

# ST. ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH

## YEAR B

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### FEBRUARY 18, 2024



#### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION



Sat:	2/17/2024	4:00 PM †Denise Wilkins and †Bernard Bonneau By Rodney Wilkins and Fern Bonneau
Sun:	2/18/2024	9:00 AM <b>For the People of Saint Andre Bessette Parish</b>
Tue:	2/20/2024	9:00 AM
Wed:	2/21/2024	9:00 AM
Thur:	2/22/2024	9:00 AM
Fri:	2/23/2024	9:00 AM
Sat:	2/24/2024	9:00 AM
Sat:	2/24/2024	4:00 PM †Roger Raboin By Marie Gagne Raboin
Sun:	2/25/2024	9:00 AM

#### Candle Intentions

**Sanctuary Lamp: For the Health of Paul Meunier**

**Sacred Heart:**

**Blessed Mother:**



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.**

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Friday evenings at 7:00 PM

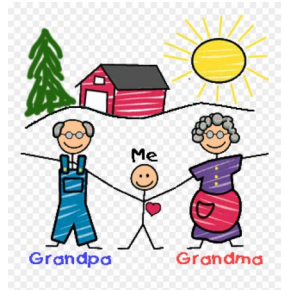
**Friends of Fr. Justin  
EVERY**

**Wednesday Morning  
9:30 AM**

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

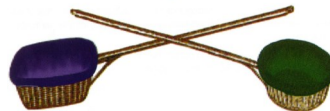


#### ATTENTION GRANDPARENTS



**Upcoming seminar for you! You are in a unique role in your grandchildren's lives.** St. Andre Bessette Parish is hosting a fascinating seminar on how you can pass on your faith to your grandchildren more effectively. Grandparenting isn't the same as it was 60 years ago. You face new challenges and new opportunities. The ***Do It Grandly*** seminar is being offered at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Hall in Troy for five consecutive Mondays, starting on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with a day-time option of 10:30am-12pm or evenings, 6-7:30pm. The cost is on a donation basis (a suggested \$30 to cover all parish costs) and ***Pre-registration is requested by Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>***. Registration forms are located in the back of the church, or they can be e-mailed to you by contacting Theresa McAvinney at [tmcavinney@outlook.com](mailto:tmcavinney@outlook.com). You may also phone in to register at 802-744-6272. Completed registration forms can be dropped off at the back of the Church by the above date.

While ***Do It Grandly*** is geared toward grandparents, this seminar is open and encouraged for anyone who wants to give faith-filled encouragement to the youth around them. For more information visit the website: [www.grandly.org](http://www.grandly.org)



#### SECOND COLLECTION

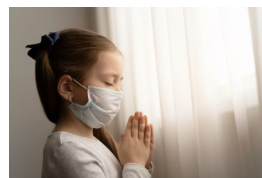
**This Week is for: Home Missions**

#### 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*

**Please call the parish office  
at (802-744-4066)**

**if you would like to add a name to the list**

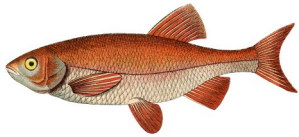


**Randy Wells, Matthew Hilliker  
and his family, Kristi LeBlanc,  
Kimberly Thibault, Brian  
Bonvechio, Rose Blais, Abigail  
Jackson, Wilma Therrien, Rita  
Taylor, Purie Mesina,  
Rick Bouchard**

### Knights of Columbus Fish Dinners are Back!

Join us for our famous fish dinner during Lent at Sacred Heart Parish Hall on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> serving from 4:30 to 6:30 pm

#### Menu



Soup – Mimi's Corn Chowder served with Oyster Crackers Entrée - Parmesan and Herb Baked Cod or Haddock (Catch of the Day) served with fresh Cole Slaw, Savory Rice Pilaf, Vegetable, dinner rolls w/ butter.

Coffee, tea and soft drinks and dessert.

Prices remain the same as last year. Adult (13 and older) - \$15.00  
Ages 7-12 \$5.00 , Under 6 Free. Reservations are required for each dinner Sign-up sheets will be available after Mass or

E-mail [dmcavinney@outlook.com](mailto:dmcavinney@outlook.com)

Call or text 802-793-4380 Call 802-744-6272

### **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) and the Rite of Election:**

On Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> during the 4PM Vigil Mass, we will celebrate the **Rite of Election** for David Vallieres.



The **Rite of Election** closes the Period of the Catechumenate. At this rite, upon the testimony of sponsors and catechists and the catechumens' affirmation of their intention to join the Church, the Church makes its "election" of these catechumens to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. In the presence of the bishop or his delegate (which is Fr. Benny) they inscribe their names in the **Book of the Elect** as a pledge of fidelity. Now the catechumens are called "the elect" or "the illuminandi" ("those who will be enlightened"). They now begin a Period of Purification and Enlightenment — the final, intense preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. On the next five Sundays of Lent, three scrutinies (rites for self-searching and repentance) and the presentations of the Creed and Lord's Prayer take place. This period concludes with the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

The OCIA is a spiritually moving process beneficial to the whole parish community. As we draw closer to the celebration of Easter, let us pray for David and all the elect who will be entering our Holy Catholic Church this Easter.

### Parish Stewardship Report

#### Weekend of February 10 & 11, 2024

**Offertory** **\$1265.00**

**Religious  
Education**



**\$15.00**

**Weekly Budget** **\$2000.00**



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY BREAKFAST Sunday, February 18, 2024 ALL ARE WELCOME**

#### **4th Annual Blessing of Snowmobiles with a Family Breakfast**



Knights of Columbus of Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Council 7943, Troy VT, invites all snowmobilers to attend a

#### **Catholic Blessing of Snowmobiles**

with an "all you can eat for \$10.00" Community Family Breakfast on Sunday, February 18, 2024, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 130 South Pleasant St. Troy VT., at 10:30 AM. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 – 11:00 AM



**There will be a Valentines Raffle this week.**

If you have any questions, please contact:

Deborah @ 802-673-7510 or

George @ 802-323-2470.



### **Hour of Adoration**

**Every Monday:**

**9:00 - 10:00 AM**

**Exposition**

**Daily Readings**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**Benediction**

### **Reflections**

Shared from **God's Word**



Sunday, February 17, 2024

In the Gospel, we reflect upon the moments of Jesus in the wilderness where He spent time in aloneness with God so that He could be strengthened to face the forces of evil that were battling against Him. The wilderness could be a place where we are either distracted or we could draw closer to God. Even if we are tossed amidst confusion in our moments of temptation, we are called to reflect on our limitations and weaknesses and our need for Jesus as Saviour. The wilderness is where we can return to God wholeheartedly and recommit our lives to Him. God sends us reminders in our lives as in the life of Noah when He put a rainbow in the sky. Recall the times God has sent you signs of His loving presence and be grateful to Him! Lord Jesus, meet me in the wilderness that I experience in my life from time to time.

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

February 17–23, 2024

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## Show Love for Our Global Family Through Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl

Catholic Relief Services is calling on Catholics throughout the United States to show their love for their sisters and brothers worldwide by participating in the annual Lenten program, CRS Rice Bowl.

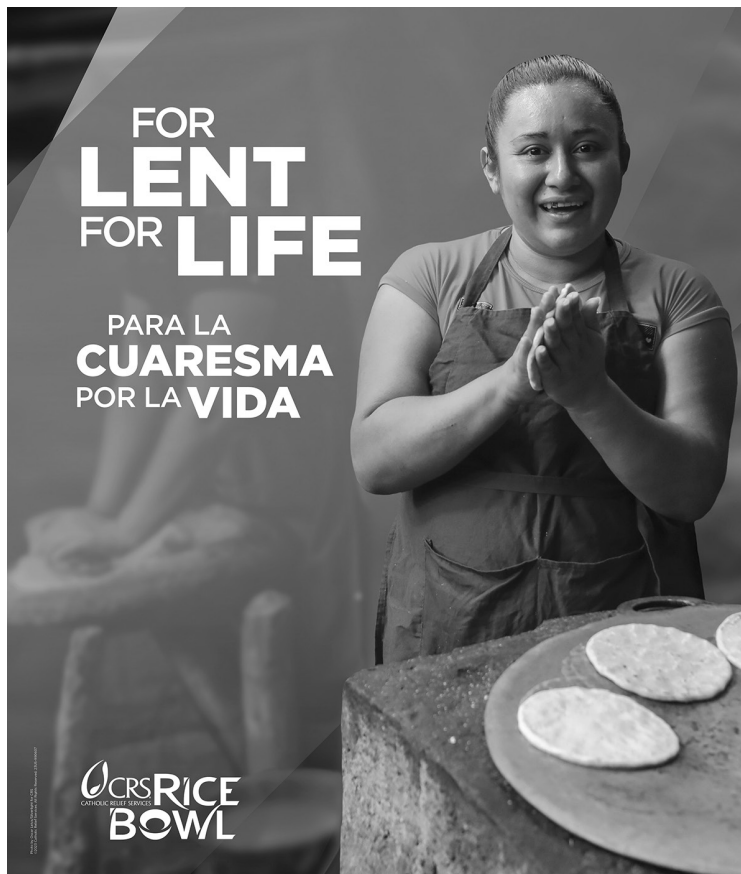
"Ash Wednesday always marks the beginning of CRS Rice Bowl," said Beth Martin, CRS director of formation and mobilization. "And this year, Ash Wednesday falls on Feb. 14, or St. Valentine's Day, and we think CRS Rice Bowl is the perfect way to celebrate the love we have for our global family."

In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." When we receive Jesus through the Eucharist, our hearts are filled with His love and the call to share that love.

"During Lent, we are meant to express the love that we feel when we receive the Eucharist through prayer, fasting and almsgiving," Martin said. "CRS Rice Bowl gives us the means to do that — to put our love into action."

Alms gathered through CRS Rice Bowl primarily go toward hunger and poverty alleviation programs in countries where CRS operates, however 25 percent of those funds stay in the diocese where they are collected. CRS Rice Bowl grants are given to local organizations that prioritize ending hunger and poverty in their communities.

"Love can be expressed in so many ways," Martin said,



[crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) | [crsplatodearroz.org](http://crsplatodearroz.org)

"even through a small act such as giving up your daily cup of coffee and instead, donating that money to CRS Rice Bowl. That small sacrifice — that small act of love — can change the lives of so many people."

Rooted in the history of the Eucharistic Congress, CRS Rice Bowl began in 1975 as a way for families in the United States to share their blessings with communities experiencing hunger throughout the world. Since its inception, more than \$330 million has been given through CRS Rice Bowl to support programs that prevent hunger and poverty worldwide. Of that, \$82.5 million went to programs in the U.S. through local dioceses and \$247.5 million went to CRS programs overseas.

In previous years, schools and parishes participating in CRS Rice Bowl have had in-person events to collect donations saved during Lent. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, many parishes have developed online community giving pages to accept alms. CRS Rice Bowl participants are encouraged to reach out to their local parishes to determine whether in-person collections will occur or if they should donate via an online community giving page. As always, direct donations to CRS are accepted online at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give), by phone at 877-435-7277 or by mail to Catholic Relief Services, Attn: CRS Rice Bowl, P.O. Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700 (with "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line of the check).

— *Catholic Relief Services*

# Upcoming Events



02|19, 20, 21 MON, TUES, WED

## A Lenten Mission with Monsignor Lavalley

*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8:30 - 11:30 am*

Monsignor Lavalley will be at the 8:30 am Mass to give an extended homily on the following topics:

Monday, Feb. 19 — The Neglected Virtue Trust in God

Tuesday, Feb. 20 — The Unwrapped Package The Gift of Monotony

Wednesday, Feb. 21 — The Impostor Versus The Beggar  
He will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after each Mass. Join us as we begin our Lenten journey together.



02|17, 03|16 SATURDAYS

## Men's "Cor" Formation

*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 - 11:30 am*

Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a

deeper faith! You are invited to participate in COR Formation. Cor is Latin for Heart. Though fraternity, prayer, and the study of God's pursuit of souls, we intend to grow closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. COR Formation will be held on third Saturday each month. All men are welcome. Coffee and donuts provided.



02|19 VARIOUS DAYS

## Bible Study: The Prophets — Messengers of God's Mercy

*Locations include: Bethel, Northfield, Randolph*

Classes begin the week of February 18 with a two week break at Easter.

Mondays 6-7:30 pm, Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph

Tuesdays 3-4:30 pm, St. Anthony, Bethel

Wednesday 6-7:30 pm, St. John the Evangelist, Northfield

Fridays 9:45-11:15, Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph

FOR MORE INFO: [Elizabeth.stuart@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:Elizabeth.stuart@vermontcatholic.org).



02|20, 27, 03|05, 12, 19 TUESDAYS

## Weekly Lenten Taize Prayer

*Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington*

*5:30 pm*

Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



02|22, 29, 03|07, 14 THURSDAYS

## Lenten Lecture Series: Eucharistic Miracles, Marian Apparitions & Interesting Saints

*Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 6 - 8 pm*

A potluck dinner and an interesting lecture highlighting, each evening, one Eucharistic Miracle, one Marian apparition, and one interesting Saint.



02|23 FRIDAY

## Lenten Lecture Series: A Deep Dive into the Mass

*St. John the Evangelist, Northfield • 6 - 8 pm*

Potluck and a detailed look at the Mass, its roots in tradition and scripture, presented by Fr. Scott Gratton.



02|24 SATURDAY

## Theology of Bread Retreat

*All Saints, Richford • 8:30 am - 3:30 pm*

Join Sr. Paul Mary Dreger, FSE for a day long

retreat, moving us to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist. Hands-on bread baking, Adoration and Mass. Learn more at: [vermontcatholic.org/event/theology-of-bread-retreat/](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/theology-of-bread-retreat/).



02|25 SUNDAY

## Music Festival: a cappella liturgical music

*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 4:30 - 8:30 pm*

Organized by Father Matthew Rensch and Sharon Trani, in collaboration with Holy Family parish and Matthew Santos and a schola group from Thomas Aquinas College. Our goal is to warm our hearts and souls with some great music. Schedule for the evening: 4:30 — small group sharing, 5:30 — dinner, 6:30 — whole group together, 7:30 — sing at Mass, for those willing and able. RSVP and questions: Sharon Trani, [sltrani@verizon.net](mailto:sltrani@verizon.net).



03|02 SATURDAY

## Free Community Dinner

*St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 5 - 6:30 pm*

Please join us for a free community dinner

open to all on the first Saturday of the month.



03|05 TUESDAY

## Our Lady's Kitchen Luncheon

*Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 11 am*

Free meal! Come one, come all!



03|08, 04|12 FRIDAYS

## Essex Community Dinners

*Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 5:30 pm*

Essex Community Dinners 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.



03|09 THURSDAY

## St. Padre Pio Prayer Group

*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9 am*

The Padre Pio group meets the second

Saturday of each month. We begin with the Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass at 8:30 am. Special Intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio and then learning about Padre Pio's life, ministry and spiritual gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Duquette at (802) 557-1593.



03|10 SUNDAY

## K of C Breakfast Buffet

*St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am*

Cost is \$12 for adults, \$7 for children 8 to

12yrs., \$38 immediate family maximum.



03|14 THURSDAYS

## Spanish Mass

*St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 pm*

Fr. Timothy Danaher, O.P., Campus Minister at

Dartmouth will be offering the monthly Spanish Mass.



03|16 SATURDAY

## Vermont Catholic Men's Conference

*Our Lady of Angels, Randolph*

*9 am - 2:15 pm*

Keynote speaker Deacon RJ Dourney. Includes lunch. Registration: adults \$30, college students \$15, 18 and under are free with a paid accompanying adult. Register online at [vermontcatholic.org/men](http://vermontcatholic.org/men).



03|17 SUNDAY

## St. Patrick's Day Sing Along

*St. Andrew, Waterbury • 3 - 5 pm*

Join us for an Irish music sing along with Fr.

Matthew Rensch and Sergio Torres. There will be Irish stews, corned beef and all the fixings, door prizes, cash raffle drawings to be held. \$10 per person with family discounts.

FOR MORE INFO: (802) 244 7734 or [www.rccwvm.org](http://www.rccwvm.org).



03|21 THURSDAY

## BINGO

*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:30 - 9:30 pm*

The St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus

have restarted a monthly bingo at the St. John Vianney Parish Center. The bingo is held on the third Thursday of each month with a chance of winning a \$1000 jackpot. Doors open at 4:30 and the first game begins at 6:30. Come join the fun with friends and family. Bring a non-perishable food item(s) and receive two free game sheets for the "winner take all" game. All food items are donated to the local Food Shelf.



03|25 MONDAY

## Chrism Mass

*Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Burlington • 11 am*

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated by

Archbishop Coyne. The Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Diocese of Burlington recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass. Parish representatives may pick up holy oils for their parish after the Mass. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Carpooling is highly encouraged. PLEASE NOTE: The Chrism Mass is celebrated on Monday this year.



03|26 TUESDAY

## Lord, Let Me Walk That Lonely Road With You: Scripture and Song for Holy Week

*Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church, Bennington • 7 pm*

Join us for a special service of scripture and song. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte

• Kitchen Steward

• Housekeeper

Contact Abbi Stumpf

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