

OCTOBER 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

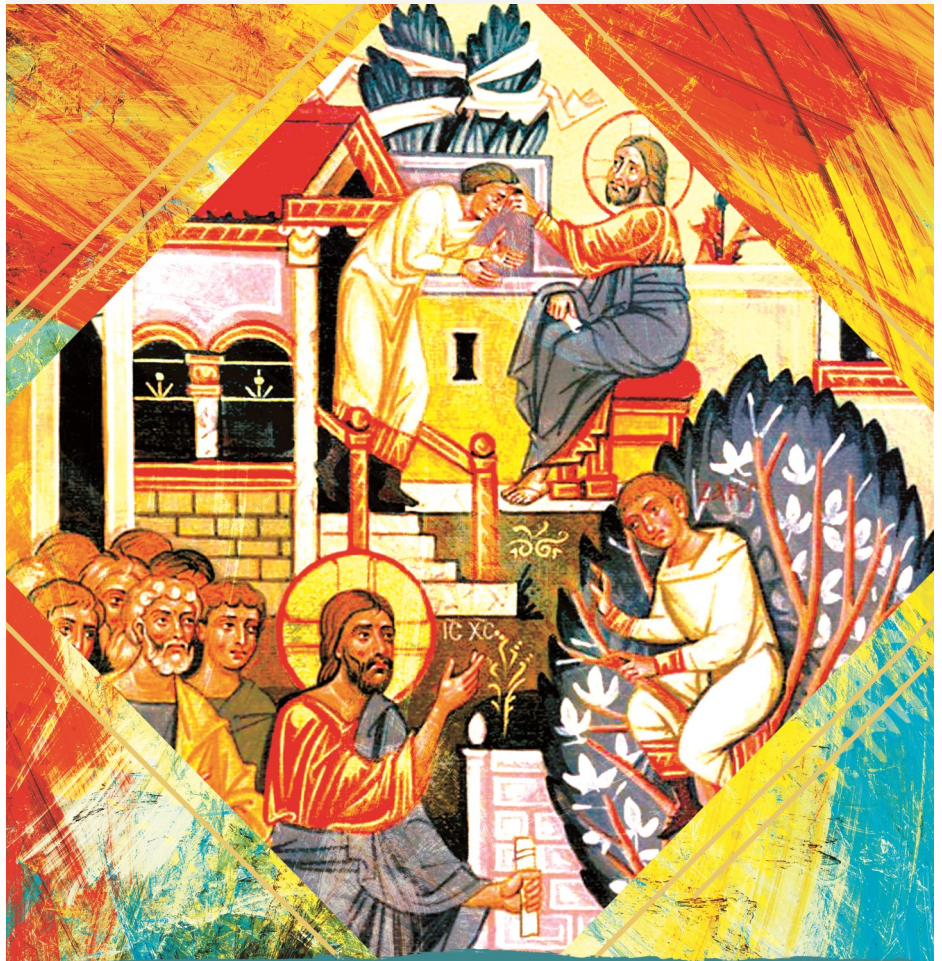
Sunday
7:30 AM & 9:30 AM

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

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



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Behold, half of my possessions, Lord,
I shall give to the poor.” - Lk 19:8

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Rev. Kevin Russeau, C.S.C.—Pastor
Rev. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C.—Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Gary Zack—Deacon

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

And Liturgical Celebrations at

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales and St. John the Baptist

October 29 — November 6, 2022

(Numbers next to a name indicate anniversary of death)

Sat./Sun., October 29/30 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. † Doris Boulet (15th) - Doris and Ron Alderman

7:30 a.m. † Elsie & James Comar-The family

9:30 a.m. † William & Hazel Kelley - Betty Palmer & family

† Kevin Hicks-The family

Monday, October 31 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Gloria VanDerzee - Julie Guasconi

Tuesday, November 1 All Saint's Day

8:00 a.m. † Hermine Dranginis— her daughter

12:15 p.m. † Rosemary (Allard) Webster (16th) - Rita & family

5:30 p.m. † Our parish family

Wednesday, November 2 All Soul's Day

8:00 a.m. † Charlie Dobrochowski— Paula Keatley

**Thursday, November 3 Saint Martin de Porres
(St. John's Church)**

9:00 a.m. Jack Sullivan for Healing— Lindsey Family

Friday, November 4 St. Charles Borromeo

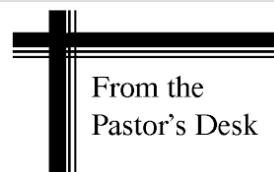
8:00 a.m. Special Intention— Lana Hill

Sat./Sun., November 5/6 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. † Kasey Frazier & Philip John Frazier Reeves— Carol, Anthony & Maria Salazar

7:30 a.m. † Merton Cross, Sr. (3rd)- Doris & Ron Alderman

9:30 a.m. † Chris Vaczi— The Diaconate Community of the Diocese of Burlington



From the
Pastor's Desk

My first three months in Vermont have been wonderful. I am grateful for the warm welcome and for the ministries I am blessed to assist with.

Our parishes have a number of upcoming enrichment programs that I want to bring to your attention. A special “thank you” to our parishioners who participated in the Synod on Synodality that helped us to prioritize these events.

This upcoming Advent, our own Fr. Robert Murphy will lead us in a parish mission. Events covering four days will help us to reflect on the themes of Advent: Jesus’ first coming, Jesus’ future coming, and Jesus’ present (sacramental) coming in our lives. Fr. Robert will offer a three-day presentation coupled with Mass and food. He will also present to our youth and offer a one-day summary of his talks. Mark your calendars with our parish mission for November 27-30.

In March, we will host a parish retreat, Light of the World that was planned pre-Covid. This retreat will remind participants of God’s love for us and our need to connect with God through the sacraments. While space is limited for this first retreat, mark your calendars for March 3-6, 2023.

We have also chosen a series on the Eucharist to present next year as our Church celebrates a Eucharistic Revival. The traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima is with us for the duration of the month – you can find the statue in the Holy Cross chapel at SHSF. As more programs are planned, we will keep you informed. Let’s continue to pray for each other.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin
krusseaucsc@gmail.com

Readings for the week of October 30, 2022

Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2
Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/
Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom
5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2
Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule Tuesday, November 1

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

St. John the Baptist:
5:30 pm Vigil Mass and 9:00 am day of



Faith Formation Program

"Growing In Faith Together"

For more information contact Kathy Murphy or Mary Drew
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Faith Formation Dates for 2022 - 2023

Sacred Heart St. Francis and St. John the Baptist Churches

SUNDAY Classes for CGS Level I (3-6 year olds), CGS Level II, and Grades 4 & 5:

10:30 a.m. to noon

MONDAY Classes for CGS Level II only:

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

No Classes:

October 31 - Halloween

November 13, 14 - Veterans Day weekend

November 27, 28 - Thanksgiving weekend

December 25, 26 - Christmas

Confirmation Classes: October 30th at St. John the Baptist

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Class

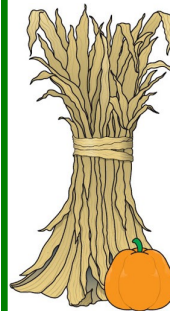
6:00 p.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

Save the Date:

Friday, December 16 - Christmas Pageant (Time TBD)

Annual Harvest Bazaar November 5



The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales announces that it will hold its annual Harvest Bazaar on Saturday, November 5. The location for the Bazaar is the Parish Hall at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church.

The bazaar is a long-standing tradition for the school and serves as a fundraiser and community event. Local artisans and craftspeople rent booths to sell their wares.

There is a silent auction of items donated by local businesses and the vendors and other friends of the school. So, you can take a chance on winning special prizes, buy something tasty from the bake sale, and try to win cash prizes with the Big Money Lottery and the Lottery Tree raffles. Food trucks will offer breakfast and lunch items in the parking lot, making more room in the parish hall for additional vendors.

Booth rental is \$60.00. Please contact Susan Paustian at 802-442-2446 to make arrangements.

**Mark the day on your calendar to attend the
Annual Harvest Bazaar on November 5.**

You will find a treasure or two and make a memory!



Welcome to the newest member of our church, Everett Michael Shartrand, who was baptized at the 4 pm Mass.
Receive the light of Christ!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -

First Reading:

Wisdom teaches us that the Lord mercifully and lovingly awaits us to stop sinning and return to Him. What behaviors in your life are holding you back from a deeper relationship with Jesus?

Second Reading:

Paul is concerned that the believers in the city of Thessalonica are being misled by others about the second coming of Christ. What do you think is an effective way to address any messages that belittle or disregard our beliefs?

Gospel:

Jesus sees in Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector, an opportunity to teach the crowds that as the Son of Man, he has "come to seek and to save what was lost." Are you included in that description? How does that make you feel?

OCTOBER 23, 2022



Please remember the sick, including ~

Monica Murray, Beth McLean, Connie Smith, Amy Johnson, Gloria Lauzon, Phyllis McGinty, Cindy Levitte, Barbara Marino, Dotti DePollo, Donna Savoia, Jean Thomson, Mark Fortun, Kay Krawczyk, Pauline Restino, Adelaide Talbot, Kyle Dame, Charlie Buckley, Frank Babcock, Robin Guertin, Nan Mears, Diane Roy, Dorothy Roy, Caleb St. John, Elaine Letourneau, Janet Sausville, Christopher Rubino, Ruth Emaish, Matthew Rubino, Kenneth Swierad, Kathy Keenan, and this week we remember the patients of the Vermont Veterans' Home.



**Votive Candles
October 2022 Intentions**

† Perpetual for Frances Bender

† Theresa & Bob Long, Sr.
requested by their children & families



Pray the Rosary

The Rosary is prayed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 7:30 a.m. (before the 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass.). All are welcome to join.

Sunday Summary

Wisdom 11:22-12:2 God desires to spare all things, since all the universe belongs to God.

Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 God shows kindness and compassion toward all creation.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 God brings to fulfillment every good purpose in faith.

Luke 19:1-10 Short of stature, Zacchaeus finds Jesus large on mercy.

**A Children's Choir
for Christmas Eve Mass!**

We would like to arrange for a choir of children to sing for Christmas Eve Mass on December 24 at 4:00 p.m. The angelic voices of children from the choir loft with chimes and organ will be a precious addition to our celebration of the Lord's birth! Rehearsal times TBA. The Children's Choir is directed by Donald McMahon. He is assisted by Carol Roaf and Linda Droege. For more information, please contact the Parish Office of Music Ministry at (802) 442-3141 (Extension 5). We look forward to hearing from you!

Weekly rehearsals will be held on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the choir loft, beginning on November 5.

"There's nothing as soothing to the soul, than the tones of an organ of old. By whispering a prayer with celestial sound, we catch a glimpse of heaven around. By shouting our praises to the Lord, eternity cannot be ignored. What wondrous tool of metal and wood, God now need not be misunderstood."

— Anonymous

Donald McMahon, in Recital at Our Magnificent Organ

Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

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This Week on Formed:

I Am Who I am

What do we mean when we say the word "God"? Who is he? What is he like? Misconceptions about God abound, even among Christians, and these misconceptions can be obstacles in our relationship with God. Through a careful study of Scripture, Dr. Klein leads you to a deeper and clearer awareness of God's nearness, his power, and his relationship with humanity.

Who Is Saint Jude

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. James Prothro discuss this lesser-known apostle.

Daily Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 a.m.

Saint John the Baptist

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



HIS Pantry

"Seeing Christ in the hungry"

Phone Number: **442-1720**

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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 make a donation to HIS Pantry, we have a continued need for the following items:

- ◆ Canned vegetables, fruit, soups, canned pasta meals
- ◆ Pasta sauces (preferably not in glass containers)
- ◆ Peanut butter, tuna, canned chicken, mac & cheese
- ◆ Toiletries: shampoo, deodorant, bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes
- ◆ Store gift cards or cash donations: to be used by our volunteer shoppers to buy needed staples and dairy items

Our deepest thanks for your kindness and generosity!



When we sit with family and friends around our tables this Thanksgiving and give thanks for all of the blessings that God has bestowed upon us, may we remember that He called us to care for the least among us. There are those who will struggle to put together a meal for their families this day. They would like to share in this great American tradition, but may not have the means to provide a bountiful table for their families. We are blessed to be able to help.

Please consider adopting a family and donating \$25 to provide all that is needed for a family to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.

Thank You For Supporting Sacred Heart St. Francis Parish

September 2022 Offertory

Offering:	\$ 19,444.27
Online:	\$ 650.00
Total:	\$ 20,094.27
Needed Each Month:	\$ 26,000.00
Monthly Ahead/Behind:	\$ - 5,905.73
Fiscal YTD Ahead/Behind:	\$ - 12,391.14

(Fiscal Year is July - June)

First Friday Holy Hour at SHSF Church and

First Saturday Mass & Adoration at St. Johns



Please plan to spend some time with Jesus at Adoration and plan to attend the next beautiful First Friday closing service on **Friday, November 4** from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at SHSF.

On **Saturday, November 5 at 9:00 am** at St. Johns, join us for a First Saturday Mass with Adoration and Confession to follow.

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales has Eucharistic Adoration each Friday starting after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and ending at 8:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Church has Eucharistic Adoration each Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. These two programs provide an opportunity to honor the Real Presence.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2).



Nicole Cave has discerned that now is the time for her to start a new chapter in her life. Nicole has been working for our parishes for the past 18 years. She has seen and worked through many chapters in St. Johns and SHSF's histories. She will take these experiences into the next adventure in her life as she looks for what God has in store for her next.

Join us in showing our gratitude for Nicole's work and our best wishes for what is yet to come. If you wish to send Nicole a card, please feel free to drop it off at either parish office or mail it to SHSF 238 Main Street, Bennington, VT 05201. Thank you and best of luck Nicole, you will be missed!

Help Wanted!

If you know of anyone interested in the Administrative Assistant position at Sacred Heart St Francis de Sales Church, please send a letter of interest and a resume to Fr. Kevin Russeau, krusseau@shsf.org

The **Second Collection** this weekend is for
The Archdiocese Military Collection.
Thank you for your generosity!

NEWS FROM The Inland See

October 29 – November 4, 2022

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

A gift from God

October was Down Syndrome Awareness Month, a time, according to The Jerome Lejeune Foundation, when “we applaud caregivers, families and medical professionals — but most of all, we applaud all the wonderful people with Down syndrome.”

As in most years during Down Syndrome Awareness Month, our family joined other families in our area who have a child with Down syndrome for the annual local Buddy Walk. Collectively, our children at the gathering ranged from infants to adults.

Though the children and adults with Down syndrome differ in abilities and personalities — and though our families are from all different backgrounds — there is an understanding among us. We get one another. There is a beautiful acceptance and appreciation for the family members with Down syndrome. Our children are valued.

There is a special quality that individuals with Down syndrome possess that is difficult to explain unless you have had the privilege of knowing someone with that extra 21st chromosome. I think the late Dr. Jerome Lejeune (considered Venerable by the Catholic Church) captures that quality perfectly: “Their ligaments, their muscles, are so supple that it adds a tender languor to their way of being. And this sweetness extends to their character.”

That sweetness of character, I think, is what we pick up on. The more people who get to know a person with Down syndrome, the more those qualities can be appreciated, and the more acceptance there is. And the more people there are with Down syndrome, then the more exposure people will have to them.

But what happens when their numbers disappear from our communities as a result of the routine practice of prenatal testing and abortion? A 2012 study estimated that about 74 percent of babies prenatally diagnosed with Down syndrome are aborted in the U.S. (For various reasons, not all babies with Down syndrome are diagnosed prenatally, so, that high percentage does not reflect the overall reduction in Down syndrome births.)

Overall reduction in Down syndrome births is estimated each



year in an annual study, People living with Down syndrome in the USA: Births and Population. The 2022 update (for year 2016) estimates the overall reduction in Down syndrome births, due to abortion, was about 36 percent.

The previous study estimated 33 percent, so there has been an uptick in the percentage of babies with Down syndrome aborted. Future years will show whether the implementation of Non-Invasive

Prenatal Screening, introduced in 2011, is having an effect on Down syndrome births.

The findings for Europe are even more devastating. The 2022 update estimates that the effect of abortion on overall newborn births is 56 percent. In other words, Europe is reducing Down syndrome births each year by over a half.

This huge reduction in Down syndrome births is unbearable to think about. Thousands of innocent babies' lives extinguished each year on both continents. Significantly fewer families blessed with a child with Down syndrome. Significantly fewer children with Down syndrome to get to know and appreciate. Less understanding for those who struggle for acceptance.

On a positive note, life expectancy for individuals with Down syndrome has dramatically improved over the decades. The U.S. study shows that life expectancy was, “53 years (mean) and 58 years (median)” in the 2010s.

I was talking to my daughter Sadie recently, about how, typically, babies get 23 chromosomes from the mom and 23 from the dad. We've talked about this before, so she's familiar with the concept. I told her, “In your case, of course, you have an extra chromosome that comes from...” Before I could complete my sentence and without skipping a beat, she said, “It comes from God!”

Wow! Now that is a young lady who knows her worth.

It is so incredibly sad that so many expecting parents don't recognize the value of their own child. If only they knew what my daughter knows.

— Eileen Haupt is respect life coordinator
for the Diocese of Burlington.

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