

Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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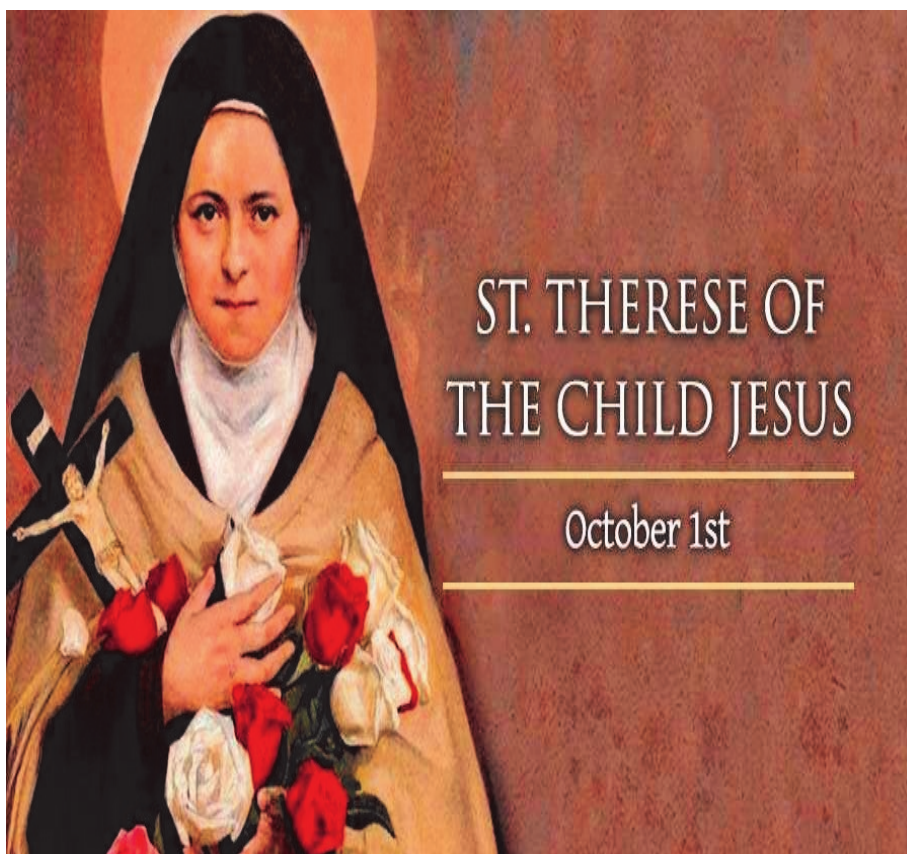
Reverend
Joseph Sanderson
Parochial Vicar

Saint Francis Xavier School
Eric Becker, Principal
Pre-School through 8th grade
655-2600

**Director of Faith
Formation**
Jordan Easley
503-8241

**Our Lady of
Providence**
Residential Care
Facility
655-2395

St. Francis Xavier Cares
Sharon Brown, RN
Parish Nurse
922-2958



Weekend Masses

Saturday : 4:00 PM

Sunday : 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday : 8:00 AM

Confessions

Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 PM
Anytime by appointment

St. Vincent de Paul Center

Phone: 655-3006
Open 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Baptisms

Parent classes required. Please call the rectory for more information.

Marriage

Plan six months in advance.
Contact the rectory. Attend Pre-Cana classes

Registration

New parishioners and newly married couples should register by calling the rectory as soon as possible.

TELEPHONES

School	After School
655-2600	655-4660

School Website: www.SFXVT.org

www.sfxchurch.org

NEWS FROM The Inland See

September 28 – October 4, 2019

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

“Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth. ... God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth. ... God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good.”

The biblical story of creation found in the Book of Genesis is one with which we are very familiar. Among the many truths found in this story is that God created the world and all it contains as well as humankind and “found it very good.” God also set man and woman within the world to fill it and to care for it as a ruler has “dominion” over lands, not just to use the land, but to tend it and preserve it. Creation is a gift from God.

In the New Testament, this truth of creation is linked very clearly to Christ himself. In John 1:1-3 and Colossians 1:15, we read that all things were made through Christ. As both true God and true man, Christ is able to disclose the creative love of God. As one author puts it, “In one sense, God made the universe as a gift for his Son who, along with the Spirit, worked with the Father in this great work of creation. But perhaps we can also say that God made the universe as an act of love. God who is love created a world on which he could lavish his love and kindness. He created the world that it might enjoy his love and that all creation might respond to his love, glorify him and give delight to him” (Peter Misselbrook, “Musings”).

My friends, we can spend lots of time arguing about the causes of climate change and whether or not it is caused by

humans or just part of the regular cycle of planetary warming that the Earth has known over the course of millennia, but we cannot ignore the fact that it is happening, and at a very accelerated rate. I urge you all to seriously read and ponder the work of the Catholic Climate Covenant, an organization formed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to help guide the U.S. Church’s response to climate change. By educating, giving public

witness and offering resources, the Catholic Climate Covenant inspires and equips people and institutions to care for creation and to care for the poor.

Pope Francis in his encyclical “*Laudato Si*” spoke eloquently and strongly against a “throw-away” culture that does not see the Earth as a place to be cultivated and sustained as the sphere in which we come to know God’s love, but instead sees the Earth and its resources as something only to be used and discarded when no longer useful. He warns against the pollution of our seas with discarded plastic, the destruction of diverse earthly habitats for humanity’s enrichment only, the scarcity of water that arises from unbridled industrialization, and the tragic reality of seeing other human beings as disposable

when they are not useful or when they hinder personal choices. Pope Francis’ voice is one we must listen to if we are going to help our world survive.

We will soon celebrate the feast day of the pope’s namesake, St. Francis of Assisi. This great saint’s affinity and love for creation is one that we should emulate every day of our lives. Each day is a reminder of the great first act of creation in which God said, “Let there be light.” May the dawn from on high break upon us in the glory of creation and the hope of salvation in Christ.

IT IS GOOD

*Bishop Coyne’s message
for the Season of Creation*



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

To see more events or to submit your event to the diocesan calendar:
vermontcatholic.org/events



Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Christopher J. Coyne

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington

UPCOMING EVENTS



09|30, 10|7, 14, 21 MONDAYS

7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 7-8 pm
Often called "the Church's Best Kept Secret,"

Catholic Social Teaching is a good and useful guide in living the Christian life and truly being a Light to the World. Join our discussions on how these ideals can help bring us more into a Christ-centered life.



10|04, 05 FRIDAY & SATURDAY CDA Fall Rummage Sale

Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Junction
Join us for the Catholic Daughters of Court

Fanny Allen #1060 Annual Fall Rummage Sale. Friday, Oct 4 "Sale Day" from 9am to 5pm. Saturday, Oct 5 "Bag Day" from 9 am to noon. Fall and winter clothing, footwear, accessories, men, women, teens and youth (all age groups); bedroom, bathroom and kitchen items; children's room.



10|05 SATURDAY

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9:30 am
First Saturday of every month, come to Our

Lady of Fatima Devotions. Rosary and reconciliation begin at 8 and Mass at 8:30.



10|05 SATURDAY Blood Drive

St. Isidore, Montgomery Center • 9 am - 2 pm
Hosted by St. Isidore Parish and sponsored by

Montgomery Emergency Services. Local raffles with prizes. To schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. New donors are needed. Please consider giving the gift of life. Walk-ins are welcome!



10|05 SATURDAY K of C Bingo

All Saints, Richford • 11:30 am - 5 pm
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Doors open at 11:30 AM, games start at 1 PM. Refreshments and pull tickets will be available.



10|05 SATURDAY White Mass

UVM Catholic Center, Burlington • 4 - 7 pm
What is a White Mass? This is a special

opportunity to gather health care professionals under the patronage of St. Luke (the patron Saint of physicians) to ask God's blessing upon healthcare workers, the patients they serve and their work.



10|05, 06 SATURDAY & SUNDAY YouthLead 2019

Saint Ann's Shrine, Isle la Motte
YouthLead weekend is an opportunity for

our teens to grow in developing leadership skills as young Christians today and as a leaders for tomorrow. We are hosting our own leadership weekend this year for the first time at beautiful Saint Ann's Shrine at Isle la Motte. This weekend is

for developing high school leaders. It promises to be fun, but also formative and spiritually edifying. Registration deadline Sept. 27. \$50 per person.

FOR MORE INFO: vermontcatholic.org/event/youthlead-2019 for more information.



10|11 FRIDAY

Christ the King School Open House

Christ the King, Burlington • 8:15 - 10:30 am

The Catholic elementary school in Burlington serves learners of all faiths from three years old through eighth grade. Space is still available for the 2019-2020 school year. RSVP for the open house or schedule a tour by contacting admissions@cksvt.org or calling 862-6696. Go online to www.cksvt.org and check us out on Instagram @cksvt or facebook.com/cksvt.



10|12 SATURDAY

Padre Pio Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Jct. • 8 - 10 am

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 parish hall after Mass.



10|12 SATURDAY

Annual Harvest Chicken Dinner

St. Monica-St. Michael School, Barre • 12 pm
Sponsored by Court St. Monica #1181. Cost:

adults \$12, children under 12 \$6.



10|12 SATURDAY

Public Square Rosary Rally

Holy Rosary, Essex Junction • 12 - 1 pm

This rosary campaign is sponsored by America Needs Fatima and will be one of over 20,000 rallies taking place across the country that day. Our nation is in great need

of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.



10|12 SATURDAY

The Celebration of the Last Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima

St Mary, Middlebury • 4:30 - 6:30 pm

This is a rare opportunity for parishioners to receive the Rite for the Blessing and the Enrollment of the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, as a promise from our Lady, that she will give extra protection to whom consecrate one self to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Includes: The Rosary for Peace and the Reparation to Our Lady, Confession, Weekend Vigil Mass

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Diocese: Senior Accountant

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Williston:
Administrative Assistant

The Loretto Home, Rutland:
Residential Care Positions

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Randolph:
Administrative Assistant

St. John the Baptist, Bennington:
Keyboardist/Choir Director

St. Joseph Residential Care Home, Burlington:
LPN

For More Info:
vermontcatholic.org/careers

UPDATE



Bishop's
Annual Appeal

Did you know that for a gift of \$24 or more to the Bishop's Annual Appeal you can receive the award-winning Vermont Catholic Magazine in your mailbox at home?

Consider supporting this initiative with a gift at bishopsappealvt.org.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 30, 2019

8:00 AM Richard Dupont *by Kazia Tagliamonte*
11:00 AM Mass at OLP Chapel
5:30 PM NO Mass

Tuesday, October 1

8:00 AM Helene Rousseau *by K of C #2284*
11:00 AM Mass at OLP Chapel
5:30 PM NO Mass

Wednesday, October 2

8:00 AM Thomas & Therese McCormick *by Tom & Robin McCormick*
11:00 AM Mass at OLP Chapel
5:30 PM NO Mass

Thursday, October 3

8:00 AM Dotty Magnani *by Diane Potvin*
11:00 AM Mass at OLP Chapel
5:30 PM Doris Courville *by Jeannine Reed*
6 to 7 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, October 4

8:00 AM Msgr. Wendell Searles *by Jane Frenette*
11:00 AM Pauline Fellows *by Jane Milizia*
5:30 PM NO Mass

Saturday, October 5

4:00 PM Maurice & Dorothy Gaboriault *by Family*

Sunday, October 6

7:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Thibault Family
9:00 AM Intentions of Parishioners
11:00 AM Christine Yandow Connolly *by Family*

Parish Support

September 22, 2019.....\$ 6,658.00
 Online Giving Offertory (45 Givers).....\$ 1,493.00
 Weekly Average (July 1st Week 12).....\$ 8,358.29
 Weekly Goal.....\$ 8,500.00

Parish Financial Reports:

Beginning September 29th through October 13th financial reports for FY 2018-2019 and budget for FY 2019-2020 will be available to parishioners. They can be found on the tables located at all entrances to the church.

Act of Faith: O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three Divine Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe in Jesus Christ, Your Son, who became man and died for our sins, and who will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because You have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen

**The Winooski Knights of Columbus**

meet every 2nd Monday of each month at the Senior Center at 7 PM. Any man 18 years of age or older wishing to join the Knights should contact Grand Knight Greg Clairmont at 343-8446 or listandsellvt@gmail.com or Deputy Grand Knight Greg Bolger at 660-9044 or gbolger@ccnne.com. For additional information about the Knights of Columbus visit our web site www.wkofc.org and "like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Winooskikofc2284

"For I was hungry and you gave me food" Matthew 25: 35-40

Our St. Francis Xavier parish community is partnering with the new Winooski Food Shelf to help feed our neighbors in need. For the month of September the food shelf is in need of canned chicken, carrots, beets, peas, chowders, ramen noodles, tomato past, garbanzo beans, spam, hash, chili, baked beans. Cereal such as Raisin Bran, Life, Honey Nut Cheerios and Fruit Loops as well as additional non-perishable food items for distribution. There is also a need for Laundry Soap and Dish Soap, as well as ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise. Shampoo and toothpaste.

Collection boxes are placed in the church vestibule and delivered to the Food Shelf each week.

The Food Shelf is looking for volunteers to help with driving to pick donated items at various locations. There are several different opportunities to volunteer and not a big time commitment. If interested call Linda Howe (655-2411).

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

St. Francis Xavier Parish will be holding classes explaining the Catholic Faith. Anyone wishing to become Catholic or anyone who would like to deepen their faith are welcome to attend. The classes will be held every Wednesday evening beginning October 2 from 6 to 7 PM in the Library of St. Francis Xavier School and run through Easter. To Register or for more information please call the rectory at 655-2290.

Over 100 Abortion Clinics Closed Nationwide!!

Over 16,000 babies saved. Over 200 abortion workers have quit to become pro-life. **THIS** is the power of prayer. From September 25th to November 3rd, our SFX community is uniting with over 500 cities across America for a massive, coordinated vigil called **40 Days for Life**. Our hope is to bring an end to the loss of pre-born human life and for the healing of those affected by abortion. **Join your fellow Catholics across the Burlington area for prayer, fasting and peaceful witness from 7 am to 7 pm daily right in front of Planned Parenthood in Burlington.** For more information or to SIGN UP FOR VIGIL HOURS visit: www.40daysforlife.com

**The CARES Catholic Network: St. Francis
Xavier Health & Wellness Ministry**

Compassion, Advocacy, Respite, Education, Service

We are three Mercy Associates who are working with the Parish Nurse to collect and redistribute medical equipment in an effort to help those in need have a better quality of life. We are seeking wheelchairs, walkers, canes, commodes, adult diapers, bed pads and other related equipment (good condition only, please). If you have any equipment that you would like to donate or if you are in need of equipment, please call 863-8508 or 578-9920 and ask for Monique.

We Are Still Collecting Surveys

We want to hear from EVERY member of our parish, young and old, about how we can better serve you with parish communications. AND we want to hear from you about where you would like to participate on Sundays and/or in our broader parish community. All information will remain confidential. Please take a moment to complete the survey and return to the boxes at the exit if you have not already done so. Thank You!!

JOIN US !

**Vermont's Freedom & Unity Chorus
Where ALL voices are welcome**

Vermont's Freedom & Unity Chorus is a new choral group looking for singers who want to spread the message of Peace and Justice across the Green Mountain State. Given these troubling times where more and more people are being told they do not belong, this chorus will demonstrate that ALL voices are welcome in this chorus and in this state.

Our mission is to bring together singers to perform music that represents the ongoing struggle for racial, social, economic and environmental justice in this country. The music we will sing will incorporate the popular folk songs of the African-American spirituals from the peace and civil rights movements of the 1960's. We will also perform songs by more contemporary artists like Bono, Pink and Ed Sheeran.

Vermont's Freedom & Unity Chorus will visit towns and events across the state wherever the message of peace and justice is welcomed.

Does music fill you with hope for a better world and a brighter future? Do you want to be part of a musical movement that will not only be fun, but will make you feel good about what you are doing? We invite you to join this unique chorus where you will use your voice to ignite change, transform hearts and inspire audiences.

Learn more: www.vermontsfreedomandunitychorus.org/about-us

**Pumpkins for Sale after Mass September 28/29
and October 5/6**

**SFX School is excited to offer pumpkins for sale!!
100% of the proceeds from these sales will
benefit improvements to our playground and
outdoor classroom. You can't miss us –a
plethora of pumpkins will be present on the
church patio. Many thanks for your support!!**

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Go out and spread the good news.

We are getting closer to our appeal goal and ask that you prayerfully consider the request and respond generously. In addition to monies distributed for charitable works, such as Vermont Catholic Charities' Emergency Aid, the Diocese is a valuable resource to all parishes, both large and small. Our parish goal is \$80,176.00. To date our contributions total **\$ 74,477.50** that is **96%** of our goal. We are grateful to all of those who have been able to participate and encourage others to learn more about your gift at work: bishopsappealvt.org

**Important Confirmation Info for Middle &
High School Families**

Our diocese is gradually lowering the age of Confirmation over the next three years, which means that if your student is going into the 8th, 9th, or 10th grade, then they will be able to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2021. All students are required to participate in classes for TWO full years before being confirmed. This means that if your 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, or 10th grader is NOT already participating in our religious education programs, then please contact Jordan Easley at jordan.easley@gmail.com or 802-503-8241.

New Program for Pre-School to Kindergarten

Starting this fall, SFX Parish will be offering an amazing new program for our littlest saints. On Sundays from 10 AM to 12 PM we will be running Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, an internationally renowned, Montessori-based religious education program, for our 3, 4, and 5 year olds. This is a truly amazing opportunity for our children. To learn more or enroll your child contact our Director of Faith Formation, Jordan Easley at 503-8241 or jordan.easley@gmail.com

Calling All Families !!

We are now registering children from pre-K to 7th grade for our Family Faith Formation (Religious Education) program. To register, contact Jordan Easley, Director of Faith Formation, at jordan.easley@gmail.com or call 503-8241.

**Life Chain in Burlington—Sunday October 6
from 2 to 3 PM**

Annually, on the first Sunday of October, LIFE CHAIN invites the churches in each city across North America to stand and pray for an hour while holding pro-life signs that will be provided. We will meet in front of Edmund's School on Main Street in Burlington at 2 PM and stand quietly and prayerfully until 3 PM. For more information go to nationallifechain.org or <http://lifechain.net/> or call Ethel Brousseau at 893-1168.