

July 26, 2020



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

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

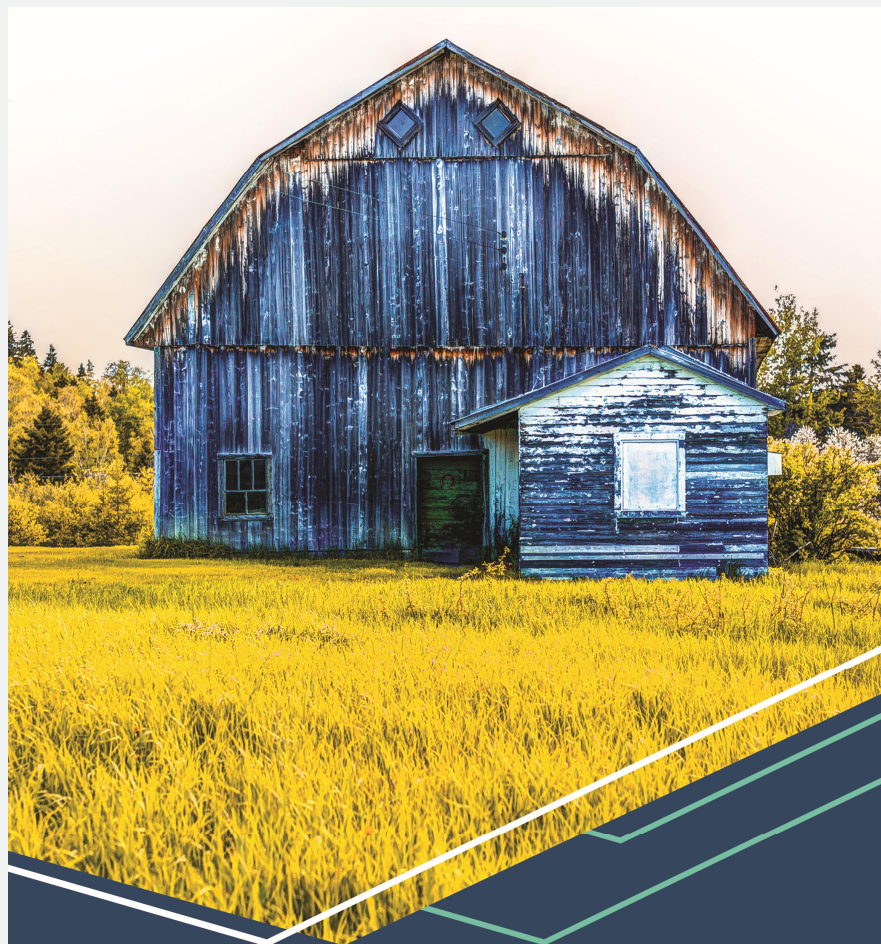
Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM or by appointment



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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.



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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PARISH CENTER MAIN OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
8:30 AM–Noon & 1:00–4:30 PM
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

And Liturgical Celebrations for
July 25—August 2, 2020

(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

Sat./Sun., July 25/26 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. † John Maynard - The Family
† Albertha Allen Potter - BCHS Class of 1960
† Marie Maynard (1st on May 24th) - The Family
7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
9:30 a.m. † Jim Stewart - His wife, Sharon & Family
† Deceased members of
the Knights of Columbus Council #307

Monday, July 27 Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Tuesday, July 28 Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the
Ladies of Ste. Anne

Wednesday, July 29 Saint Martha

- 8:00 a.m. Maddox Wright (Living), 2nd Birthday
- Great Grandma

Thursday, July 30 Saint Peter Chrysologus

- 8:00 a.m. † Vernon Belanger - Knights of Columbus

Friday, July 31 Saint Ignatius of Loyola

- 8:00 a.m. † Mary Sennett - Joan Douglass

Sat./Sun., Aug. 1/2 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. † Therese Clark - Ellie Hyjek
† Gilles Beaudoin - Jane, Mary & Jo-Anne
† Christopher Joseph Manganiello
- His Mother & His Brother
7:30 a.m. In Celebration of the Ordination
of Casey Weber to the Diaconate
- Knights of Columbus Council #307
Our Parish Family
9:30 a.m. † Julia Souza - Anthony & Cindy Lapean
† Tony Napolitano - Paul Capriola
† Mary Hamilton - The Henderson Family and
Theresa Grady

Note From The Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Parish,

We want to express our heart-felt gratitude to all of you for your love and commitment to the parish. These pandemic months have been nerve-wracking and difficult for everyone. It has been a chaotic and stressful time. In order to keep the COVID-19 virus from spreading, all the routine demands and pleasures of daily life have been curtailed and disrupted. We have not even been able to gather as a community for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Through it all you have not forgotten the financial needs of the parish. Many of you have mailed in your envelopes or dropped off your generous contributions or contributed electronically through our parish website. You have been extraordinary in maintaining your stewardship of the Parish.

We are aware of the financial strain everyone is experiencing in these complex times which makes your generosity even more outstanding. Thank you for your goodness and for the inspiration you have given us. We are blessed to be serving here at the parish.

Please know of our prayers for you and deep appreciation.

Sincerely in the Lord,
Fr. Bob and Fr. Hugh



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Readings for the week of July 26, 2020

- Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-2

Sunday Summary

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Young Solomon asks for wisdom instead of worldly wealth.

Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 The word of God is a revelation of light and understanding.

Romans 8:28-30 Whom God calls, God also prepares for the task ahead.

Matthew 13:44-52 The Kingdom is like treasure, a merchant, a net cast at sea.



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

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.



**Eighteenth Annual
Sacred Heart School
Golf Extravaganza
Mount Anthony Country Club
Friday, August 7th ~**

Tee Times from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

During the past months, The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales continued to provide excellent academics and support to the students and parents. It is this quality of care the community associates with the faculty and staff of our school. David Estes, our beloved principal, has postponed his retirement until June 2021 in order to ensure the school will open in the fall ready to face the challenges presented by Covid-19.

Due to Covid-19, several fundraisers scheduled in the spring had to be cancelled and the golf tournament was postponed. SHSF School relies heavily on fundraising throughout the year in order to operate. Please know that any level of support is appreciated.

This year's format is different. Tee times will be assigned between 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. We will have Lunch To-Go on the Golf Course, and Awards and a Raffle Auction at completion. The Raffle tickets will be sold in advance or throughout the day (golfers and non-golfers may purchase tickets). Winners need not be present to win.

We hope you will consider joining us for this enjoyable tournament that includes golfers of all skill levels.

If you have any questions, would like to register a team, or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at the numbers provided below. We sincerely thank you in advance for considering this opportunity to support the youth of our community and this excellent school.

Sincerely,

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Matt Maroney / 802-447-8610 / ammaroney@msn.com

Chrissy Morrissey / 802-681-8247 / chodrickmorrissey@gmail.com

Maru León / 802-442-2617 / maru@mtanthonycc.com

Gretchen Martinez / 802-598-7281 / brynnemma244@gmail.com

Growing with the Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52 n

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sharing the Gospel

It is fun to trade things. You might swap a model jeep car for a model truck. You might trade a big doll for a little doll you can put in your purse. There is a great treasure hidden in heaven. Jesus died on the cross so that you could get the treasure hidden in heaven for you. My brother wanted to trade his new baby sister for a baby brother. God may not do that kind of trading. All you have to give God is your love.

Prayer

Jesus, I will never lie to obtain a treasure.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of your treasure hidden in heaven.

Mission for the Week

I will hide a treasure for others to find with a note saying, "I love you, signed God."

*"As we walk the road of our spiritual journey,
let us not miss the opportunity to offer a smile and
a word of kindness to every person we encounter,
for we are welcoming the presence
of Christ among us."*



Please remember the sick, including ~

Marie Parker Mayer, Don Place, Cathy Place, Elaine Letourneau, Janet Sausville, Tina Harrington, A.J. Morton, Eden Jeannine Beckwith, Cindy Levitte, Christopher Rubino, Lena Reap, Dolores Pruden, Ruth Emaish, Matthew Rubino, Abigail Grace Lamar, Wilfred LaBonte, Therese Long, Gloria VanDerzee, Adrianna Dewey, Kenneth Swierad, Kathy Keenan, and this week we remember the residents of River's Edge Community Care Home.

**A Prayer for Protection
in Time of Pandemic**

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

***Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.***

Gospel Reflection

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.

*There is no **Second Collection** this weekend.*

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

We thank you for your generosity!

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Reprinted from "The Inland See" for the Diocese of Burlington
July 25—31, 2020*



Founder's Day of Giving July 29 Matching Gift

On July 29, 1853, the Diocese of Burlington, Vermont, was formally created by papal brief under the leadership of the first bishop, Louis de Goësbriand. At this time there were 10 churches and approximately 20,000 Catholics being served by five priests.

The Diocese was very much a missionary Diocese with limited resources and a small congregation of Catholics sprinkled throughout the vast state. The terrain was challenging, and the mostly Protestant state did not welcome Catholicism.

Bishop de Goësbriand spent most of his quarter-of-a million-dollar inheritance to travel throughout the state to spread the Good News and build churches, schools and homes for the most vulnerable. The fruits of his labor paid off. By 1891, the number of Catholics more than doubled to 48,000 with 78 churches. In addition, he helped found eight academies and 16 parochial schools in the Diocese with seven congregations of women religious to staff them.

By the time he died in 1899, he had spent his entire fortune; he had only \$2.12 to his name and a few old suits, noted Father Lance Harlow, rector of St. Joseph Cathedral who wrote a biography of the bishop in 2001.

"Bishop de Goësbriand, even though he was raised in a well-respected and well-to-do household, lived in austere simplicity," said Kathleen Messier, assistant diocesan archivist. "In several biographical accounts of Burlington's founding bishop, his Christ-like love of the poor has often been noted."

Today we find the Diocese of Burlington is again missionary territory, similar to what Bishop de Goësbriand faced but with new challenges: Covid-19, declining population and a generation of young people disinterested in joining any type of formal religion.

We must face these challenges with the same fortitude and faith as our first leader, Bishop de Goësbriand, and create new ways to engage young people and lay leaders, while keeping our faith community connected during the pandemic and continuing to support the most vulnerable among us.

When the pandemic closed our churches, we increased our communication by live-streaming almost 200 faith engagement activities including weekly and Sunday Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, daily rosary, daily scripture reflections and many other faith engagement opportunities. We continued to provide emergency aid to families — many impacted by Covid-19 — moved our Catholic education online and guided our parishes to safely open for the public celebration of the Mass when the stay-home-order was lifted.

All of these ministries are supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

On July 29, we will celebrate our first Founder's Day of Giving to encourage gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal and support the mission of our Diocese. We have received an anonymous matching grant that will match any gift made up to \$18,000. If you have not yet made a gift to the appeal or would like to make an additional gift online, visit vermontcatholic.org/giveonline.

♦ ***Ellen Kane, Executive Director of
Development & Communication,
Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington***

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HIS Pantry

"Seeing Christ in the hungry"

Phone Number: **442-1720**

hispantryshsf@gmail.com

HIS Pantry at SHSF

(Facebook link)

Wednesdays 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Fridays 10:00 am – 11:30 am

HIS Pantry is a volunteer-run parish ministry which assists those in need of food in our local community. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the pantry food distribution is now being done outside, under tents in the parking lot. Now, more than ever, we need your support to help those struggling with food insecurities in our area.

Here are some ways you can help:

- **Financial support:** Cash donations, VISA or store gift cards (can bring to the parish office or place in the collection basket in an envelope marked for HIS Pantry). Note that these gift cards are used solely by pantry volunteers to purchase needed foods as we run low. Thank you for your generosity!
- **Groceries:** rice, spaghetti, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned beans, shelf stable juices, tuna, canned chicken, mac & cheese, peanut butter.
- **Personal hygiene items:** bars of soap, deodorant, shampoo, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine products.
- **PPE:** facemasks, hand sanitizer, Lysol spray.
- **Volunteering:** If you would like to become a volunteer at HIS Pantry, please call 802-823-0195 or email hispantryshsf@gmail.com. We are especially in need of shoppers and people that can pick up fresh produce at local farm markets during the summer & fall months. All new hands and hearts are welcome!

At this time we DO NOT NEED THE following:

- plastic bags
- egg cartons
- clothing or household items of any kind

Special Note:

His Pantry would like to gratefully thank all the individuals and organizations that are so kindly giving of their time, food, gift cards and monetary donations to help feed the needy in our community. Your continued generosity during this difficult time is truly making a difference in the lives of so many! Our sincere blessings and wishes for good health to all.



Mass Schedule

For the Month of August Daily Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:00 a.m.

Saint John the Baptist
Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m.



50th Anniversary!

Fr. Bill Kelley shared this photo with us that was taken on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of his Ordination. If you'd like to send a note of congratulations to Fr. Bill his address is:

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We think he's looking well and we congratulate him on 50 years!