

AUGUST 1, 2021



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)
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. Hugh Cleary, c.s.c.—Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Gary Zack—Deacon

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.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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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 31—August 8, 2021

(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

- Sat./Sun., July 31/Aug. 1 The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:00 p.m. † Ed Haddad - His Daughters & Their Families
 † Raymond LaCroix - Friend, Nan
 7:30 a.m. † Joseph Anthony Young - Paula Keatley
 9:30 a.m. † Marijo Russell O'Grady - Mark & James
 Our Parish Family
- Monday, August 2 Saints Joachim & Anne**
 8:00 a.m. † Lorraine Cross (7th) - Doris & Ron Alderman
- Tuesday, August 3 Weekday**
 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**
- Wednesday, August 4 Saint John Vianney**
 8:00 a.m. † Christine Budnikas - Dr. Arunas Budnikas
 † Richard Boisvert - Wife, Noella & Children
 † Brochu Family - Mary Brochu
- Thursday, August 5 The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**
 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**
- Friday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord**
 8:00 a.m. † Gary Murphy - Scott & Wendy Murphy
 † John Gero - Vicki & Family
- Sat./Sun., Aug. 7/8 The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:00 p.m. † Madeleine Fitzgerald (15th) - Theresa Wood
 † Bill Center, Sr. - Mary Morrissey
 † Antonio Napolitano - His Family
 7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
 9:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

Gospel Reflection

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty. ©LPI

Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

- Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
- Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

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Summer Office Hours

The Parish Offices will close at noon on Fridays, from June 18th through September 3rd.



Faith Formation Program

"Growing In Faith Together"

For more information contact the parish office at 442-3141 or shsffaithformation@vermontcatholic.org

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



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 6:24-35

Kid's Corner

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus said, "God wants you to have faith in the one he sent." The one he sent was Jesus. If you believe in Jesus Christ you will love God above all else and love your neighbor as yourself. Full of love, you can do the works of God. You feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit those in prison, visit the sick, and bury the dead.

Mission for the Week

I will make a get well card for a sick person in my family.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, give me food to share with the hungry.



**The School of Sacred Heart
St. Francis de Sales
307 School Street
Bennington, VT 05201
Mrs. Tiffany McKenna, Principal
802-442-2446**

HONOR ROLL

The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales announces its Honor Roll Students for the spring trimester:

Principal's Honors –

- Grade 8** – Aiden Bevin, Catherine Bitteker, Elizabeth Davis, Isaac Frey, Samuel Matunas, Cheyenne McGowan, Sean Moriarty, Cameron Parks, Zoey Zazzaro,
- Grade 7** – Veronica Jarvis, Rhyan Marsh, Erin McGean, Gwyneth Podkowka, Kaede Takano
- Grade 6** – Addison Baker, Andrew Cowder, Cate Cummings, Evan Frey, Laikin Gallant, Jesse Nesbit, Audrey Parks
- Grade 5** – Gianna Avieniu, Hunter Favreau, Brynn Lackey, Jack Sauer
- Grade 4** – Alexandria Coulter Colin Eldred, Natalie Pello, Donovan Smith
- Grade 3** - Riley Favreau, Steve McCay

High Honors –

- Grade 8** – Willa Babson, Fenix Griffith, Vance Kobelia, Ryan Maroney, Amelia Pello
- Grade 7** – Ariana Bushee, Cameron Casalinova, Victoria Smith, Sadie Warner
- Grade 6** – Joshua Allen, Greta Bitteker, Orion Breese, Gracie Darby, Arianna Keyes, Rylee Pfindel, Aoi Takano
- Grade 5** – Bryn Babson, Kali Coon, Lillian Comar, Aubrey Croff
- Grade 4** – Madelyn Fleming, Eli Lauzon, Morgan McGean, Analeise O'Malley, Danni Sleeman, Kaidence Vosburgh, Amelia Zazzaro
- Grade 3** – Lillian Avieniu, Lucas Dunican, Emma Dwyer, Wyatt Lozier, Paislee Potvin, Abigail Smith

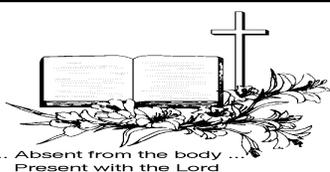
Honors –

- Grade 8** –Sean Fleming, Wyatt Gigliotti, Isabella Harrington, Samuel Kobik, Gabriel Nesbit, Kaelene Pallman, Tatum Stratton
- Grade 7** – Jacoby Dicranian, Mattea Hathaway
- Grade 6** – Spencer Broderson, Izzac Cloutier, Colton Gigliotti, Madelyn Harrington, Jozef Segura, Aundrea Toromino
- Grade 5** –Ryleigh Cornell, Khiley Lyons, Dominic Myers, Sophia Yannotti
- Grade 4** – Dyllan Cloutier, Milo Darby, Richard Fischer, Jackson Frey, Colin Gully
- Grade 3** – Dante Babcock, Addyson Brosnan, Dakota McGowan, Hadley Weaver



Please remember the sick, including ~

Gerald Amadon, Donna Peters, Kyle Dane, Rose Santarcangelo, Charlie Buckley, Charles Tremblay, Reatha Williams, Frank Babcock, Tami Greene, Robin Guertin, Nan Mears, Diane Roy, Dorothy Roy, Robin Tremblay, Rene Cassano, Caleb St. John, Don Place, Cathy Place, Elaine Letourneau, Janet Sausville, Eden Jeannine Beckwith, Cindy Levitte, Christopher Rubino, Lena Reap, Ruth Emaish, Matthew Rubino, Gloria VanDerzee, Adrianna Dewey, Kenneth Swierad, Kathy Keenan, and this week we remember the residents of Walloomsac Apartments..



John P. McShane

Lois B. Langlois



**Votive Candles
August 2021 Intentions**

† Perpetual for Frances Bender

† Theresa & Bob Long, Sr.
requested by the Dale Long family



**Holy Family Prayer Group
Join Us!**

The Holy Family Prayer Group has resumed our Tuesday evening Prayer Meetings. We praise God in song and ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide our meetings with his gifts and truths. We pray, read scripture, and share how God is working in our lives.

We meet every Tuesday evening in the Holy Cross chapel at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please come join us any Tuesday evening and deepen your love with the Holy Spirit.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ("CGS") is a Montessori based hands-on method of faith formation. CGS utilizes a prepared space for children called the "atrium." The atrium, a space where both the children and catechists can hear, ponder and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith, contains models representing people, places, and objects found in scripture and liturgy.

The Atrium is such a peaceful place, and at the same time, it's a very "fun" place, with real materials for the children to work with, custom made to meet their needs. It's marvelous to see how the children thrive in this environment. As they practice new skills, and learn more about our Lord and His Church, you can see them growing in confidence. It's a joy to witness and be a part of their journey.

For the past three years, we have been holding Level 1 sessions for some of the youngest children in our Parishes. This summer, Kathy Murphy and Martha Hojnowski will be attending another weeklong training in order to begin the process of expanding our program to include Level 2 sessions. This will enable us to welcome children from the ages of 3 to 9/10 years old into our CGS program

HELP WANTED: Would you be interested in learning more about what it would mean to be an assistant in the Atrium or would you like to learn more about what is involved in becoming a certified CGS catechist? Please contact Kathy Murphy shsfaithformation@vermontcatholic.org to learn more.



**Catholic Summer Camp ~
TOTUS TUUS**

This week is Totus Tuus, the Diocesan summer program, led by seminarians and college-age women. Mass will be at 11:30 am and the presiders will be**-

- Monday, August 2.....Father Bob Wiseman*
- Tuesday, August 3.....Father Bob Wiseman*
- Wednesday, August 4.....Father Bob Wiseman & Deacon Phil Lawson*
- Thursday, August 5.....Father Tom Mattison*
- Friday, August 6.....Father Hugh Cleary*

***Subject to change without notice.*

1st – 8th graders ~ August 2—6 (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

High School ~ August 1—5 (7:30 pm - 9:30 pm)

Everyone is welcome to join us!

NEWS FROM The Inland See

July 31 – August 6, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Vermont Catholic, communications team earn 9 Catholic Media Awards

Vermont Catholic magazine and the Diocese of Burlington's communications team continued their long-time winning streak as together they earned nine awards at the 2021 Virtual Catholic Media Conference June 10.

The awards included a prestigious second place in the "Best Diocesan Magazine" category, and Alayna Masker, communication manager for the Diocese of Burlington, earned an honorable mention in the Social Media Professional of the Year category.

Columnist Kay Winchester earned two accolades.

"When the churches all closed due to the pandemic, communication was especially important to keep the Catholic community connected," said Ellen Kane, executive director of development and communications for the Diocese. "Our team rose to the challenge by quickly shifting to livestream and digital platforms to deliver more than 200 faith activities, including daily and Sunday Mass, daily rosary and Adoration, bible study, book club, daily liturgy reflections by [Burlington] Bishop Christopher Coyne and so much more. The challenges this pandemic brought did not impact the quality and ingenuity of my team, and I couldn't be prouder of the well-earned recognition we received."

The full list of awards follows:

- **Best Magazine — Diocesan Magazines:** Second Place, *Vermont Catholic* staff
- **Best Package — Covid Pandemic Outreach Communications Plan:** Honorable mention, Diocese of Burlington, Vermont Catholic Online Ministries
- **Best Use of Typography:** Honorable Mention, *Vermont Catholic* (Mary-Margaret Carroll), Archive Detectives
- **Best Guest Column/Commentary:** Honorable Mention, *Vermont Catholic*, Walking in a good way: Abenaki Catholicism in Ndaquinna by Damian Costello
- **Best Regular Column — General Commentary:** Third Place, *Vermont Catholic*, Reflections by Kay Winchester
- **Best Title and Lead-In:** Honorable Mention, *Vermont Catholic*, "It was a shocking sight, really" by Kay Winchester
- **Social Media Professional of the Year:** Honorable Mention, Diocese of Burlington, Alayna Masker
- **Best Initiative or Campaign — Packages:** First Place, Christ Our Hope, Diocese of Burlington
- **Best Use of Photos in Social Media:** First Place, Diocese of Burlington, Year with the Saints

Judges offered comments on the highest awards. Regarding work by the Diocese of Burlington team, they said:

Best Diocesan Magazine

"Stunning photographs and graphics accompany interesting and timely stories. The magazine has devoted an entire year to a focus on the saints linking hagiography with contemporary issues and concerns such as social justice, peace, and care for the vulnerable. Pairing the saints' stories of old with named diocesan parishes connects past and present, echoing Pope Francis: 'To be saints is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for everyone.' This creative approach is an effective and unique way to inform and catechize."

Best Regular Column — General Commentary,

Third Place "Reflections," Kay Winchester

"Relatable and well-written columns that include stories that will stay with readers long after they finish reading."

Best Initiative or Campaign Package

First Place, Christ Our Hope, Development Team

"Impressive project scope. Communication effort effectively and successfully completed the mission. Web design and media materials conveyed a high level of professional skill and technological creativity. The video products were solid and could have been very competitive on their own merit in the video category. Wonderful work that represents the very best in the Catholic media industry!"

Best Use of Photos in Social Media

First Place, Year with the Saints Diocese of Burlington, Alayna Masker

"Excellent use of architectural photography to showcase community worship locations using social media. Creative and engaging!"

The purpose of the Catholic Press Awards is to acknowledge the outstanding work of its publisher and communication members as they strive to further the mission of the Church. On a daily basis they inform, inspire and educate readers keeping them connected to their faith and telling the story of the Church. It is those contributions that are recognized through these awards.

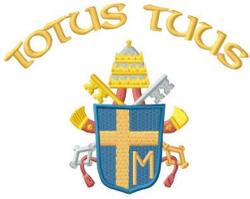
With the diversity of Catholic communications today, the awards program offers the opportunity for individuals with various skill sets to submit their best work for critical review. Participants choose categories organized by different media that feature writing, design, production and editing skills, and submit in sub-categories separated by intent such as news and feature stories.

The Office of Communications is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Totus Tuus could use your help!

We still need help with a few things:

PRAYERS: Please pray for those attending Totus Tuus, that their hearts may be open to an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, keep in your prayers the Totus Tuus teachers.

COOKIES: We need a lot of cookies for the morning cookie break! These can be dropped off at the parish center during normal business hours.

DINNER: Pick an evening, Monday thru Thursday, August 2 thru 5 - host the 4 teachers for dinner or provide a gift card for 4 to a local restaurant.

FINANCIAL: Some families are in need of scholarship money, and we also need funds for our pizza party and supplies.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Email: shsftotustuus@gmail.com or

Call/Text Mary Drew at 802-379-8030



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:

If you would like to become a volunteer at HIS Pantry or give us an additional hand in one of the areas listed above, please email hispantryshsf@gmail.com or call 802-823-0195.

Donations:

For those of you who would like to donate items to the pantry, we are most in need of the following:

- * toiletries such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, shaving cream, razors
- * dish soap, laundry pods
- * empty laundry detergent bottles (we partially refill them from large economy sized bottles).

Volunteering: We are in need of a few more volunteers. Here are some of the areas where we especially need help:

- * Outdoor setup & guest assistance: Wednesday afternoons and/or Friday mornings
- * Indoor stocking, food prep & packaging
- * People that can pick up donations from local stores

Join Us!



Join us in a farewell reception for seminarian Luan Tran who has been serving our parishes this summer on Sunday, August 8 after the 9:30 am Mass in the Parish Center.

Ride Needed

Would you be able to help someone reconnect with her faith? There is a lady who lives on Pageant Street that would like a ride to Mass on the weekends. If you are interested please call Mary Pleasant at VNA & Hospice, 442-0540.

Parish Resources

Baptism - Contact Kathy Murphy at the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or, for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation.

Faith Formation for Children

To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact Kathy Murphy in the Parish Office.

Marriage

Couples who wish to prepare for marriage should contact the pastor a minimum of 6 months prior to the requested date of marriage.

Care of the Sick

To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick, for Holy Communion to be brought to those unable to attend the Sunday celebration, or for Viaticum for the Dying (Holy Communion for those in danger of death), please contact the Parish Office. It is always possible to anoint the sick during regularly scheduled liturgies.