

Saint Francis Xavier Parish

3 Saint Peter Street, Winooski, VT 05404 · (802) 655-2290

Monsignor
Richard G. Lavalley
Pastor

Reverend
Joseph Sanderson
Parochial Vicar

Thomas E. McCormick
Deacon

Saint Francis Xavier School
Mr. Craig Hill, Principal
Pre-School through 8th grade
655-2600

**Director of Faith
Formation**
Andrew Coulter
802-399-0097

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

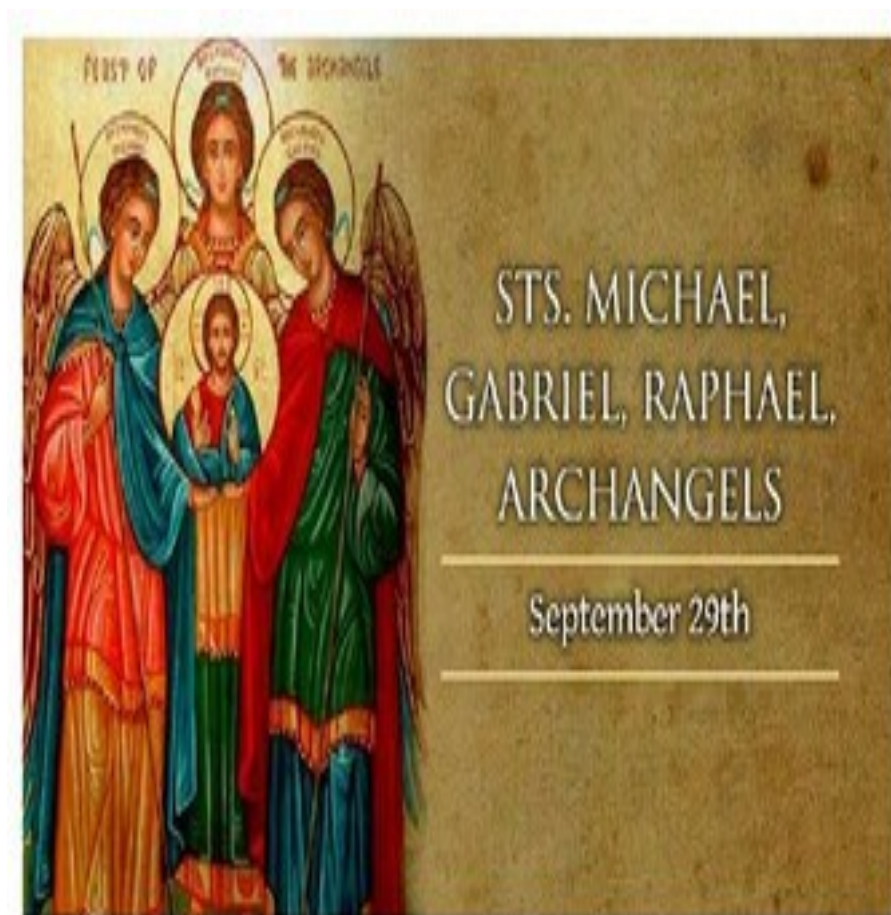
St. Vincent de Paul Center
Open 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Tuesdays and Thursdays
655 - 3006

Weekend Masses
Saturday : 4:00 PM
Sunday : 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday : 8:00 AM

Adoration
Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Confessions
Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 PM
Anytime by appointment
655-2290



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.
655 - 2290

School telephone numbers

School	After School
655-2600	655-4660

School Website: www.SFXVT.org

www.sfxchurch.org

NEWS FROM The Inland See

September 25 – October 1, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

CHRIST OUR

Hope



Campaign update

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. —Philippians 4:13

This challenging year reminds us how our faith sustains us during turbulent times. God never promised us life would be easy, but his Son, Jesus Christ told us that for those who follow Him, “His yoke is easy and His burden light.” With Him, we can weather any storm, bear any troubles. As a community of faith in the Church we have done so through the centuries down to today.

In the fall of 2019, after two years of planning and guided by the results of our first synod in more than 60 years, we launched the Diocese of Burlington’s first statewide campaign, Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church. This campaign seeks to mirror the work of Christ as found in Matthew 4:23: “And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.”

Each gift to the campaign supports those ministries in our Diocese:

- **Preaching** — building vibrant and welcoming parishes (60 percent to parishes).
- **Teaching** — evangelization through faith formation programs, such as religious education and Catholic schools (20 percent).
- **Healing** — emergency aid to households in crisis (20 percent).

With several leadership gifts committed, we moved forward with full trust in Christ that those who could give, would give. In just three months, we raised \$4.4 million with most funds going directly back to our parishes. It was truly an amazing response, raising exactly what we needed to strengthen the mission of the Church in Vermont.

Then the pandemic hit. The campaign had to be put on hold. Many parishes and many people still wanted to give but they asked us to come back this year to make the same request anew. The goals that were developed by your parish council and pastor to address local, immediate needs are still there. In order to meet those goals, I need your generosity.

I humbly ask you to consider a gift to the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign. Your gift will continue the work of Christ in Vermont by maintaining a vibrant Church that is welcoming and cares for all.

May Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Yours in faith and hope in Christ,

Christopher J. Coyne

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington



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Upcoming Events



09|29, 10|13, 27, 11|10 WED Living Joy Discussion Group Online • 7 pm

Join us for Chris Stefanick's Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Life Joy Every Day. This virtual event explores one rule every other week. Offered by members of the Diocesan Evangelization Committee. Contact pturnley@aol.com for more information.



10|02 SATURDAY A Life Symposium

Doubletree, Burlington • 8 am - 3 pm

This day-long conference focuses on issues related to Proposal 5, a dangerous amendment aimed at enshrining the right to abortion in Vermont's Constitution. **FOR MORE INFO:** vrlc.net.



10|02 SATURDAY Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am

Beginning with Rosary at 8 am, Confessions, and followed by Mass at 8:30 am.



10|03 SUNDAY Fall Fiesta

St. Peter, Vergennes • 1 - 6:00 pm

Seven members of Viva el Sabor will provide a variety of authentic Mexican and Guatemalan dishes

including tacos, chicken and vegetarian tamales, Yucatán slow-cooked pork, empanadas, Guatemalan tamales with asparagus, spinach and cheese, rice pudding and various sweets. Beverages will be sold separately by the youth ministry. There will be a children's tent and magic show with Tom Verner at 2 pm. There will be outdoor dining under a tent. The cost is \$5 per ticket; one ticket for each main meal item. **FOR MORE INFO:** stambrosepeter.vermontcatholic.org or email plewis0849@gmail.com.



10|09 SATURDAY Padre Pio Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am

Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass and an opportunity to learn more about Padre Pio.



10|09 SATURDAY Ordination Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am

The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates the ordination of two men to the diaconate. Mr. Michael Knowles will be ordained to the permanent diaconate and Mr. Brandon Schneider will be ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Christopher Coyne. This event is open for all who wish to attend. For those unable to be with us physically for the liturgy, the Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocesan website. A light reception will follow in the parish hall.



10|10 SUNDAY Evening Honoring the Life and Teachings of St. John Henry Newman

Holy Family Church Hall, Essex Junction • 4 - 8 pm

Fr. Kevin Chalifoux and Fr. Matthew Rensch cordially invite you to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas Aquinas College, as well as Fr. Chalifoux. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. **RSVP by October 3 to:** VermontNewman@gmail.com



10|26 TUESDAY Saints & Sinners

Online • 7 pm

Join us each month to learn how a particular saint has influenced the life of our guest speaker. October: Fr. Curtis Miller presenting on Ven. Br. William Gagnon. **For more info:** vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.



11|13 SATURDAY Annual Women's Retreat

St. Catherine of Sienna, Shelburne

8 am - 3:30 pm

Save the date! More information will be released soon. Please stay tuned for details.



As of Sept. 15, 2021: **\$1,636,774**

To learn more or make a gift visit:
vermontcatholic.org/giveonline



SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 2, 2021

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

Celebrate Priesthood Sunday
all week by praying together
every day for the priests
in our diocese.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Diocesan Central Offices, South Burlington:

- Administrative Assistant for Human Resources
- Administrative Assistant for Pastoral Ministries
- Director of Communications
- Accountant
- Diocesan Catechetical Leader
- Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Minister

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington:

Cook — \$1000 Sign-On Bonus!

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington:

Dining Aide — \$500 Sign-On Bonus!

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: LNA

/ Caregiver — \$500 Sign-On Bonus!

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington:

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) — \$1,000 Sign-On Bonus

St. Mark Parish, Burlington:

Coordinator of Evangelization & Catechesis

vermontcatholic.org/careers



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday 8:00 AM	September 27, 2021 Doris Dextraze by Norma Audette Mass at OLP No public attendance
Tuesday 8:00 AM 11:30 AM	September 28 Robert Ciardelli by Family Mass at OLP Chapel No public attendance
Wednesday 8:00 AM	September 29 Fr. Raymond Doherty, SSE by Sheila Cort - Desrochers
11:30 AM	Mass at OLP No public attendance
Thursday 8:00 AM	September 30 Roger Desautels by Greg, Sheila & Travis Clairmont
11:30 AM	Mass at OLP No public attendance
6 to 7 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 8:00 AM	October 1 Wendy Bissonnette by Mike & Debbie Kirby
11:30 AM	Mass at OLP No public attendance
Saturday 4:00 PM	October 2 Frances Bosley by George & Pat Ashline
Sunday 7:30 AM	October 3 Living & Deceased Members of the Deslauriers Family
9:00 AM	Intentions of Parishioners
11:00 AM	Paul Henry by the Sposato Family

PARISH SUPPORT

September 19, 2021.....	\$ 6,010.00
Online Giving Offertory (65 Givers).....	\$ 2,328.00
Weekly Average (July 1st Week 12).....	\$ 8,799.63
Weekly Goal.....	\$ 8,500.00
Fuel Collection.....	\$ 453.00
Online Giving Fuel (32 Givers).....	\$ 341.00

Thank you for your continued support

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The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is Open at St. Mark Parish

Located in the Family Center
1251 North Ave., Burlington

All are invited to participate in this opportunity for prayer in the presence of Our Lord. **Every day from 7 AM to 9 PM.** If you were previously signed up for a day and time before Covid, you are still on at that time. If you would like to sign up or adjust your hour to another day or time, please go to our website: stmarksvt.weadorehim.com or contact the parish office at 864-7686 or stmark@vermontcatholic.org.

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



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 listsandsellvt@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. This parish is an extremely valuable partner in providing the consistent donations of food to the many people coming for assistance. The WFS is grateful for your sustained commitment of providing donations each week and your generosity continues to serve families in need. There is a strong need right now for toiletries such as shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes and disposable razors. Non-perishable food items for distribution such as cereal, tomato paste, and canned food are always appreciated.

The Winooski Food Shelf is very appreciative of your generosity in donating the cookies collected for Thanksgiving and Christmas last year! We are continuing to collect cookies this year to include in our Thanksgiving and Christmas bags of food. We are in need of about 400 boxes of packaged store bought cookies which will be put into the bags for our neighbors in need. We cannot accept home made cookies because of the current pandemic. Distribution of pantry food will occur on our pantry days of Wednesday, November 3rd and Wednesday, November 10th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. ; Wednesday, December 1st and Wednesday, December 8th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. We appreciate your continued generosity in supporting our Winooski residents in need.

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

Your donations may also be dropped off at: J & J Market 12 Malletts Bay Ave. or at Commodities Market on Winooski Falls Way.

The St. Nicholas Project is conducting its fall fundraiser, "Shoes for St. Nicholas." They are inviting Catholics throughout the diocese to make a donation to the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children to help the staff purchase new shoes and winter boots for the boys and girls. Kurn Hattin is a non-profit residential care facility for boys and girls ages 5-15 located in Westminster, VT. Fr. Lan. ce W. Harlow founded The St. Nicholas Project as an association of Catholics who help support the children's home with material and financial donations. You can make an on-line donation by visiting: www.thestnicholasproject.com and go to the Donate icon. Or, mail a check directly to: Kurn Hattin Homes for Children P.O. Box 127 Westminster, VT 05158. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Harlow at: wharlow@sover.net. Thank you for remembering the boys and girls at the children's home and for being their special guardian angels. God bless you!

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 of if you are in need of equipment, please call 863-8508 or 578-9920 and ask for Monique.

2021 BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

During the height of the pandemic, when our churches were closed, the Diocese was able to livestream more than 200 faith activities to keep us all connected, including daily and Sunday Mass, daily rosary and Adoration, bible study, book club, retreats and so much more. This was possible because of your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This year our parish goal is \$76,167.00. To date you have contributed \$ 77,877.00 this is 102% of our goal. A very special THANK YOU for your generosity. We have reach our goal.

Saint Francis Xavier Faith Formation

(802) 399 - 0097

acoulter@sfxvt.org

Faith Formation Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
Coming Soon

Registration for 2021 - 2022:

Registration forms are being sent home with those previously enrolled in Faith Formation. If you have an incoming First Grader or are new to St. Francis Xavier Church and would like to enroll your family in our **Family Faith Formation Program**, you can find the forms at the **back of the Church** or at **St. Francis Xavier School** during the week. If you have questions or if we can be of further service, please contact Andrew Coulter in the **Faith Formation Office** at (802) 399 - 0097 or at acoulter@sfxvt.org.

Catechetical Ministers and Aides:

As a Faith Community, we are called to share our faith and witness to the Gospel in our lives. As a Catechist or Aide, you are invited to **journey with our young people in the parish** as they **cultivate and grow their relationship** with the Lord. This ministry both **enables you** to grow as a **faith-filled Catholic** and has the **added benefit of nurturing and inspiring the lives of others**. We invite you to consider a call to serving and sharing the love of God in your life. We will provide training, education, support, and guidance to ensure your success and confidence in this endeavor. Please contact Andrew Coulter at **802 - 399 - 0097** or acoulter@sfxvt.org for more information.

Announcement for Saint Francis Xavier Parish Video

We are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the building of St. Francis Xavier Church – a year late because of the pandemic. Jake Cunavelis, Creative Director of Mount Mansfield Media, and a member of our parish, has created a beautiful tribute to the parish and the people who make this such a vibrant, faith-filled community. It's a labor of love – and faith.

On the weekend of September 25, the video will be shown here in the church at the conclusion of every Mass – except the 7:30. Time is short after the 7:30, so rather than be squeezed for time, the 7:30 showing will be in the school library.

In addition, the Knights of Columbus will host a Parish party with food and music following the 4:00 Mass on Saturday that weekend as part of this celebration of our community.

Be sure to mark your calendars and spread the word to family and friends -- this will be a very special weekend for all those who love Saint Francis Xavier Parish.

Our Lady Of Providence

Is seeking full time LPN's, LNA's, and PCA's for all shifts. Respectful and understanding of their employee's lives and challenged, OLP strives to help employees succeed in meeting personal and professional goals by offering innovative wellness programs, comprehensive benefits including a 403b retirement plan, competitive wages, above market shift differentials and flexible scheduling. For more details, contact Director of Nursing Rosemarie Provetto, at 802-655-2395 or online under the Careers section at OurLadyofProvidence.org

Saint Francis Xavier School has welcomed over 200 students for the 2021 - 2022 school year. SFX School serves students from PreSchool to 8th grade and is proud to offer excellent academics in a nurturing and faith-filled environment. The mission of SFX School is supported in many ways by SFX parishioners, including the monthly school collection which takes place on the first Sunday of each month. Our thanks to all our benefactors and supporters. For more information about the school please check out our website at www.sfxvt.org and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SaintFrancisXavierSchoolVermont/>. Thank you!

The St. Vincent DePaul Center

The St. Vincent DePaul Center is **Open** and in accepting clothing.

Volunteers needed, please call 655-3006 if interested.

The Center will accept donations.

Tuesdays 9 AM to 3 PM.

Thursdays 9 AM to 3 PM.

We are so delighted to be open and serving others!

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. We are now accepting registrations for the program. For more information please call the parish office at 655-2290.

