Charitable Gifts
- Vermont Catholic Magazine Assessment
- Diocesan Assessment
- Catholic Schools Assessment
- Priest Benefit Fund Assessment
- Christmas Collection Assessment

Services and Miscellaneous Fees **$7,650.00**

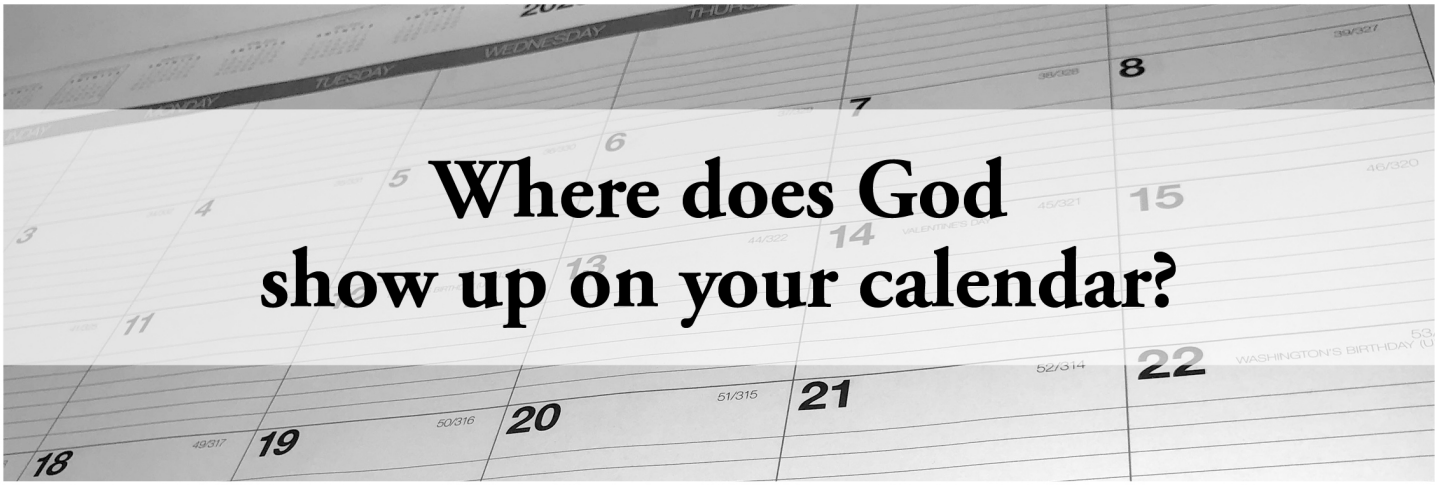
- Advertising *(Valley News for Holiday Mass Schedules & Bazaar)*
- Rentals and Leasing *(Office Copier Contract)*
- Postage

Professional Fees **$10,800.00**

- Accounting & Bookkeeping Services
- Printing & Distribution *(Parish Collection Envelopes)*
- Diocesan Assessment for Priest & Deacon Retreats and Continuing Education

Insurance	**$14,195.30**
Property	
Workers Compensation	
Supplies	**$22,600.00**
Food & Beverages *(Parish Activities)*	
Liturgical *(Candles, Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Palms etc.)*	
Bulletins & Missals for the Congregation	
Flowers & Decorations for the Church	
Janitorial & Office Supplies *(Includes Fundraising Expenses)*	
Religious Education *(Books & Materials)*	
Repairs and Maintenance	**$38,500.00**
All Buildings *(Includes Annual Fire Alarm & Lift Inspections & Maintenance)*	
Lawn Care	
Snow Removal	
Computer & Office Equipment	
Utilities	**$69,500.00**
Fire Alarm Monitoring	
Telephone & Internet	
Rubbish Removal	
Electric	
Oil & Propane	
Water & Sewer	
Total Expense	**$280,418.60**
Net Income/Expense	**$0.00**

NEWS FROM
The Inland See
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON
September 10–16, 2022



Where does God show up on your calendar?

I pose this as a real question, not a rhetorical one. If someone found your planner on the bus or a stranger glanced at your calendar on the wall or a hacker gained access to your phone's events, would they see any sign you were a Catholic?

Lest you think I'm the judgment patrol, this question came from flipping through my own family's calendar.

Kids' activities — school, sports and music — all appear to be important to us, evidenced by how often they show up every week. Ditto for visits with friends and trips with family. Business travel for both parents is marked on our calendar; so are birthdays, anniversaries and holidays.

But where does our faith show up? We'd tell you it's central to our lives and family, but I started to wonder how our calendar bears any testimony to that truth.

I went through and wrote "Mass" on every Sunday. Obvious (and overlooked), but it helped to remember how we start each week in worship. Then I added the dates whenever someone was serving as a lector or altar server. That helped too, to see our service show up.

But honestly? Standing in front of that jampacked calendar and realizing how little of our faith was revealed gave me a wake-up call.

Because the deeper concern, of course, is not what someone else would say or whether there would be enough evidence to convict me of being Christian in a theoretical court. What matters most is what place God has in my life.

Front and center or stuck on the sidelines?

I stood in front of our calendar for a long time, chewing on the end of my pencil, wondering about what changes we might be called to as a family.

Too often I've fallen into the trap of expecting a new school year to transform our lives into an idealized version of what our family should be. I don't want to make that same mistake again this fall. But I do feel called (and convicted) to pray about what God might be revealing.

Like everyone else, our family has limits of time, money, energy, attention and abilities. Where are we investing our resources? How do our values show up on our calendar? When do we live out and learn about our faith in concrete ways each week?

The psalmist sings this longing to God: "Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart" (Ps 90:12). Could this become our prayer, too — as we soak up the last days of summer, as we look ahead to autumn activities starting soon, as we shop for school supplies and brand-new planners to fill?

Each time I pass our calendar on the wall now, I pause for a second. It's a work in progress, an ever-evolving reality, a snapshot of life right now. But I feel its tug asking me where God shows up among school, work and every good plan we've made.

Maybe we're called to more Sabbath together, to guard our Sundays for worship and rest. Maybe we're called to more service, to take time to offer ourselves to our community.

Could we celebrate an extra feast day each month at home, to enliven our faith as a family? Are we called to a retreat, a class or a group at our parish — something new to help us grow in faith?

Whatever changes the fall may bring, I know the prayer I need to carry with me now, a psalm in my pocket: Teach us to number our days with You in the center. Give us the wisdom to give our time to You.

— Laura Kelly Fanucci

Fanucci is a writer, speaker and author of several books, including "Everyday Sacrament: The Messy Grace of Parenting." Her work can be found at laurakellyfanucci.com.

Upcoming Events

9|13, 27 TUESDAYS
Grief & Loss Support Group for Widows/Widowers
St. Mark, Burlington • 9:45 – 11 am
The benefits of a support group with others who have experienced the loss of a spouse or partner helps universalize your experience. You are not alone, although it may feel that way sometimes. Listening to the experience of others who have traversed rough waters usually lends helpful insights into personal practices. Please join us every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the rectory parlor to explore supportive ways grief and loss can be the entry point for God's healing.

09|14 WEDNESDAY
Constitutional Amendment Article 22/Prop 5 Information Session
St. Norbert, Hardwick • 7 pm – 8:30 pm
Informational meeting, light refreshments provided. Scheduled speakers: Rep. Anne Donahue, Spokesperson for Vermonters for Good Government, Mary Beerworth, Executive Director, Vermont Right to Life.

09|15 THURSDAY
Our Lady's Kitchen & Catholic Movie Night
Our Lady of the Angels in Randolph.• 6 – 8 pm
Come join us for a free meal, popcorn, and a great movie!

09|21 – 10|28 WEDNESDAYS
"The Search" Video Series
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:45 - 8:30 pm
Why are we here? What's life all about? What happens when we die? Have you ever pondered the answers to these questions, or others like them? Do you wonder what kinds of answers the Catholic faith has given throughout the centuries? To get to the crux of the matter, please consider joining us "The Search" video series: viewing, brief discussion, and some light refreshments. **FOR MORE INFO: Connie, sjvgoodnews@gmail.com.**

09| 21, 10|05, 19, 11|02, 16 WED
Book Study:
The Art of Loving God
via Zoom • 7 – 8 pm
Join us for a 6 week Diocesan wide book study on Zoom to explore how we "can all do little things each day with fidelity and love." Meetings are on alternate Wednesdays evenings starting on September 7. For more information, contact Laura at thistledewfarmvt@gmail.com. Be sure to include "Book Study" in the subject heading. *The Art of Loving God* by St. Francis de Sales, Sophia Institute Press; ISBN: 9780918477439

09|27 – 11|08 TUESDAYS
The Creed Professed:
a seminar on Part I of the U. S. Catholic Catechism for Adults
via Zoom • 7 – 8 pm
This bi-weekly Zoom seminar is being offered as part of the Diocesan "Year of Communion: Unity in Creed, Worship and Life." The first session was held on May 10. For information and to register: studythecreed@gmail.com
Sep 13, Session 9: *Receive the Holy Spirit (Jn 20:22)*
Sep 27, Session 10: *The Church: Reflecting the Light of Christ*
Oct 11, Session 11: *The Four Marks of the Church*
Oct 25, Session 12: *Mary: Church's First and Most Perfect Member*
Nov 8, Session 13: *Our Eternal Destiny*

09|24, 25 SATURDAY & SUNDAY
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II Course for Adults
Saint Andrew, Waterbury
This Level II course builds upon the foundation of the Level I course and prepares catechists to work with 6-9 year old children. Complete dates: Sept 24-25, Nov 5-6, 2022, Jan 7-8, Mar 18-19 (tentative) 2023; May 13-14 (snow make-up date), June 19-25, 2023. **MORE INFO: Kathleen Cosentino, kcosentino@madriver.com or (802) 233-3009.**

09|25 SUNDAY
Our Adoption Journey
St. Catherine of Siena, Shelburne
11:30 am - 1 pm
We invite you to join us as we share our incredible blessing of adoption! Travel with us from the day God placed adoption in our hearts — to the day we held our child for the first time! A light lunch will follow the presentation. Masks are required. Hosted by the Parish Respect Life Committee.

10|1 SATURDAY
2022 Fall Women's Retreat
St. Catherine of Siena , Shelburne• 8:30 am
Please join us on Saturday, October 1st, from 8:30A M to 3 PM at St. Catherine of Siena in Shelburne, VT. This year's theme is inspired by St. Therese of Lisieux – Power of Little: How to show great love in the little things. Monsignor Richard Lavalley will be the keynote speaker. Registration fee is $30 per person and includes lunch. There are only a limited number of spots available, but there will be a waitlist in the event of any cancellations prior to the retreat. The registration deadline is September 16th.

10|8 SUNDAY
Ordination Mass
St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates the ordination of seven men to the permanent diaconate by Bishop Christopher Coyne. All are invited to join us in the Cathedral for this solemn liturgy of Ordination. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Parish Hall.

10|16 SUNDAY
Third Annual Celebration in Honor of St. John Henry Newman
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 4 - 8 pm
Chanted Solemn Vespers followed by dinner and two presentations. Please RSVP by October 10: vermontnewman@gmail.com. $15 per guest/ $25 for two / $10 for every additional guest

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

2022 UNITY IN FAITH

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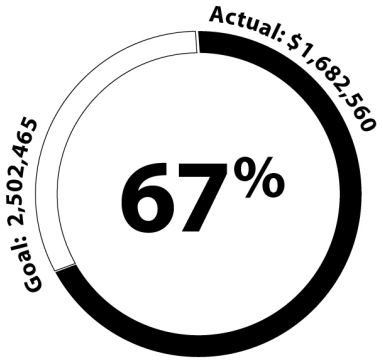

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Sunday, Sep 11, 2022

Forget them not

The commemoration of Grandparents' Day the second Sunday of September was signed into law by President Carter in 1978. On this day we honor elders who fill in as parents. Oprah Winfrey, Carol Burnett, Jack Nicholson, Maya Angelou, Willie Nelson, and Presidents Obama and Clinton are among the 2 percent of U.S. children raised by grandparents. The designated flowers for this day are forget-me-nots, a clever reference to how elders can be overlooked in a fast-paced world. These elders also reclaim the overlooked, providing encouragement for the lost sheep in our family systems. Honor your grandparents, living and deceased.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14: 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32 (132). *"What [person] among you having a hundred sheep and losing one . . . would not . . . go after the lost one?"*

Monday, Sep 12, 2022

A name for the ages

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is known to us by many names and titles: Virgin Mary, Blessed Mother, Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, Star of the Sea, Mystical Rose, Untier of Knots, Cause of Our Salvation—and the list goes on. Catholics venerate her actual name "Mary" because it belongs to the mother of God. In the Aramaic language that she and Jesus spoke, her name was pronounced "Mariam," and by some accounts it meant "bitterness." Mary knew terrible suffering as well as great joy. Whatever you are going through, you can bring it to Mary and call on her for help—by any and all of her names. Say a Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary today.

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33: Luke 7:1-10 (443). *"I did not consider myself worthy to come to you; but say the word and let my servant be healed."*

Tuesday, Sep 13, 2022

Nearer my God to Thee—times three

Beauty, goodness, and truth—known in theology as the "three transcendentals"—naturally uplift humans toward the Divine. Saint John Chrysostom tapped all three. His preaching was so beautiful that he earned the name *Chrysostom*os, meaning "golden mouth." As archbishop of Constantinople, he exemplified goodness by using his household budget to take care of the poor and build hospitals. But it was John's tapping of biblical truth—admonishing the wealthy and politicians for abuses of privilege and prestige—that got him into hot water with the powers that be, ultimately contributing to his death. Which of these transcendentals speaks most to your heart?

MEMORIAL OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17 (444). *"Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."*

Wednesday, Sep 14, 2022

Cross purposes

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrating three historic events in early church history: the finding of the True Cross in the Holy Land in the early fourth century by Saint Helena, the mother of Constantine (himself a saint in the calendars of the Eastern Catholic Churches); the dedication of what would become the Church of the Holy Sepulchre that same year; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem after it was taken by the Persians in 614. The feast is most obvious in the Eastern Churches (Catholic, Orthodox, and otherwise) and features small processions and veneration of a large cross during and after the liturgy. Make sure to pay special attention to the Passion of Christ today, regardless of your tradition!

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638). *"He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him."*

Thursday, Sep 15, 2022

Mary understands your pain

In scripture, when Jesus is presented in the temple, Simeon notes that Mary's heart will be pierced. Later when Jesus recognizes her presence at the foot of the cross as he is dying, Simeon's prediction is fulfilled. Mary's steadfast faith during the ordeal of the Crucifixion serves as a beacon for anyone who suffers. Because today is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, it's an appropriate moment to ask Mary—who understands pain so well—to pray for our suffering loved ones and all who are enduring great trials.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (446); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (639). *"Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene."*

Friday, Sep 16, 2022

¡Vivan las buenas noticias!

On Sept. 16, 1810, after being stymied in his efforts to promote economic advancement for his parishioners, Jesuit Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla stood in the town square of Dolores in New Spain and declared what became known as *El Grito de Dolores* ("The Cry of Dolores"): "Long live religion! Long live our Blessed Mother of Guadalupe! Long live America and death to bad government!" Thus, the Mexican War for Independence began. Today is a good day to continue the fight for economic justice. Consider beginning with morning Mass, for as Saint Cyprian wrote to his friend Pope Cornelius: "It is not only the weak but the strong who need defense . . . strengthening them for combat with the Body and Blood of Christ!"

MEMORIAL OF CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3 (447). *"Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news."*

Saturday, Sep 17, 2022

Worth the wait

To be named a saint, one must complete the official Roman canonization process, right? Well, not exactly. Today's saint, Hildegard of Bingen, was entered into the process four times. But all the lengthy examinations and documentations were never completed. So she remained beatified but not canonized for almost a thousand years! Yet, many popes, including John Paul II, referred to her as Saint Hildegard. Finally, in 2012, Benedict XVI promoted her to sainthood in a process called "equivalent canonization" that cuts through all the red tape. And he named her a doctor of the church to boot. Your faithful witness will be recognized—even if it takes a thousand years!

MEMORIAL OF HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, ABBESS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15 (448). *"Knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time

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