

Capital Campaign Project Proposals for St. Andre Bessette Parish

St. Ignatius Hall:

- Repair/refurbish hardwood floor

St. Ignatius Church:

- Painting
- Repairing the railing

St. Vincent de Paul Rectory:

- Multiple window replacement
- Exterior Painting
- Insulation/winterization

St. Vincent de Paul Church:

- Replacement of basement windows
- Repairing the railing

Sacred Heart Church:

- Handicap entrance door replacement
- Sidewalk replacement in front of church

Sacred Heart Hall:

- Replacement of steps at Fire Exit

Volunteers needed!

From October 5th through October 10th, the Knights of Columbus will be scraping and painting the Rectory in N. Troy.

Parish Stewardship Reports

Weekend of 9/26/20– 9/27 /20

St. Andre Bessette Parish

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| Offertory | \$ 1,334.00 |
| Weekly Budget | \$ 1,771.00 |
| Difference +/- | (\$437.00) |

Preparation for the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church

Isaiah 6:8: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"

Volunteers with the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign are busy making outreach calls to their fellow parishioners. The purpose of the call is to discuss the campaign, answer your questions and graciously ask you to consider joining in support of the campaign. The volunteers will not be asking for a specific gift amount nor do they know what you have been invited to consider giving. This is an invitation not an expectation.

With 60% of the funding coming back to St. Andre Bessette Parish we have an opportunity to address our Parish needs as outlined in the weekly bulletin.

If you receive a call, we ask that you take time to talk with the volunteer. They are doing God's work to help build His earthly kingdom. So, again, please take their call; if they leave a message, call them back and please treat them with the respect they rightly deserve.

Please don't forget you can join Bishop Coyne on **Monday, Oct. 5 from 7-8 p.m. or Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 3-4 p.m.** for a virtual chat to learn more about the campaign and its importance. To register for the Zoom event please visit <https://www.christourhopevt.org/events>.

Don't forget to stay current with all campaign news please visit <https://www.christourhopevt.org> !

Campaign Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, we place our hope in You to guide the Catholic Church in Vermont to renew our parishes and engage our youth; to form lay leaders and serve the most vulnerable among us. In the power of the Holy Spirit, help us build a vibrant Church in this time and place and for generations to come. Seeking the intercession of our first bishop, Louis de Goësbriand, we pray this through Christ Our Lord, Amen. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

~ COME ONE! COME ALL! ~

The Ladies of St. Vincent de Paul is hosting the Annual Harvest Dinner on October 11th at 18 North Pleasant St., North Troy. Take-out Meals Only.

Meal Pick-up 11:30 – 1:00 PM

Turkey Dinner to include: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Squash, Carrots, Roll, Cranberry Sauce and a piece of pie (Apple, Pumpkin, Lemon Meringue)

\$12/Meal

Please call to reserve by October 4th:

Helene 988-2348

Wilma 673-5829

Lorie 417-316-3345

LADIES OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our next meeting of the Ladies of Saint de Paul will be Tuesday, October 6th at 6:00 PM in the Saint Vincent de Paul Parish Hall.



This Week's Faith Reflections

This month is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Our Rosary (a collection of prayers that is compared to a banquet of roses) has a long history going back to the 1400's. It is said that the primitive Rosaries were nothing more than 150 pebbles in a leather sack. St. Louis de Montfort is said to have composed the narratives that eventually became the Five Mysteries of the Rosary.

Our Lady has appeared over the years instructing the faithful to pray the Rosary (at Fatima, to St. Dominic, e.g.). Clearly, the Holy Rosary is a devotion we must pray regularly (daily!!) especially in these turbulent times. We must always be near to Our Blessed Mother to be near Jesus.

NEWS FROM The Inland See

October 10-16, 2020

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



WHY A VERMONT CATHOLIC? ADVANCE DIRECTIVE?

The Diocese of Burlington developed the Vermont Catholic Advance Directive to help you control your own health care if you become unable to communicate or to make decisions yourself. People avoid thinking about illness and death, yet we know that illness and death are realities.

What is an advance directive?

An advance directive is a document you use to appoint someone to act for you if you become unable to communicate or to participate in decisions on your health care. You can also tell your doctor your choices for your care in that document.

Why use the VCAD? Why not other forms?

The VCAD follows Catholic moral teaching on medical care. Other forms do not provide any specific moral guidance and may lead you to make immoral choices. The VCAD also follows Vermont law.

Most states recognize an out-of-state form that is valid in the patient's own state.

Who can be my health care agent?

It can be a trusted family member or friend. But think carefully: Will that person do what you want and advocate for you and your Catholic values? This is explained in the form.

What if I do not have any family nearby?

No problem. The person does not need to live locally. Instructions and discussions may be taken care of over the phone. The agent does not have to be a family member. In fact, many

people ask someone who is not a relative to serve as the health care agent.

What about organ donation?

You may decide to donate organs; you can give that instruction in your form. The one critical issue is that the hospital follows "the dead donor rule" — i.e. does not take the organs before you die. If you have any doubts or misgivings, simply do not donate.

What about my remains? Who can take care of my funeral?

You can also appoint an agent to handle funeral arrangements in the form. It may be a family member or other person. It may be the same person as your health care agent or someone else.

What about funeral instructions?

You may give explicit funeral instructions in the form including the church for a Mass and instructions on burial.

Where can I get a copy of the VCAD? Are instruction materials available?

You may print copies of the VCAD from the diocesan webpage: vermontcatholic.org/resource/vermont-catholic-advance-directive

What if I have more questions?

Contact Deacon Pete Gummere by email at pgummere@vermontcatholic.org or leave a message by calling 802-658-6110 ext. 1152.

— *Deacon Pete Gummere is a bioethicist and serves at Corpus Christi Parish in St. Johnsbury.*

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BUILDING A VIBRANT CHURCH



Christ Our Hope Campaign Update

You should have received a Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign packet inviting you to consider a gift over a three-year period. We understand that for some this may not be possible at this time and we ask for your prayers. For others, the amount requested may not be appropriate for your current situation but you can contribute at a different level. Please review the materials and consider what is possible for your family or visit: christourhopevt.org.

To learn more, register for a Christ Our Hope Campaign virtual chat with Bishop Coyne on October 14 at 3-4 p.m. or Oct. 20 at 7-8 p.m. at christourhopevt.org/events.

Upcoming Events



10|13 WEDNESDAY

Parent Café

Zoom • 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Join other Catholic parents in Vermont for these virtual discussions about life and faith. Learn more at: vermontcatholic.org/events/parentcafe.



10|13, 20, 27, 11|03, 10, 17 TUESDAYS

The Apostles Creed: Reflection Group

Zoom Meeting • 7:45 - 8:45 pm

The Apostle's Creed is the oldest of the official creeds of the Church and is still used today as our baptismal creed. Why does the Apostle's Creed matter? What does this creed actually say? Why is it important for us today? What does it tell us about our faith and how we ought to live? Join Seminarian Greg Caldwell for a series of reflections followed by discussion upon the Apostle's Creed. Email gcaldwell@saintmeinrad.edu to get Zoom information to join.



10|14, 21, 28 WEDNESDAYS

Vermont Catholic Book Club: Frankenstein

Zoom • 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us as we read Mary Shelley's famous *Frankenstein*. We will discuss this chilling tale and some of the deeper moral themes at play. All meetings will be online. The first session was on Oct. 7.



10|21 WEDNESDAY

VCP Networking Event

Zoom • 8 - 9:30 am

Our October guest speaker is Mike Walsh

— Managing Director, NFP Insurance. For more info: vermontcatholic.org/event/vcp



11|07 SATURDAY

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9:30 am

First Saturday of every month. Rosary and reconciliation begin at 8 and Mass at 8:30.



11|14 SATURDAY

Women's Retreat 2020

Zoom Meeting • 8 am - 4 pm

The Women's Retreat this year will be virtual, meeting online through Zoom. Please note that there will be no cost to participate in this event, which will be a modified day in comparison to "in-person" retreats. More information on how to register (online) will be shared in the coming weeks, as well as the details of the Retreat.



11|14 SATURDAY

Padre Pio Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am

The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets the second Saturday of each month. Rosary starts at 8am followed by Mass, Special Intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio and then learning about Padre Pio's life, ministry and spiritual gifts will follow in the Holy Family Parish Hall after Mass.



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vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

OCTOBER 11-17, 2020

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

DOING CHORES CAN BE FUN

Do you keep a "Honey Do List" or chores that need to get done around the house (for your spouse to do)? Take one of those items off the list and do it together — turning it into something fun to do together. As an example, raking leaves. Make a big pile and jump in them, letting go of any inhibitions about being neat and tidy.

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2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



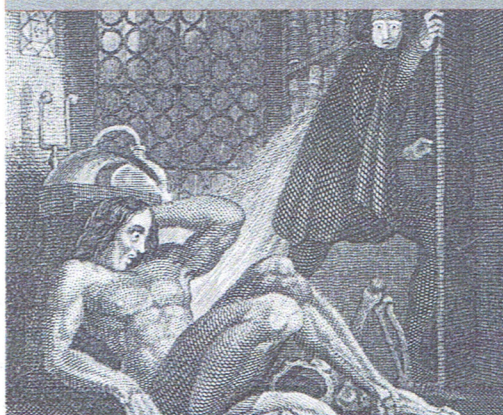
As we launch the Christ our Hope campaign, we ask that you first prayerfully consider your annual gift to the Bishop's Appeal which helps support statewide ministries today: bishopsappealvt.org. If you are able, we then ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to our first-ever statewide campaign over a three-year period to ensure the vibrant future of our parishes, schools and ministries to the poor.

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal: **\$2,651,157**

67% as of Sept. 30: **\$1,770,610**

VERMONT CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley



This October, join us as we read Mary Shelley's famous "Frankenstein." We will meet four times to discuss this chilling tale and some of the deeper moral themes at play. All meetings will be online, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

- October 7, 2020
- October 14, 2020
- October 21, 2020
- October 28, 2020

Live captioning available.

Questions: mhagan@vermontcatholic.org.

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Register at: vermontcatholic.org/event/book-study-frankenstein