

FEBRUARY 27, 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

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



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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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.

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
February 26 — March 6, 2022

(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

- Sat./Sun., Feb. 26/27 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:00 p.m. † Marie Maynard - Henry Maynard
 7:30 a.m. † James LaCroix - The Family
 † Leon & Beatrice Boutin - Daughter, Mary
 9:30 a.m. † Scott Coulter - The Holy Family Prayer Group
 † Mike Rinaldo - Carolyn & Gerry McMurray
 (Living) For the health of Mark Fortun -
 Don McMahon
- Monday, Feb. 28 Weekday**
 8:00 a.m. † Richard Boisvert (7th) - His Wife, Children, &
 Family
 † Marilyn Haynes - Betty Tange
- Tuesday, Mar. 1 Weekday**
 8:00 a.m. † Rose Barbera - Barbara Condon
 † Julie Griffith LeBlanc (1st) - Her Mother
- Wednesday, Mar. 2 Ash Wednesday**
 8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family
 12:15 p.m. Our Parish Family
 5:30 p.m. Our Parish Family
- Thursday, Mar. 3 Saint Katharine Drexel**
 8:00 a.m. † John Billings - Carol Salazar
- Friday, Mar. 4 Saint Casimir**
 8:00 a.m. † Shelby Coon - Carol & Alison
- Sat./Sun., Mar. 5/6 First Sunday of Lent**
 4:00 p.m. † Russell Altland - Carol, Anthony, & Maria
 † Len Nichols - Tom Maynard
 7:30 a.m. † Bernadette Boutin & Children - Sister, Mary
 9:30 a.m. † Helen (7th) & Vin Wiggin - Rita & Family

Readings for the week of February 27, 2022

- Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1
 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
- Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk
 10:17-27
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-
 31
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf.
 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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Gospel Reflection

Encouraging a deeper understanding of scripture.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites.

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Sunday Summary

Sirach 27:4-7 The fruit of a tree is the result of the care it's received.

Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 Seek justice, and bear fruitfulness.

1 Corinthians 15:54-58 The work we do for God is never wasted.

Luke 6:39-45 What we bear in our hearts is, ultimately, what we have to work with.

*"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."*

BENNINGTON, VT



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.



Sunday, March 13

6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Church

Join us on Sunday, March 13 for a Youth Group Game Night at St. John the Baptist Church in North Bennington.

All youth, grades 8th — 12th, are welcome. Come for fun, food, fellowship, board games, ping pong, air hockey, and more!! Hope to see you there!



Totus Tuus ~ Catholic Summer Camp

Save the Date

Grades 1 – 8: **June 20—24**, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

High School: **June 19—23**, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Join us for a week of faith and fun! Totus Tuus is a high-energy dose of faith building led by four college-age young adults. Totus Tuus is Latin for "Totally Yours" and is a Catholic youth program dedicated to promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, and Eucharistic worship. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in their understanding of, and strengthen their faith in, Jesus Christ. The program strives to bring our faith to life.

For more information, please email: shsftotustuus@gmail.com.



12TH ANNIVERSARY

Wintertastic Raffle & Fundraiser



CELEBRATING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

A BENEFIT FOR THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT
The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis DeSales

Saturday, March 26, 2022



The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales

Annual Wintertastic Celebration is now...

The Wintertastic Raffle and Fundraiser!

Live Streamed on March 26

Only 500 tickets will be sold and the deadline is March 18.

Some of the raffle items include \$1000 cash, membership at the Mt. Anthony Country Club, King or Queen natural form bed, car washes for a year with some extras, tax return courtesy of Frank Cody at Love, Cody, Inc., photography session with Samantha Lauzon, gas grill from Home Depot, gift certificates from Pembroke Landscaping, Ocean State Job Lot, and the list goes on!

Check out the full list at:

<https://sacredheartbennington.org/support/winter-auction/>

You can join the fun through sponsorships, ticket purchases, donations and prayers. See the Sponsor form on the website listed above. Tickets will be drawn randomly and the prizes will be awarded in the order they are listed. We hope you have fun with this event and THANK YOU very much.

Our sincere gratitude goes to:

Silver Sponsors: Jason, Christine and Catherine Morrissey



Please remember the sick, including ~

Barbara Marino, Dottie DePollo, Donna Savoia, Jean Thomson, Jim Derby, Joan Douglass, Mark Fortun, Kay Krawczyk, Pauline Restino, Adelaide Talbot, Donna Peters, Kyle Dame, 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 patients of Southwestern Vermont Medical Center.



March 2, 2022
Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales:
8:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

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*St. John the Baptist:*  
9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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Please note: The Collection on Ash Wednesday supports the outreach work of Vermont Catholic Charities.

Come and Rest in the Lord



Find Solace in Christ's Redeeming Love through Scripture and Song in the Tradition of Taize

Tuesday evenings throughout Lent
March 8 through April 5
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Guidelines for Lent

The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance, and works of charity.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

- **Fasting** – The rule of fasting states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, “sufficient to maintain strength”, are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59 years of age.
- **Abstinence** – refrain from the eating of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.
- The **substantial** observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation.

Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended. Parents and teachers should see that even those who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence because of age, are brought up in an atmosphere that is conducive to a sense of penance.



Votive Candles
February 2022 Intentions

† Perpetual for Frances Bender

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

† Lollie Hogan
requested by her Family



Lent is Coming! Join our faith community — and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States — in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

NEWS FROM The Inland See

February 26 – March 4, 2022

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Vermont Catholic Charities Ash Wednesday Appeal

“Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ.” — Pope Francis



On March 2, our Lenten journey begins with Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the 40 days of Lent dedicated to reflection, fasting, alms giving and good works in preparation for Easter. One concrete way we can sacrifice and share our gifts with others is to participate in the Ash Wednesday collection which supports the outreach work of Vermont Catholic Charities Inc.

Since 1929, Vermont Catholic Charities has responded to the call to help our neighbors in need. Guided by our faith, we do what we do because we are Catholic, not because those we serve are Catholic. We help transform lives through the services we offer: residential care homes for seniors, counseling for individuals and families, a denture program, prison ministry and emergency aid. The clients that come to our “doors” are some of the most vulnerable in our communities. The continuing Covid-19 pandemic along with rising costs, isolation and other factors have heightened the needs for the population we serve and have brought new families to us for help. Due to budgetary constraints and increased needs, we are calling on you to help us continue to be able to serve fellow Vermonters.

Here are some of the “faces” you can help through a donation to the Ash Wednesday collection:

Residential Care Homes:

“My brother and I want to thank you for taking care of our dear sister. She moved successfully into your residential care home in December and loves it! The entire staff has been stellar. All of this is so much harder in a pandemic and we are grateful that she has found a new home in such a fine place. Thank you!”

Emergency Aid:

Sue called Vermont Catholic Charities with an emergency. She was running out of propane and was afraid that she and her two daughters could not stay in their apartment without heat due to the severity of the weather. We contacted the propane company and paid for a delivery of propane. Sue said, “Thank you for helping me in my time of need.”

George is a single father of two teenage children. He had fallen behind on rent. One of his children uses support services in the community. Therefore, George was committed to remaining in

their home and community. We assisted with some back rent and helped him apply for additional assistance to ensure all his back rent was covered. George stated, “I am grateful for your support and relieved that my family can remain in our home.”

Ron and Deborah have three school-aged children. Due to Covid-19, Deborah had to take time off from work to care for her children at home. The loss in wages and the increase in food costs put the family in a temporary financial crisis. We assisted with a food card. Ron and Deborah commented, “This support was a godsend at a stressful time for our family. God bless you and thank you for all you do to help others.”

Counseling Services:

“Rachel” was referred to Vermont Catholic Charities because of some medical issues she was facing. All her life she has taken on responsibility for others including feeling responsible when things didn’t go well in their personal or work lives. By recognizing her limitations as a human being and learning to create boundaries with others as to not take on what others are capable of doing for themselves (sometimes called “enabling helplessness”), her health issues cleared up. She stated, “Through counseling I learned to not take on the burdens of others. I am grateful for this and a clean bill of health!”

As we begin this Lenten journey together, we ask you to prayerfully consider participating in the Ash Wednesday collection; any gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Your gift will make a direct impact in helping Catholic Charities sustain and operate the essential and valuable programs that service individuals and families throughout the 14 counties of Vermont.

As a Catholic community, let us see the face of Christ in our neighbors in need and show Christ’s love through our actions. By sharing our gifts with others, we are preparing to celebrate the good news that Jesus Christ is risen.

Donations can be mailed to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or made online at www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/catholic-charities/ash-wednesday-appeal/

— Mary Beth Pinard, Executive Director,
Vermont Catholic Charities Inc.

EIGHTH 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.



Save the Date for the Lenten Parish Mission

March 23 - 25 from 6:30—8:00 p.m.

"Eucharist: The Light of Christ's Radiating Divine Love"

Location: Sacred Heart St. Francis Church
(in person and live streamed)

Includes moments of Sacred Music, Adoration, Reflections,
Confession and Anointing with Saint Brother Andre Oil

Wednesday, March 23 – "The Eucharist, Drawing Us Nearer to Divine Love" with reflections by Fr. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C.

Thursday, March 24 – "An Evening of Divine Life and Light" with reflections from Deacon Phil Lawson

Friday, March 25 – "Divine Healing For Our Souls and Bodies" – A Healing Mass and Anointing



Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Bennington Performing Arts Center **March 19 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

This is a FREE event with a performance by two choirs from The Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church. Plus, the winner of the 2022 Martin Luther King High School Poster Contest will be recognized. Speakers include Grace Winslow and Dan Lucy. A free-will offering will benefit Bennington County Open Arms.

This event is organized by the Greater Bennington Peace and Justice Center and the Greater Bennington Interfaith Council.

This event will be held at The Performing Arts Center/Oldcastle Theatre located at 331 Main Street in Bennington. Participants are required to wear a mask and provide proof of vaccination.

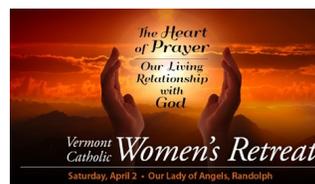


Men's Conference **March 19**

The Diocese will hold their annual **Men's Conference** on **Saturday, March 19** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels in

Randolph. The theme this year is **Band of Brothers**. The keynote speaker is Father Scott Gratton, Pastor, a Captain in the Vermont Army National Guard, and recently back from deployment in the Middle East serving as Chaplain.

For more information or to register, please go to vermontcatholic.org/men. The deadline to register is March 4.



Women's Retreat **April 2**

The Diocese will hold a second **Women's Retreat** on **Saturday, April 2** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels in

Randolph. This will be the same retreat that was held in November, but for those who were not able to attend (especially those closer to the southern part of the state). For more information, please go to vermontcatholic.org/event/womens-retreat-2022/. The deadline to register is March 11.

The **Second Collection** this weekend is for Home Missions and Black & Native Americans.

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

We thank you for your generosity!