

JANUARY 30, 2022



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

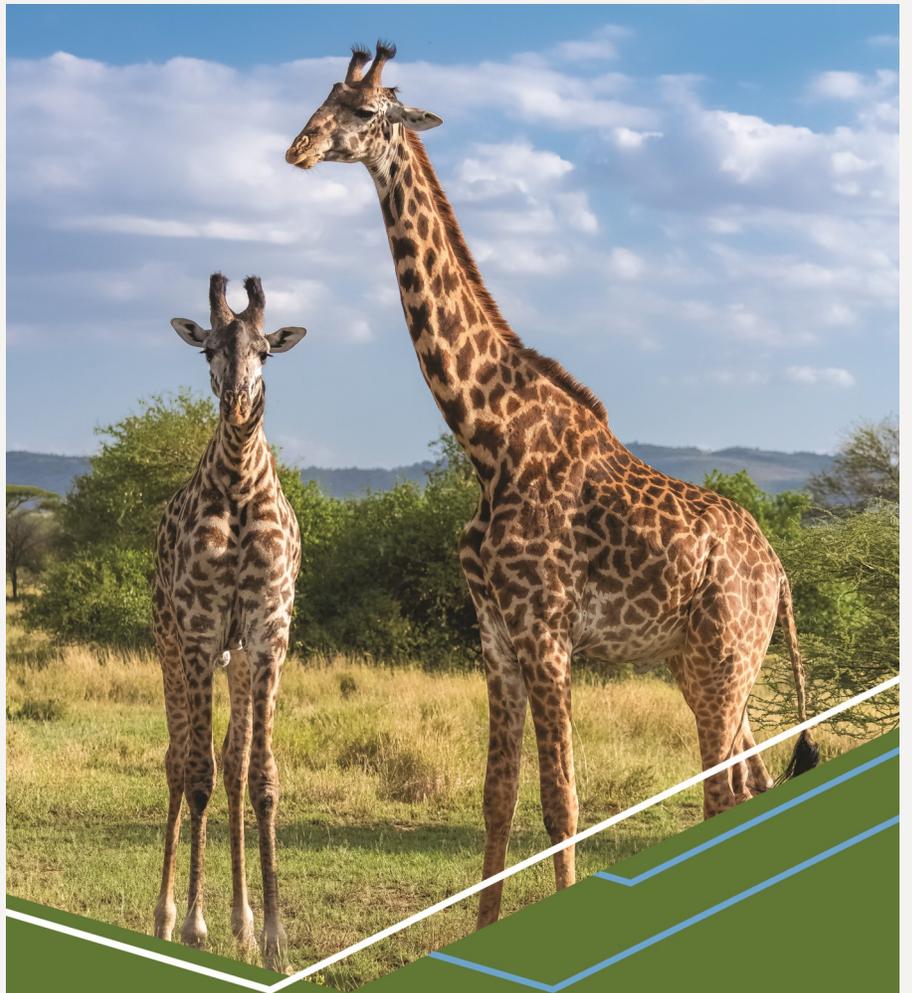
Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM or by appointment



CONGREGATION OF
HOLY CROSS
EDUCATION • PARISH • MISSION

Rev. Robert Wiseman, c.s.c.—Pastor
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.



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?"

- Lk 4:21-22

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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
January 29 — February 6, 2022

(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

Sat./Sun., Jan. 29/30 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Our Parish Family
7:30 a.m. † Thomas W. McGinty, Sr. - His Family
† Pete LaBella - His Family
9:30 a.m. † John & Shirley Lapean - Anthony & Cindy
Lapean
† Sophie Anne Stehle - Her Daughters
† Kathleen English - Deacon Gary & Kathy Zack

Monday, Jan. 31 Saint John Bosco

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

Tuesday, Feb. 1 Weekday

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

Wednesday, Feb. 2 The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

Thursday, Feb. 3 Saint Blaise and Saint Ansgar

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

Friday, Feb. 4 Weekday

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

Sat./Sun., Feb. 5/6 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. † Phyllis L. Morrissey (9th) - Mary Morrissey
7:30 a.m. † Helen & Jerry Keough - The Kuhn Family
9:30 a.m. † Tim Garvey - Deacon Gary & Kathy Zack
(Living) Charlie Buckley - Vicky & Julie

Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-1

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Gospel Reflection

Encouraging a deeper understanding of scripture.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

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Sunday Summary

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 A prophet may be too young for many things, but not for the work to which God calls him.

Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 God is to be trusted from the womb until the final moment of rescue from death.

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Paul speaks of the magnificent beauty and challenge of love.

Luke 4:21-30 The word of the Lord is too challenging for the closed-minded people of Nazareth.

*“The opportunity of doing great things
does not come often,
but at every moment we can do little ones
with great love.”
~ St. Francis de Sales*



Faith Formation Program

"Growing In Faith Together"

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

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
Mrs. Tiffany McKenna, Principal
802-442-2446

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.

Faith Formation Updates...

Do you know anyone who is interested in the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist or Confirmation, or simply a child who wants to learn more about the Catholic Faith? **If so, please contact Kathy Murphy or Mary Drew at (802) 442-3141.**

Faith Formation dates for CGS and Grades 1 - 5
SHSF Church
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

- **February 20** - No Class - school break
- **April 17** - No Class - Happy Easter!
- **May 7 - 8** - Retreat, Reconciliation and First Eucharist
- **May 8** - No Class, but retreat for those receiving First Eucharist
- **May 22** - Last Class - Pentecost celebration

Save the Date for Confirmation

Saturday, April 30 at 11:00 a.m.
at Christ our Savior Church, Manchester, VT



Catholic Schools Week
January 30 — February 5

Dear Parishioners,

We begin our week-long celebration of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 30.

At Sacred Heart St. Francis we continue to build the Kingdom of God each and every day. We proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ because our school community has been enriched by God's gift of faith. We must build on that and create a faith-filled future for our children, our school, and our parishes.

Catholic Schools Week 2022 provides an excellent opportunity to demonstrate to the community what Catholic school parents, administrators, teachers, and students have known all along... that we are truly forming a future full of faith and promise. Our school is strong and vibrant because of the faith we share.

Below you will see the daily themes for Catholic Schools Week. Please keep the students in your prayers as we highlight various communities and remember how they play a role in our lives.

Please see the thank you note inserted in this bulletin from our students, celebrating our parishioners. God bless our school and parish community.

Sunday — January 30 *Celebrating our Parish Opening Celebration - Liturgy at SHSF Church, 9:30 a.m.*

Monday — January 31 *Celebrating our Community Liturgy at SHSF Church with Bishop Coyne, 1:30 p.m.*

Tuesday — February 1 *Celebrating our Students*

Wednesday — February 2 *Celebrating our Nation*

Thursday — February 3 *Celebrating our Families*

Friday — February 4 *Celebrating our Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers*

Saturday — February 5 *Celebrating Vocations*

Sunday — February 6 *Closing Celebration Liturgy at St. John's Church, 11:00 a.m.*

Kids' Corner ~ Sharing the Gospel



Jesus did not expect everybody to like him. Jesus chose to follow God's plan, no matter what other people said. Even though some people wanted to hurt Jesus, he always spoke the truth. He always did what was right, no matter what.

Prayer: Dear God, help me to keep on doing what you want, no matter what other people say.

Something to Draw: Draw Jesus walking away from people who didn't like him.

Mission for the Week: What does Jesus tell you to do in his word, the Bible? Find out by reading the Bible for 15 minutes a day with your family. You could start by reading Luke.



Please remember the sick, including ~

Jean Thomson, Jim Derby, Sally Letourneau, Joan Douglass, Mark Fortun, Kay Krawczyk, Pauline Restino, Adelaide Talbot, Donna Peters, Kyle Dame, Rose Santarcangelo, Charlie Buckley, Frank Babcock, Tami Greene, Robin Guertin, Nan Mears, Diane Roy, Dorothy Roy, Rene Cassano, Caleb St. John, Elaine Letourneau, Janet Sausville, Christopher Rubino, Ruth Emaish, Matthew Rubino, Gloria Van Derzee, Kenneth Swierad, Kathy Keenan, and this week we remember the residents of Crescent Manor Care Centers.



tacklehunger.org

Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Weekend

February 12 - 13

The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer from a youth group. **“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”**

Since that day, more than \$170 million has been raised in communities across the country. Through this mission, young people learn to make a positive difference in the world.

Please join us in being part of this mission that is sharing God’s love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday.

The youth of our parish will be collecting money after each Mass the weekend of February 12 - 13. All the money collected will go directly to St. John’s Food Shelf for St. John’s or HIS Pantry for SHSF.



**Votive Candles
January 2022 Intentions**

† Perpetual for Frances Bender

† Beatrice Alderman
requested by Ron & Doris Alderman

† Theresa & Bob Long, Sr.
requested by their Children & Families

† James Horrigan
requested by his Family

† Annette Poblocki
requested by Family & Friends

**Saint of the Week – Examples of our Faith
St. Blaise | February 3**



ST. BLAISE

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



“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 church
from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

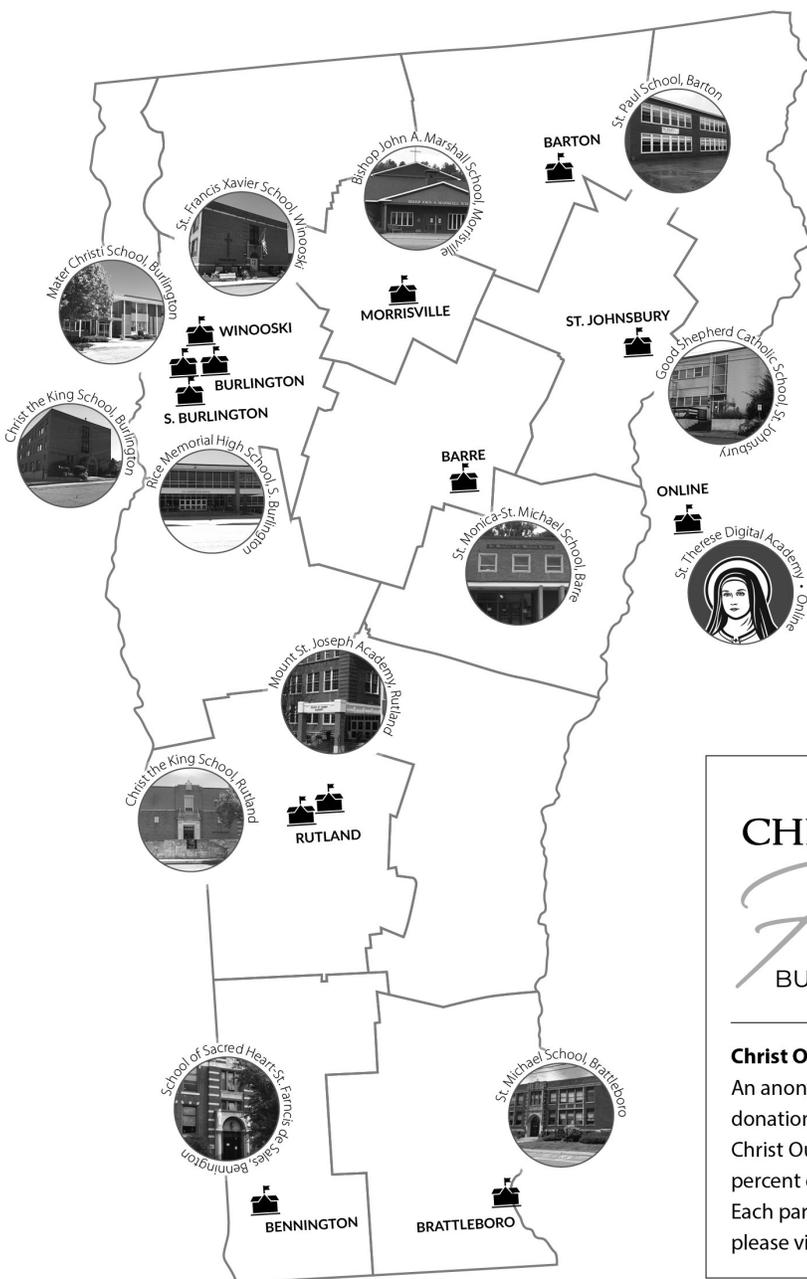
NEWS FROM The Inland See

January 29 – February 4, 2022

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



Catholic Schools Week 2022 January 30 – February 5



DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
You belong here.

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2022 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.”

Catholic Schools in Vermont will hold their own celebrations throughout the week and Bishop Christopher Coyne will be visiting some of the schools and celebrating Mass with them. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

CHRIST OUR

Hope
BUILDING A VIBRANT CHURCH



Christ Our Hope Matching Gift

An anonymous donor has made a \$5,000 matching gift for the first donations of \$500 or more made on online on January 31, to the Christ Our Hope campaign. The parish will receive a hundred percent of the \$500 match towards their Christ Our Hope goals. Each parish can receive up to two matches. To make an online gift please visit: christourhopevt.org/donate

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 p.m.

Fridays 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

HIS Pantry is a volunteer-run parish ministry which assists those in need of food in our local community.

If you would like to become a volunteer at HIS Pantry 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 have a continued need for the following items, which the Foodbank usually does not supply:

- ◆ Peanut butter
- ◆ Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- ◆ Shampoo

Due to increased concern over the delta variant, we will be continuing to operate outside on Wednesdays and Fridays for the next few months.

We can not accept any more of the following donations: used shoes, adult diapers, books and miscellaneous household items. We are overflowing and have little space left! As the weather begins to turn cooler we are accepting warm winter coats and blankets.

A Weekly Lenten Offering of Prayer and Song

On Tuesday evenings during Lent, a lector and a few choir members (at a vast distance apart from each other) will safely gather in the church to offer a brief Service of Scripture and Song in the Tradition of Taize. The weekly service will start at 5:30 p.m. It will begin on March 8 and end on April 5.

Taize music is very contemplative and powerful. It can be best described as simple refrains or mantras which become increasingly prayerful with each repetition. Please join us as we journey with Christ to the Cross with prayer and music.

The **Second Collection** this weekend is for Initial Envelope Offering.

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

We thank you for your generosity!

Join us for a Zoom Adult Enrichment on

Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life

by Donald McNeill, Douglas Morrison & Henri Nouwen

Dates & Times are as follows:

(Please read following pages before each.)

(Sessions 3 and 4)

Jan 31, 2022 10:30 AM - 12 Noon Read pp 87-127

Feb 7, 2022 10:30 AM - 12 Noon Read pp 129-137

Please register through the Zoom registration link:

<https://tinyurl.com/fwk2vh44>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Consider attending as many sessions as you can.

Books will be available at The Bennington Bookshop at the discounted price of \$12.80. If all of these are sold, additional participants can order them for \$16.

For more information, contact facilitator Wilma Ann Johnson at johnsonwa7@msn.com or 802-681-7290



25th Annual Toy & Model Show

Saturday, February 12, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Parish Center

Come support this annual parish fundraiser!

For sale: Kits – Plastic/Diecast

Hot Wheels – Matchbox – Toys and more!

50/50 Raffles – Beverages – Lunch

Admission: \$3.00 (kids under 12 free)

Annual Contribution Statements

If you would like a copy of your annual contribution statement, please let us know by calling the parish office at 442-3141 or emailing us at benncath@comcast.net, and we will be happy to mail it to you.