

AUGUST 25, 2019



SACRED HEART SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH • BENNINGTON, VERMONT

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Catholic parish family is united by God's love and our belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We live and share our faith in our daily actions as a parish, as a school and as individuals.

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
4:00 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM & 9:30 AM

Monday through Friday
8:00 AM

Mondays with Miraculous
Medal Devotion
5:30 PM

First Fridays (only)
Mass: 9:00 AM
Holy Hour & Benediction: 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Friday after Mass until 8:00 PM

Last Sunday (only)
Mass: 6:00 PM

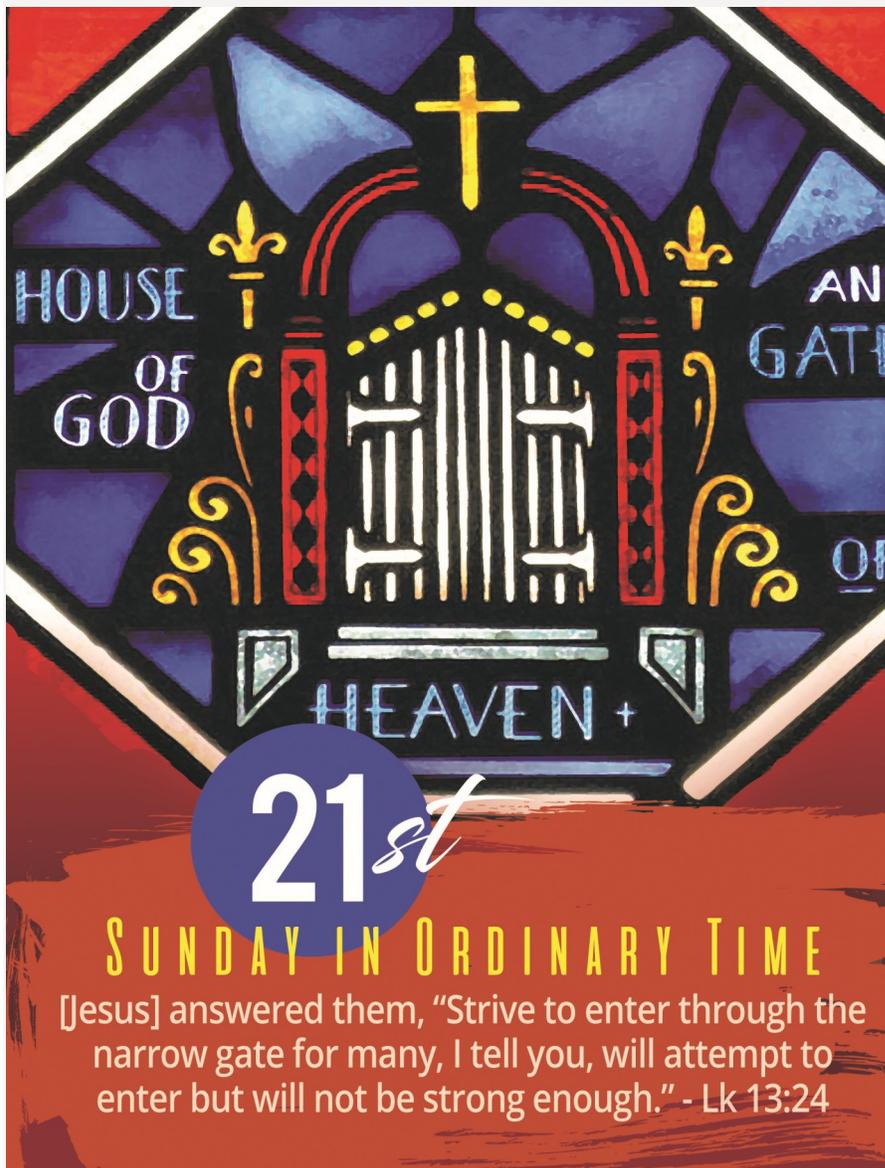
Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM or by appointment



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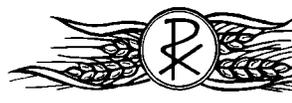
Rev. Robert Wiseman, c.s.c.—Pastor
Rev. Hugh Cleary, c.s.c.—Parochial Vicar

The Congregation of Holy Cross Priests and Brothers have offered continuous service for over 60 years to the Diocese of Burlington and the Bennington area.



PARISH CENTER MAIN OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
8:30 AM–Noon & 1:00–4:30 PM
email: benncath@comcast.net



Mass Intentions for the Week

And Liturgical Celebrations for
August 24 - September 1, 2019

(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

Sat./Sun., Aug. 24/25 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. ✠ Alice Morrissey Harwood (17th)
- Mary Morrissey

✠ Al Pinsonneault - Jane & Rita

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:30 a.m. ✠ Annette Poblocki - Bob

6:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

Monday, August 26 Weekday

8:00 a.m. ✠ Kay Maroney (2nd) - The Family

5:30 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, August 27 Saint Monica

8:00 a.m. ✠ Dale Palmer - His Wife and Sons

Wednesday, August 28 Saint Augustine

8:00 a.m. Sister Nancy Vendura (Living) in honor of her birthday
- Vicky

✠ Kay & Al Allen - The Family
In Thanksgiving - Lana Hill

Thursday, Aug. 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 a.m. Sister Nancy Vendura (Living) in honor of her birthday
- Julie

Friday, Aug. 30 Weekday

8:00 a.m. Fr. Dwight Baker - The Totus Tuus Team

Sat./Sun., Aug. 31/Sept. 1 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. ✠ Margaret (1st) & Richard (16th) Martin
- Rita & Family

✠ Marie Maynard - The Family

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:30 a.m. ✠ Kathleen Haynes - Her Children

✠ Merle Johnson - His Wife, Mary

✠ Barbara Gorry - Dan & Alison Malmborg

✠ Carmen Napolitano - Tony & Rose Napolitano



"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30

Welcome to our Church!



If you are new to the area or looking for a spiritual home, you can register at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales parish by stopping in the Parish Office to fill out a brief census card. Or call the Parish Office and we'll be happy to mail you a form.

*Welcome to the family of God and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church!*

Question of the Week

How does God "answer" prayers?

JESUS SAYS that "if you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you." That's quite a promise! But how does the "will be done for you" part really happen? One thing to consider is that prayer is not a coin you put in the celestial gumball machine, nor payment in advance for services rendered or divine bribery. God will not say: OK, already—25 rosaries are enough! You get the vintage muscle car!

In fact, most of us can remember having prayed quite hard for things we didn't get. The seventh-century historian and Doctor of the church Bede the Venerable noted that we've all been praying "thy Kingdom come" for quite a while yet the Kingdom has not yet been delivered. It will come "at the proper time," he concludes.

I've been praying for 35 years for a reconciling of hearts between two people I love very much. One of them died two years ago without the healing ever taking place. Yet I haven't stopped praying for their reconciliation. Because I believe they both need it, now more than ever. I leave it to God to work out the details.

Alice Camille

Readings for the week of August 25, 2019

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/
Lk 14:1, 7-14

Sunday Summary

Isaiah 66:18-21 God widens the door of expected welcome to include foreign peoples.

Psalms 117:1, 2 The good news is intended to be spread to the ends of the earth.

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 God receives us like children—which includes the necessity of discipline.

Luke 13:22-30 Those who expect to enter the Kingdom will find the guest list a surprise.



Faith Formation Program

"Growing In Faith Together"

For more information contact the parish office at 442-3141 or 1kathy.murphy@gmail.com

You are invited to join us on Facebook – SHSF Faith Formation



The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales
307 School Street
Bennington, VT 05201

Mr. David Estes, Principal
442-2446, Ext. 3

Providing excellence in academics and a deepening faith in God and Gospel Values in an environment that is caring, challenging, and respectful, striving to develop in every student the habits of thinking critically and acting responsibly in daily life.



Registration Information

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) & Faith Formation Grades 1 thru 7

Registration for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Faith Formation for Grades 1 thru 7 will be held **after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 15** or by mail or drop off at the parish office.

Fall classes for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Faith Formation for Grades 1 thru 7 begin Sunday, September 29.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori based class for children who are 3 to 6 years old. CGS will have 2 class options (choose 1) for this coming school year. One class is being offered two Sundays a month at a time to be determined.** OR the second option is on Tuesday 10:30 a.m. to noon. Students will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Class size is limited and returning students will have a spot held for them up to the registration date of September 15. A small materials fee will help support the program at the time of registration.

Sunday morning Mass and Class for grades 1—7 continues two (2) Sundays a month. Classes meet after the 9:30 Mass. First Eucharist preparation will include additional meetings with families.

If you know of anyone interested in these programs, or have questions, please contact Kathy Murphy at 802-442-3141 or email her at 1kathy.murphy@gmail.com

***This is a change from previous bulletins.*

Back-to-School Open House and Picnic



As a part of our community's First Day Celebration, we will be hosting our annual Open House on **Monday, August 26**, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. All of our families are invited to tour the school and meet the staff.

Following the Open House, our SHSF Family Pot Luck Picnic will take place on the school grounds. This event is being hosted by our eighth grade parents. We are anticipating great weather and a large number of families attending. We look forward to seeing you there!



A New School Year Begins...

The first official day of school for Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales students is **Wednesday, August 28**.

A few spots still available..... Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year

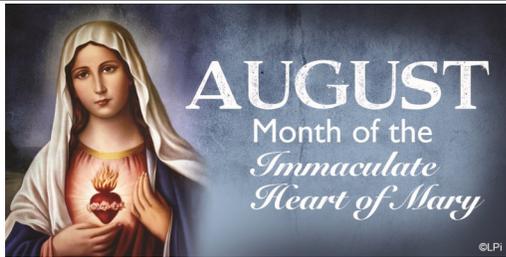
Some grades are full, others have a few spaces still open. Excellence in academics, coupled with a deepening of faith in God, is provided in a caring, challenging, and respectful environment.

FMI, please call the school at 442-2446 or visit sacredheartbennington.org.



Please remember the sick, including ~

Charlie Cook, A.J. Morton, Eden Jeannine Beckwith, Pat Farnum, Cindy Levitte, Francis "Pete" Roy, Christopher Rubino, Lena Reap, Dolores Pruden, Helen Whitman, Ruth Emaish, Matthew Rubino, Sharon Marino, Abigail Grace Lamar, Wilfred LaBonte, James Feeney, Robert & Therese Long, Gloria VanDerzee, Jo Cadiz, Adrianna Dewey, Kenneth Swierad, Robert Condon, Kathy Keenan, and this week we remember the patients of the Vermont Veterans Home.



Prayer Events this Week

Mon., Aug. 26	10:15 am	BPI Mass
Tues., Aug. 27	9:30 am	Fillmore Pond Mass
Tues., Aug. 27	6:30 pm	Prayer Group (Chp)
Wed., Aug. 28	10:30 am	CLR Rosary
Wed., Aug. 28	3:00 pm	Vets' Home Mass

Meetings/Events this Week

Tues., Aug. 27	6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus mtg
Wed., Aug 28	1:00 pm	HIS Pantry (downstairs)
Wed., Aug 28	7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Fri., Aug. 30	10:00 am	HIS Pantry (downstairs)

A Glimpse of Great Things to Come!

Weekly rehearsals for the parish choir will resume on Wednesday, September 4, at 6:30 p.m. We are friendly, faith-filled men and women who, in the spirit of teamwork, bring to life many of the Church's most beautiful and sacred musical treasures. We always need your help, though. So, if you love to sing and have an adventurous spirit, just climb on board! Our ministry is all-welcoming, regardless of any person's previous training or experience. As the great Spiritual goes, "There's plenty good room in my Father's kingdom, so choose your seat and sit down!" If you would like more information, please contact the Office of Music Ministry at (802) 442-3141, Extension 5, or visit Don at the organ or the piano after Mass. He always enjoys talking with you!

Young Adult Retreat

September 13 - 14

(Friday 7:00 p.m. to Saturday 6:00 p.m.)

Dumaine Retreat Center

Jacksonville, Vermont

Cost: \$65.00 includes meals and lodging

Bring: sleeping bag, toiletries, journal and towel.

Spiritual Directors: Sister Maria Grace and

Sister Christina Miriam, Daughters of St. Paul

For More Information call 802-658-6110 ext. 1240 or 1130

Or email: wgavin@vermontcatholic.org

Registration Forms can be found on:

vermontcatholic.org

Young adults are defined as those between the ages of nineteen (19) and thirty-nine (39). They are out of high school, college students, workers, professionals and persons in military service. They are single, married, divorced or widowed, with or without children.

Eucharistic



Adoration

"The Eucharist, in the Mass and outside of the Mass, is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and is therefore deserving of the worship that is given to the living God, and to him alone." — Pope John Paul II

**Adoration Fridays in the chapel
from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

Sign-up sheets for one hour shifts are in the chapel.

First Annual Diocesan Pastoral Ministries Conference

The First Annual Diocesan Pastoral Ministries Conference will take place Saturday, September 29, 2019, at the Lake Morey Resort. The keynote speaker will be Ron Huntley from Divine Renovation and will focus on helping us and our parishes move from "maintenance to mission." In addition, breakout sessions will be held focusing on religious education, youth ministry, marriage and family life, worship, RCIA and communications. Learn more and register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/ministryconference2019

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reprinted from "The Inland See" for the Diocese of Burlington
August 17–23, 20



The sins of the past

The Diocese of Burlington this week published a report listing the names of diocesan clergy who, since 1950, have had a credible and substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor made against them. With one exception, all of these acts occurred more than 20 years ago. None of these priests are in ministry; most of them are deceased. While most of these allegations took place at least a generation ago, the numbers are still staggering; the victims of these priests are still bearing the wounds of what happened to them. Until now, the scope of all of this has been our "family secret."

Family secrets can be toxic. Harmful past experiences — unspoken, unaddressed, and known only by a few — fester like neglected wounds. The innocent victims of the family secret are often made to feel ashamed about what happened as no one seems to listen to them or even, sadly at times, believe them. While these secrets remain hidden, those who have been hurt are often unable to find the healing they need, especially if those who harmed them are still "part" of the family, even if only in memory.

The Church is not immune to this reality. We often talk about the Church as a family, as a community of faith in which we are brothers and sisters in our love for God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are supposed to be a people of love, a place of hope, and a community of healing. But that is not always the case. This is especially true with the significant number of cases involving the sexual and physical abuse of children by clergy, not just here in Vermont, but in the entire Church. These "sins of the past" continue to haunt us. These shameful, sinful, and criminal acts have been our "family secret" for generations. While there has been significant action by the Church here in Vermont and in the United States to address the issue of the sexual abuse of minors by clergy and the cover-up of those crimes by those in authority, the whole sordid tale of what happened in decades leading up to the U.S. bishops' 2002 Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People has not been fully aired. That is why I have asked that this report be compiled and published.

When I arrived in Vermont four years ago as the 10th bishop of Burlington, I promised to continue the Diocese's efforts to address past abuses of children by clergy, to work toward healing for those who have experienced abuse, to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for any individual with a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse, and to be transparent about the prevention, handling, and response to the sexual abuse of minors. In order to do so, it is clear to me that we must be fully honest about these sins of our past. If only a list of priests with credible allegations of sexual abuse of a minor had been released 15 years ago, perhaps we would be farther along our collective path of healing. But for many reasons, this was not able to happen.

In November 2018, as part of my personal commitment and that of the Diocese of Burlington to transparency regarding abuse by clergy, an independent, volunteer committee of four lay men and three lay women assembled to review clergy personnel files pertinent to any past allegation of abuse of a minor and to create a list of priests who have been credibly accused of sexually abusing a minor. Working completely independent of the Diocese, the committee only met with me twice, in the beginning and at the end of the process. I am grateful to the individuals who served on the file review committee, volunteering more than eight months of their time to thoroughly review files and materials and to compile a report of their findings. As promised, I am publishing the committee's report as it was presented to me without any edits or changes. It can be viewed at vermontcatholic.org/promise.

In addition to confronting the sins of the past, we must remain vigilant in ensuring these sins do not occur in the future. I have listened to the stories of victims of clergy sexual abuse and will continue to do so. They need to hear over and over again that we believe them. They also need to know that we are doing everything we humanly can to make sure this does not happen again. The Church in the United States has put in place policies and procedures to make the Catholic Church one of the safest places for children today. In 2002, the Diocese of Burlington adopted the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which requires: mandatory reporting of all abuse allegations to civil authorities; removal of credibly accused clerics from active ministry; background checks of all priests, staff and volunteers; training to recognize and prevent abuse; and many other proactive steps to ensure the safety of all members of our Church family. As a result of our rigorous efforts, since 2002 there has been only one credible and substantiated claim of abuse against a priest in the Diocese of Burlington. There are no priests in ministry in Vermont who have had a credible and substantiated allegation made against them.

As has been the case for the past 17 years, I, along with the clergy, staff and volunteers of the Diocese, are committed to supporting and caring for all victims of abuse and will continue to work to ensure safe environments for all God's people — especially children, youth and vulnerable individuals — in which no form of harassment, sexual or otherwise, is tolerated. If you have been abused or if you suspect a minor or vulnerable person has been abused, contact the proper authorities immediately, including local law enforcement and the Diocese's Victim Assistance Line at 866-485-2488.

Please visit vermontcatholic.org/promise for regular updates, frequently asked questions and more information regarding the Diocese's promise to protect children and vulnerable persons entrusted to our care.

The greater family of the Catholic Church is in much need of healing. Together, we can mend our family's discord and, by the grace of God, ensure that these sins do not happen again.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Folks,

We are all accountable to one another and to our God. As I am accountable to you, below are Statements of Income and Expenses for the **Fiscal Year** ending June 30 for 2019, 2018, 2017, and 2016. By default the statements involve measurable things, and do not reflect your prayers and volunteer services, which are essential but do not lend to statistical analysis.

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales
Statements of Income (Loss)
For the years ending June 30,

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<i>Income</i>				
Offertory	\$ 332,633	\$ 344,920	\$ 352,435	\$ 373,167
Other income	\$ 88,042	\$ 170,357	\$ 189,897	\$ 77,476
<i>Total Operating Income</i>	<u>\$ 420,675</u>	<u>\$ 515,278</u>	<u>\$ 542,332</u>	<u>\$ 450,643</u>
<i>Expenses</i>				
Compensation & Benefits	\$ 275,315	\$ 260,811	\$ 262,794	\$ 252,828
Assessments	\$ 44,746	\$ 53,561	\$ 56,913	\$ 29,300
School Contribution and repairs	\$ 75,607	\$ 108,219	\$ 185,174	\$ 70,756
Insurance	\$ 23,478	\$ 23,897	\$ 24,055	\$ 24,878
Supplies	\$ 42,188	\$ 34,298	\$ 48,335	\$ 35,043
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 37,471	\$ 46,229	\$ 48,240	\$ 32,623
Utilities	\$ 78,548	\$ 50,173	\$ 56,427	\$ 60,470
Depreciation & Other	\$ 169,804	\$ 167,288	\$ 153,311	\$ 204,672
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<u>\$ 747,157</u>	<u>\$ 744,476</u>	<u>\$ 835,249</u>	<u>\$ 710,570</u>
Net Operating Loss	<u>\$ (326,482)</u>	<u>\$ (229,198)</u>	<u>\$ (292,917)</u>	<u>\$ (259,927)</u>
Average Mass Attendance	528	588	568	631
Average Annual Offertory Contributions (per parishioner)	\$ 630	\$ 587	\$ 620	\$ 591
Second Collection School	\$ 23,081	\$ 26,122	\$ 26,872	\$ 25,295

Thank you for your generosity.

Rev. Robert Wiseman, c.s.c

Pastor

There is no Second Collection this weekend.

*The Second Collection next weekend
is for our Parish School.*

Thank you for your generosity!

Grades 8 - 10

Confirmation Welcome Mass and Dinner

The summer is winding down all too quickly and the fall school schedule will soon be upon us. Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales and St. John the Baptist have been preparing and praying for our Confirmation and Youth Discipleship Program which begins next month.

We invite you, your families, and your sponsor to join us on Sunday, September 15 at 5:00 p.m. for Mass followed by dinner and an information session at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Center and the entrance to the church.