

## Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> BVM

8:30 am - St. John –Deceased Mountaineer Priests  
 9:00 am – 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John  
 3:15 pm – Confessions at St. John  
 4:00 pm – St. John –Shirley Lepine (RIP) by Denise Lepine Whitehead & Bruce & Family

## Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> National Catholic Schools Week Begins

8:00 am - St. John –Dick & Anita Bedor (RIP) by Ernie & Vivi Begin  
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – For the Parishioners  
 11:30am - Queen of Peace – Yves Bonin (RIP) by Mark & Robin Nicholson  
 Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

## Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> St. John Bosco, Priest & Religious Founder

8:30 am – St. Elizabeth – Robert McOsker (RIP) by Paul & Mary Weaver

## Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 am - St. John – Donald Hevey (RIP) by Maurice & Jan Hevey

## Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> The Presentation of the Lord

No Mass

## Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

4:00 pm - Adoration & Confession  
 5:15 pm – St. John – Bruce Bessette (RIP) by Ed & Carol Zuccaro  
 Blessing of the throats will occur after Mass today

## Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> First Friday

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth –Greg Sales (RIP) by the Family  
 Adoration and Confession after Mass

## Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:30 am - St. John –Intentions of Mae Brooks  
 9:00 am – 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John  
 3:15 pm – Confessions at St. John  
 4:00 pm – St. John –Marie & Adam Brown (RIP) by Reg, Rose & Renate Haselton

## Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am - St. John – Katie Littel (RIP) by Stephen Donna  
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Ben Parisi (RIP) by Sarha Hurlbut  
 11:30am - Queen of Peace – For the Parishioners  
 Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed.

Please pray for parishioners who are ill or in need of prayers, especially:  
 Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Charlie Weis, Karson St. Marie

Prayer Chain Requests call: Sally Young 802-535-7222, Lynn Welch 802-467-3019



### Adoration Chapel

The Chapel is open daily 9:30am -9:00pm.  
 Tuesdays it is open 9:30am – 6:00pm.

"Adoration of Christ in this sacrament of love must find expression in the various form of Eucharistic devotion .... Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith." Dominicae Cena, 3

**FORMED:** If you are interested in subscribing to FORMED through the Mater Dei Parish's subscription, contact Eydie Aremburg 802-748-9256 or [stjohnsk8edu@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsk8edu@gmail.com) to help you get set up.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 23 – 9:30 – Religious Education Classes @ FLC

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/21-6/30/22 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$230,000  
 Weekly Collection Year-to-date Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> : \$143,015.64  
 Collections & On-line giving Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> : \$4,271.79  
**Second Collections:**  
 Jan 30<sup>th</sup> – No Second Collection Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - Stewardship

### Bishop's Annual Appeal 2021

Our Goal: \$68,944.35 – Received to Date: \$46,221.00 or 68%

### Christ Our Hope Campaign 2021

Our Goal: \$361,693.00 Pledges & Contrib. to Date: \$88,947.17 or 25%

### The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Corpus Christi

**Conference** offers assistance in the name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542; Ann Lovett: 751-8187; the Parish Office: 748-8129. We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!



"Participation with fellow Vincentians allows me to grow in prayer, reflection and friendship. We journey together, and with those in need, to aim for the best version of ourselves."

Camille Miille

### Prayer for Healing

Jan. 30 – 11:30 Mass - Queen of Peace

### GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Good Shepherd's First Annual Day of Giving is a special day during which we ask the entire Good Shepherd community to connect, engage and GIVE to the things that you love about our amazing school and community. Help us MEASURE up to our fundraising goal this year by donating during our Day of Giving on February 1st! You can access the link at our website:

[www.goodshepherdschoolvt.org](http://www.goodshepherdschoolvt.org). Thank you!

### ALSO: Our 21st Annual Father/Daughter Dance

Open to all fathers, daughters and father figures  
 February 11, 2022 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the school, Box Car & Caboose, Shear Sensations, and The Little Red Wagon.

**Good Shepherd Catholic School prepares students for a life of learning, service, compassion, personal excellence, and faith in God.**

### AFFIRMING A CULTURE OF LIFE

There is a lot of enthusiasm in "progressive" Vermont for the "Reproductive Liberty Amendment" (Article 22/Proposal 5).

How can one respond when people ask "How can you be against a woman's reproductive liberty?"

**One short, direct answer:**

**"I believe that life is precious."**

It's hard to disagree with that, and who knows, maybe it will allow for a conversation.

## St. Nicholas Project

The St. Nicholas Project is an association of Catholics who support the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in Westminster, VT with material and financial donations. Founded by Fr. Harlow in 2015, we promote the good works of the children's home.

### Snowflakes

(By guest blogger, Laura Duquette)

Looking out the window this time of year, the landscape looks like a big, white blanket. It's hard to imagine that this blanket is made up of millions of little crystals we call snowflakes. Vermont's own Wilson "Snowflake" Bentley, spent decades in the late 1800s and early 1900s photographing snow crystals using his microscope and a camera. The images clearly show how unique and beautiful each snow crystal is. They are very intricate and stunning. Through his work, he discovered that they are all different. No two snowflakes are alike.

Just as these millions of individual snowflakes may appear to be simply a large blanket of snow, similarly, a large group of people together could just look like a big crowd. But if we stop to consider that each person is an individual with his or her own personality, physical attributes, interests, talents, and life experiences, we must step back and recognize that each person is unique, singular, and unable to be duplicated.

The St Nicholas Project has focused its efforts on our little corner of the world in New England; more specifically, in Westminster, Vermont, at a place called Kurn Hattin Homes for Children. Kurn Hattin has helped children there since 1894 who come from families in distress from Vermont and neighboring states. It's a special place because of the wonderful work they do on behalf of the boys and girls!

From caring teachers and staff to mixed classrooms based on ability rather than age; from opportunities to play sports to learning how to play a musical instrument; from caring for animals to gardening-- and, so much more! Kurn Hattin is its own unique place, singular and noteworthy for its efforts. Moreover, Kurn Hattin's core values show how this organization recognizes the individual child and teaches him or her to grow in self-worth and to persevere in achieving his or her very best in every undertaking. The focus of Kurn Hattin's work with children respects the intricate design of each one--just as if each one were a beautiful snowflake. There is no other place like it!

We hope you'll join The St Nicholas Project in supporting Kurn Hattin's beautiful work with children by making a donation today!



**A non-profit pregnancy support center offering compassionate care, life-affirming options offering information and education for women and men facing unexpected pregnancy.**

Please refer us to anyone who may need our services to call anytime of the day or evening. 802-427-4199 or go online to "futurespregnancycare.org" Thank you.

## Dear Father,

(The following question is from the Corpus Christi Religious Education students):

**Q.** How do I talk about God when people at school make fun of me?

**A:** Talking about somebody whom we love is the most natural thing to do. We talk about our parents, our grandparents, siblings, friends and pets. If people make fun of you because you talk about your faith in God, the problem is not with God. The problem is not with your Catholic faith. The problem is with the person making fun of you. It is disrespectful to you and is a type of bullying. It could also be a type of jealousy that you have something he or she doesn't have. So, never be ashamed of your faith in God or your religion. Even adults have to deal with bullies where they work who make fun of their faith, too. Be proud of the gift of faith you received at Baptism and don't let anybody take it away from you!

## FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students)

I have been supporting Liam Coulter whom I knew from the Cathedral in Burlington, originally from Essex Jct. He is a FOCUS missionary at Columbia University in NYC.

**FOCUS update from Liam:** *"This past week we went down to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. with 15 of our students. It was a very powerful experience both for myself and the students that attended. Currently our campus is virtual so we have not been able to do any big gatherings, but I have been able to meet with students for meals. Starting next week, we should be in-person and I am very excited to see all of our students again."*

**From our parishioner Ethan Roberts, a student at Columbia University:** *"The FOCUS missionaries in my life play a pivotal role in my continued spiritual conversion to the Christian life. Ever since my first encounter with FOCUS on my college campus a year ago, I have experienced growth in my faith hope, love and zeal. I am very grateful for what each missionary does in sacrificing his or her time and energy for the sake of others. My relationship with the Lord would not be where it is today without FOCUS."*

**Milestone Marriage Anniversaries** will be celebrated on February 6, 2022, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington, with Bishop Coyne. Catholic married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) in 2022, who wish to be recognized at this Mass should contact Nicole Hamilton t [nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org) or (802)658-6110, ext. 1131, by January 31, 2022.

## **Presentation of the Lord from Benedict XVI comments:**

*"Evidently Luke intends to say that instead of being 'redeemed' and restored to his parents, this child was personally handed over to God in the Temple, given over completely to God. ... Luke has nothing to say regarding the act of 'redemption' prescribed by the law. In its place we find the exact opposite: the child is handed over to God, and from now on belongs to Him completely."*

## **This weekend at each Church, Contribution Summary**

**Statements** are available to take home for those parishioners who made a monetary contribution to the parish either by on-line giving, envelopes, or a check. For those who do not take theirs with them this weekend, the statements will be mailed to you.