

**ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH
YEAR A
25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**



**EUCCHARISTIC
CELEBRATION**



Sat:	9/23/2023	4:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul † Philip Geoffroy Jr. By his wife and children
Sun:	9/24/2023	9:00 AM † Yves Morrisette By Gisele Grondin
Tue:	9/26/2023	9:00 AM
Wed:	9/27/2023	9:00 AM
Thurs:	9/28/2023	9:00 AM
Fri:	9/29/2023	9:00 AM
Sat	9/30/2023	9:00 AM For the People of SABP
Sat	9/30/2023	4:00 PM † Joseph (Leo) Gosselin By The Family
Sun:	10/1/2023	9:00 AM † Jordan Carpenter By Daniell and Theresa McAvinney

Intentions for Daily Masses are available. Please call or stop by the office with your request.

Candle Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: **OPEN FOR INTENTIONS**
Sacred Heart: **OPEN FOR INTENTIONS**
Blessed Mother: **OPEN FOR INTENTIONS**



Sanctuary lamps/candles in front of the statues of Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary are available to be lit in honor/memory of your loved ones.

Each candle cost \$10.00.

The candle will be lit for one week.

Contact the office with your intentions.

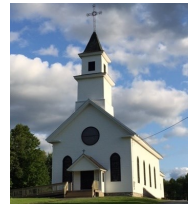
The final Mass in Lowell

Place: St. Ignatius Church at Lowell.

Time :4:00 PM

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023

There will be no Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Troy on this date



**SECOND
COLLECTION
Next Week will be for :
UTILITIES**



OCTOBER 2023



Every October, we celebrate Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. In recognition of Respect Life Month, our Knights of Columbus Council will be conducting a "Baby Shower" drive on October 7-8 at all Masses, in support of Futures Pregnancy Care Center, Lyndonville VT. The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus of James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157 will match up to \$100.00 in cash donations received. Baby bottles may be picked up for any spare change you may have. Checks may be made out to Futures Pregnancy Care Center and "KofC Baby Shower" noted in the memo block. Baby Shower items and bottles may be placed in the box at the entrances of the church. All items and money will be delivered during the Futures Pregnancy Care Center Annual Fundraiser Banquet on October 13th in Waterford VT.

**Rose Blais,
Abigail Jackson,
Wilma Therrien,
Joyce Crawford, Tess Round,
Robert Laramée, Rita Taylor,
Yvette Limoges,
Purie Mesina, Rick Bouchard**



Prayer for the Sick

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of need. Alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love and grant us the strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servant to health. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge and accept Your will.

Amen

Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You! Our Grades 1-6 religious education program will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Hall on Wednesdays from 3:30-5PM starting on October 4th, 2023. Registration forms can be found at the back of the church or contact Theresa McAvinney at 744-6272 or e-mail at tmcavinney@outlook.com

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) will be held on Thursdays at Sacred Heart of Jesus Hall from 7-8 PM starting on October 5th. These adult classes are for those wishing to become Catholic, those who are Catholic but want to complete their Sacraments of Initiation, and anyone else who wants to dive deeper into their Faith in community with others. Please contact Theresa McAvinney at 744-6272 or e-mail at tmcavinney@outlook.com to register so that we can prepare materials.

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER COYNE'S FINAL MASS

At 10:00 a.m. Mass at
St. Joseph on Sunday,
September 24th. There
will be a reception at the
Double Tree on Wilson
Road



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Thank you

The Knights of Columbus Council 7943
would like to thank everyone who donated,
worked, and participated on the Monthly Breakfast.

**May God bless you all.
Thank you again for your
continued donations and support!**

We hope to see you all at our next breakfast on
October 15, 2023

If you have any questions, please contact:
Deborah @ 802-673-7510 or
George @ 802-323-2470.



Vocationist Fathers are
organizing a fundraiser as
in previous years. They
are requesting your assis-
tance and support. You
can purchase the 50/50
raffle tickets from the
office.

Each ticket costs
5 dollars. If you buy a book of 6 tickets, it costs only
20 dollars.

Hour of Adoration

*Every Monday:
9:00 - 10:00 AM
Exposition
Daily Readings
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Benediction*



Friends of Fr. Justin (HOLY HOUR) EVERY Wednesday Morning 9:30 AM



*Will include a song or hymn, the Flame of
Love Rosary and prayer petitions from the
faithful.*

Reflections

September 24, 2023
Year A
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GOD'S WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS



What God says through Prophet Isaiah
in our 1st Reading (My thoughts are not your thoughts nor are
my ways your ways...) Jesus exemplifies in today's Gospel.
To the calculating, worldly mind, Jesus' upside-down eco-
nomics makes absolutely no sense. Today's message is in the
same league as the Beatitudes. What is being called for here is
a mature, second half of life wisdom. Jesus does not abandon
the Commandments which are the pillar of the first half of
life; rather, he builds on them and takes them to a new level.
While honoring justice, Jesus raises the bar to unheard of lev-
els of generosity. Such a prodigal approach is certainly as far
above our human thinking as the heavens are above the earth
– 1st Reading again. Paul in our 2nd Reading is at his paradoxi-
cal best. On the one hand to live is Christ, but on the other, to
die is gain! At one moment Paul wants to die and be with
Christ; at another he wants to go on living so as to help the
early Christians to live according to the Gospel of Christ. Je-
sus brings the whole paradox to a head when he concludes in
today's Gospel, "The last shall be first, and the first last." We
need to think twice before taking our place in the queue for
the Kingdom of Heaven!

SABP Volunteers' Meeting

**There will be a
meeting and appetizers for all the
volunteers in the parish on September 29th at
6:00 PM**

**Please contact The Ladies of St. Andre
Bessette Parish if you plan to attend and what
dish you would like to bring.**

Parish Stewardship Report Weekend of September 16 & 17, 2023

Offertory		\$1657.00
Weekly Budget		\$2000.00

NEWS FROM The Inland See

September 23–29, 2023

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

The Eucharist as Real Presence

Starting with this *Inland See*, we take a look at three particular aspects of the Church's teaching on the Eucharist: Eucharist as Real Presence, Eucharist as sacrifice, and Eucharist as communion.

Catholics believe that bread and wine are transformed at Mass into the Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. This is what we call the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Volumes have been written about the Real Presence, but here, I'd simply like to offer you two observations about the Real Presence of the Eucharist that have helped ground my own belief in the Eucharist and its connection to the rest of my life.

First, the Real Presence of the Eucharist allows the Eucharist to be the source and summit of our entire faith life. The Eucharist allows us to draw close to the Real Presence of Christ (in a sacramental mode). Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (Jn 14:6). Jesus Christ is the reason for the Church's very existence, working through her sacramental life. The Church exists to evangelize people and draw them into a relationship with Him. Christ compels our conversion and various ministries and work in the world. Christ himself is the source of our faith life, and the Eucharist is the privileged place where we encounter His

sacramental presence and grace. Our faith journey ultimately aims to lead us back to Christ. Our goal is heaven — union with God. As the privileged place of encounter with the Real Presence of Christ, we get a foretaste of that heavenly union every time we receive the Eucharist. Thus, because of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we can say the Eucharist is the summit of our faith life as it allows us union with Christ.

Second, it is correct to say that when we receive the Eucharist, we receive sacramentally the glorified Christ, not simply the body of Jesus. The sacramental presence of Christ in the Eucharist is a post-resurrection and post-ascension presence. We say that we receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. In death, His Body and Blood were separated and His soul separated from His Body (see Catechism 625), but Body and Blood, Soul and

Divinity are all unified once again in His resurrection. In the Eucharist then, we encounter the glorified Christ and are able to receive the graces not only of Christ's passion and death, but also the graces of His resurrection. How much we have to be grateful for in the gift of the Real Presence!

— *Josh Perry is the director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Burlington.*



Eucharistic TESTIMONIALS

"The Mass is very important in my life. The sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is so very special and unique to our Catholic faith. The host is transformed and becomes Jesus. In receiving Holy Communion, our bodies are like tabernacles holding Jesus in our hearts and souls. We are so blessed to still be able to go to Mass freely and receive Jesus. There are people in this world that have to practice their faith in hiding. I thank Jesus everyday for the gift of himself."

— *Dianne Laroche, St. Louis Parish, Highgate*

Upcoming Events



09|25 – 10|30 MONDAYS
"The Chosen"

St. John Vianney Parish Hall, S. Burlington
AM: 9–10:30 am • PM: 6:30–8 pm

Join us to view "The Chosen". This series began on Monday, Sept. 11. Two options, AM or PM, for the eight episodes of season 1, followed by a discussion about that week's episode, led by parishioners. **FOR MORE INFO:** Email Connie at sjvgoodnews@gmail.com.



09|27, 10|04 WEDNESDAYS
St. Michael Church Lecture Series

Saint Michael, Bennington • 5 – 7 pm

The stained-glass lecture series continues:

Sept. 27 — Fr. Henry Furman, Pastor of Saint Michael, Brattleboro will discuss Saint Michael

Oct. 4 — Fr. Beaugard, Pastor of Saint Stanislaus in Winchester, NH will discuss the Holy Spirit



09|27 – 10|27 WEDNESDAYS or FRIDAYS
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Our Lady of Angels, Randolph

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm • Fridays at 9:45 am

This eight-session study program includes video presentations that explore all twelve time periods of The Bible Timeline Chart. This series began on Sept. 6.



09|27 WEDNESDAY
Taize Prayer Service

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
6 pm

Join us for a Taize prayer service to pray for the work and success of their parish ministries, programs, committees, and catechists, as well as the students, faculty, staff and helpers of The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales in Bennington.



09|28, 10|05, 12, 19 THURSDAYS
Letter for Artists Zoom Study

via Zoom • 9 – 10 am

Fr. Henry Furman will lead this discussion. We will be reading on Pope John Paul's 1999 Letter to Artists. The letter is addressed to all who are dedicated to the search for new epiphanies of beauty. To join this study, please send your email address to stmichael@vermontcatholic.org. You don't need to be an artist to take part!



09|29 – 10|02 FRI, SAT, SUN, MON
Light of the World Retreat

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Junction

Parishioners from all parishes are welcome.

Information and registration available at essexcatholic.vermontcatholic.org/light-of-the-world-retreat or email ecc.engage@gmail.com. There is no registration fee.



10|01 SUNDAY
Eucharistic Healing Service

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury 3 – 4 pm
Benediction and Exposition of the Most

Blessed Sacrament at 3 pm on the first Sunday of every month with Fr. Lance W. Harlow.



10|02, 11|06 MONDAYS
Spanish Mass at St. Michael's College Chapel

St. Michael's College, Colchester • 7:30 pm

If you wish to be placed on our mailing list, please email Fr. Marcel Rainville, S.S.E at mrainville@smcvt.edu.



10|03 TUESDAY
Our Lady's Kitchen

St. Anthony, Bethel • 11 am – 1 pm

Free meal! Come one, come all!



10|08 SUNDAY
Knights of Columbus Breakfast

St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 – 10 am

\$12 adults, \$7 children 8 to 12. \$38 immediate

family maximum.



10|08 SUNDAY
Monthly COSP KofC Fund Raising Breakfast

Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am – 12 pm

Proceeds support parish and community outreach programs.



10|08 SUNDAY
Annual Harvest Dinner

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 11:30–2:30

The final Mass of the season will be offered

at 10:30 a.m., followed by turkey dinner with all the fixings. Requested donation: \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 12. **FOR MORE INFO:** 802-928-3362.



10|08 SUNDAY
Fourth Annual St. John Henry Newman Night

Holy Family, Essex Jct. • 4 – 8 pm

An Evening in Honor of St. John Henry Newman, featuring solemn sung vespers, a first class dinner and dessert catered by Bill Rensch and the Knights of Columbus, and two presentations on the life and works of St. John Henry Newman. RSVP required: vermontnewman@gmail.com.



10|13 FRIDAY
Essex Community Dinners — Come Join Us for Dinner!

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 5:30 – 7 pm

Essex Community Dinners are provided in order to grow and promote our community! They are intended to feed the hungry, lonely and needy amongst us. These meals are free to all but donations to cover parish expenses are appreciated. Take out dinners are also available for those who still need to avoid crowds.



10|14 SATURDAY
St. Ambrose/St. Peter Youth Ministry Bingo

St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 pm

Doors open at 5:00 PM, Bingo starts at 6:00 PM. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Ambrose & St. Peter's Youth Ministry to benefit the on-going program costs.



10|18 WEDNESDAY
Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast

Diocesan Offices, S. Burlington • 8:30 – 10 am

Donna McSoley, founder of Our Lady of Providence Radio, will be the speaker. Join us for networking and a light breakfast. Presentation begins at 9. Zoom option available.

Register here: vermontcatholic.org/vcp



10|19 THURSDAY
Our Lady's Kitchen & Catholic Movie Night – Randolph

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 6 – 8:30 pm

Free meal and a movie! Come one, come all!



10|19 THURSDAY
Spanish Mass

St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 pm

With Fr. Timothy Danaher, O.P.



10|20, 21, 22 FRI, SAT, SUN
Marriage Encounter Experience

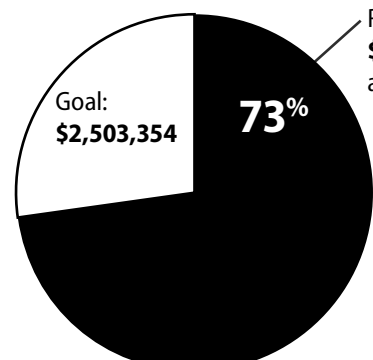
St. Monica, Barre

This autumn, renew and rekindle your relationship with your spouse and God. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is primarily a space for you to pause, reflect, and reconnect privately. This weekend is a non-residential format. Lunch and dinner will be served. Apply online: at <https://www.mevtw.org/applyWeekend.php>. Contact Gary & Lynn Root at (802) 456-8114 or Aaron and Andrea Brassard at 802-223-6561 for more information.



**BISHOP'S
ANNUAL
APPEAL**

Progress: 73% to goal



Raised:
\$1,649,278
as of Sept. 13