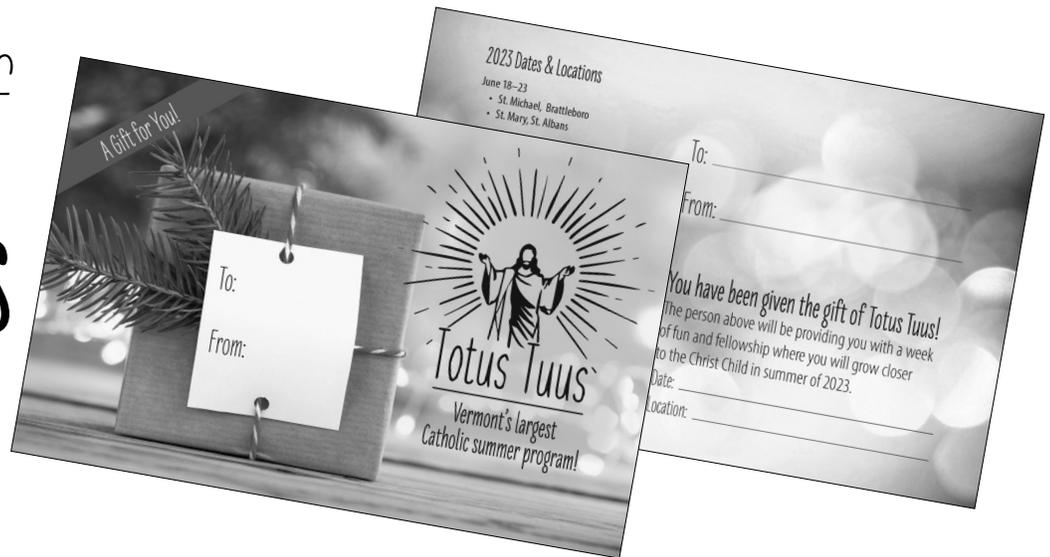


# NEWS FROM The Inland See

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FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## Give the Gift of Totus Tuus



Are you looking for a stocking stuffer for a special child in your life? Consider giving him or her “The Gift of Totus Tuus.”

Every summer, the Diocese of Burlington has offered students in grades K-12 the chance to participate in a weeklong faith immersion experience called “Totus Tuus.” Summer might seem a long way off, but many families begin planning their summer break well in advance.

That’s why this Advent season we are happy to announce the dates for Totus Tuus 2023:

June 18-23	St. Michael Parish, Brattleboro St. Mary Parish Hall, St. Albans
June 25-30	St. Peter Parish, Vergennes/Bristol St. Monica Parish, Barre
July 9-14	Sacred Heart/St. Francis de Sales Parish, Bennington Christ the King Parish, Rutland
July 16-21	Mater Dei Parish, Newport/Derby Line St. John Vianney Parish, South Burlington
July 23-28	St. John the Baptist Parish, Enosburg Falls Blessed Sacrament Parish, Stowe
July 30-Aug. 4	Corpus Christi Parish, St. Johnsbury Ascension Parish, Georgia

In addition, every parish has been given a set of “Give the Gift of Totus Tuus” sponsorship cards. These cards are a creative way to save the date while also pledging your financial support to that special child in your life. Here’s how it works:

- Step 1:** Pick out one of the cards from the back of the church or from the parish office.
- Step 2:** Fill out the “To” and “From” lines with the appropriate names.
- Step 3:** Choose which location and date work best for the young person’s family.
- Step 4:** Place the card in the child’s stocking for Christmas.

These are neither gift cards nor registration cards. By filling them out, you simply are making a promise to that special young person that you will register him or her for Totus Tuus once sign-ups begin in the spring. It will also help you better plan your family’s summer so that you can make certain that Totus Tuus will be a part of it.

Here is what people are saying about Totus Tuus:

*“Totus Tuus gave my children their best experience of the summer!”* — Totus Tuus parent

*“Totus Tuus is one of the most rewarding experiences for kids and the parish community. I would recommend it for anyone.”* — Totus Tuus missionary

*“Totus Tuus is fun, educational and great for socializing!”* — Totus Tuus participant

— Daniel Lacourge is catechetical leader for the Diocese of Burlington.

# Upcoming Events



12|05, 12, 19 MONDAYS  
**Old Testament Scripture Study**  
*St. John Vianney Parish Hall, S. Burlington*  
 9:15 – 10:30 am

Brush up on your Bible Basics with an Old Testament Scripture Study. As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, we will look into all that led up to that glorious event, from the beginning of creation. For more info or to register: [sjvgoodnews@gmail.com](mailto:sjvgoodnews@gmail.com).



12|05, 12 MONDAYS  
**From the Gospel of St. Matthew — Advent to Christmas**

*Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 7 – 8 pm*

Join us for this two part series with Rev. Richard Berube SSE PhD. All are welcome.



12|08, 15 THURSDAYS  
**Weekly Bibly Study**

*Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 7 pm*

Every Thursday at 7 pm we will gather in the parish hall library to read and discuss the Gospel for the coming Sunday. All are welcome!



12|08, 15, 22 THURSDAY  
**Advent Study for Women**

*via Zoom • 7:30 – 9 pm*

The Vermont Catholic Women's Group is watching "Behold" an Advent series by Sr. Miriam Hiland. You can find the companion book on the AveMaria Press website. **FOR MORE INFO: contact Carolina, caro3600@gmail.com.**



12|09, 16 FRIDAYS  
**SoulCore**

*Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 9 – 10:30 am*

Integrating the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movements to nourish body & soul and encourage deeper reflection on the virtues. What to bring: Mat, water, weights optional (1-3lbs.) Who should come? Everyone! SoulCore is self-paced and can be modified for any ability.



12|10 SATURDAY  
**What is Christmas? A Nativity Program**

*Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 5pm*

Join us for a program of scripture, music, and display of Christmas artwork through the centuries and around the world.



12|11 SUNDAY  
**Breakfast Buffet**

*St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 8 – 10 am*  
 Omelets to order, scrambled eggs, french

toast, bacon, sausage, fruit, plain and blueberry pancakes, maple syrup, sausage gravy on biscuits, corn bread, home fries, mini muffins, juice, milk, and coffee. \$10 adults, \$6 children 8 to 12yrs., \$32 immediate family maximum. Sponsored by Vergennes Council Knights of Columbus.



12|11 SUNDAY  
**DeGoesbriand Council 279 Burlington Pancake Breakfast**

*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 9 - 11:30 am*

Breakfast served on the 2nd Sundays of each month. Cost is \$10 per person and \$25 for a family of four.



12|13 TUESDAY  
**In the Bleak Midwinter: The Polyphony Choir of Magdalen College**

*St. Peter, Rutland • 7 pm*

Join us for a festive concert of sacred music for Advent and Christmastide. The acclaimed 20-voice ensemble will take you on a musical journey from the season of hushed waiting to the joyful radiance of Our Lord's Nativity. This concert is part of the choir's In the Bleak Midwinter tour that is taking place at major churches across New England this December. It is free and open to the public.



12|15 THURSDAY  
**Our Lady's Kitchen: A "meal and a movie" Night**

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

Come join us for an incredible meal, popcorn, and a great movie! Free and open to all.



12|15 THURSDAY  
**Married Life — The First 5 Years**

*Online • 7 – 8:15 pm*

Navigating the first five years of marriage can be a challenge — no matter how long you've known each other. Enhance your relationship, meet other couples, and grow your marital relationship. You only need to register once to join. We meet virtually, once a month, 7 – 8:15pm. Please pre-register for any one or all: [vermontcatholic.org/event/married-life-the-first-5-years/](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/married-life-the-first-5-years/)



12|18 SUNDAY  
**Knights of Columbus St. Stephen's Council #2284 Pancake Breakfast**

*St. Francis Xavier, Winooski • 8 am - 12 pm*

Held in the St. Francis School Gym, cost is \$10, includes pancakes — plain & blueberry, scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, coffee & juice.



12|18 SUNDAY  
**Organ Concert: Sing We Now Noel**

*St. Michael's College chapel, Colchester*  
 2 pm

Dr. William Tortolano, emeritus professor and college organist, will present the 62nd annual festive concert with the classic two-manual, 14-stop Casavant pipe organ.

The program is designed to cover a variety of musical compositions to encourage the audience to participate. Jerry Proulx, a St. Michael's graduate, with extensive theater credentials, will sing the famous Italian carol, *Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle*, in Italian. A free-will offering gratefully.



12|18 SUNDAY  
**Lessons and Carols**

*Our Lady of the Snows, Waitsfield • 2 pm*

This year features singers from Thomas

Aquinas College in Northfield MA, Ruth Tintle and her husband Leigh, and Ann Harvey. An outdoor reception with fire pits, warm drinks and dessert will follow. This is a family friendly event.



12|18 SUNDAY  
**3 Part Series on The Christian Crisis of Teen Doubt**

*St. Catherine of Siena, Shelburne • 5:30 pm*

Parts 1 and 2 were held on Oct. 9 and Nov.

20. Part 3: Doubt: A Threat or Opportunity?



12|19 MONDAY  
**The History of the Christmas Tree — from Luther to the present age**

*Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 7 – 8 pm*

Join us for this presentation by Dr. Damian Costello, Ph. D. All are welcome.



12|25 SUNDAY  
**Free Christmas Dinner!**

*St. Anthony, Bethel*

*12:30 – 2:30 pm*

Come enjoy a free, incredible, and scrumptious dinner.

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