

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 24–30, 2022

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## The Eucharist as sacrifice

The Year of the Eucharist has been celebrated this year in the Diocese of Burlington with a particular emphasis on the various truths of the Eucharist: the Eucharist as Communion, as Worship and as Real Presence. All of this will continue over the next two years as the Catholic Church in the United States continues its celebration of the Eucharistic Revival which was begun last June on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Much will follow in our own Diocese as well as we strive to grow in our love for and knowledge of the Eucharist, the summit and font of all of the Church's actions.

Thus, it is timely for us during this Christmas season to focus on a further significant truth of the Eucharist, namely the Eucharist as sacrifice. While we revel in the nativity stories found in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew and the joy of the birth of the Son of God made man, we also recall that God sent His Son into the world to suffer and die for our salvation. Many Christian saints and teachers have evoked a metaphorical connection between the wood of the manger, in which the child Jesus was laid, and the wood of the Cross upon which Jesus died. Recall, if you will, the haunting words of the Christmas song, *I Wonder as I Wander*:

*I wonder as I wander,  
Out under the sky  
Why Jesus our Savior  
Did come for to die  
For poor ordinary people  
Like you and like I  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.*

Jesus' whole life was directed toward the sacrifice He was to make on the cross for our sake and the sake of all the world. But He also spoke continually of the coming of God's Kingdom that would be initiated through His death and resurrection and continued in His Church. All of us who are baptized in Christ are initiated into His death and resurrection and born to new life in the Church. This participation in the mission of the Church is carried out by each of us according to our vocation in the Church — laity, religious and ordained.

When we gather for the celebration of the sacrifice of the Mass, we join all of the sacrifices of our own lives for the sake of others and the Church and offer them with bread and wine as we lift up our hearts in praise and thanksgiving. The fullness of the Eucharistic celebration sustains and nourishes us further to leave the Mass to go forth "spreading the Good News by our lives."

Merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



*Christopher J. Coyne*

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne  
Bishop of Burlington



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# Upcoming Events



12|25 SUNDAY  
**Free Christmas Dinner!**  
*St. Anthony, Bethel*  
12:30 – 2:30 pm

Come enjoy a free, incredible, and scrumptious dinner.



01|05, 12, 19, 26 THURSDAYS  
**Weekly Bible 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! Weekly schedule continues in January after a break for Christmas.



01|10, 12, 02|07, 09  
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
**Walking With Families:**  
*Tackling the Tough Topics*  
*Around Human Sexuality*  
via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm

This series of discussions will share the beauty of the Catholic Church's teachings on Theology of the Body as well as offer practical tips and suggestions from local professionals, clergy, religious and lay persons about how to talk about the gift of our sexuality, respond to gender identity issues, and more with our youth, our parents, our family, and friends.

Presenters for January 10 & 12 are Father Jon Schnobrich and Sharon Trani, MSN, MAFT, APRN/Nurse Practitioner, Marriage and Family Therapist.

Presenters for February 7 & 9 are Daniel Lacourrege, Diocesan Catechetical Leader; Sister Paul Mary Dreger, FSE, Campus Ministry; and Marie Antunes, Administrative Secretary Waterbury, Moretown, Waitsfield

FOR MORE INFO: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/walking-with-families-3/>



01|12, 19, 26, 02|02, 09, 16, 23  
THURSDAYS  
**"Surviving Divorce"**  
**Support Group**

*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6 - 7 pm*

For the newly separated and divorced, as well as for those still struggling with issues many years later, we invite you to join us for Surviving Divorce. Together we will help each other answer questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing from the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. The twelve-week program will begin Thursday, January 12. A \$25 materials fee is requested to help with the cost. Accommodations are possible if the fee is a hardship at the time of reregistration. FOR MORE INFO: Dcn. Josh McDonald at [jmcdonald@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:jmcdonald@vermontcatholic.org).



01|15 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.



01|18 WEDNESDAY  
**Vermont Catholic Professionals**  
**Networking Breakfast**  
*In-Person and via Zoom • 8:30 - 9:30 am*

Dr. Jessica Whalen will address the Vermont Catholic Professionals group at the first networking breakfast of 2023. This networking breakfast event will be held at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington Brady Center, 55 Joy Drive, S. Burlington. Light breakfast foods and beverages will be available. The presentation will begin at 9 am. If you are unable to attend in person the speaker's presentation will be live-streamed via Zoom.



01|18 WEDNESDAY  
**Franklin Deanery Holy Hour**  
*St. Rose of Lima, S. Hero • 6 pm*

The Franklin Deanery will host a Holy Hour, priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



02|5 SUNDAY  
**World Marriage Day Mass**  
*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am*

Married Catholic couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries (5, 10, 15, 20, 50, 51, or more) during 2023, and who wish to be recognized are invited to attend the Diocese of Burlington Anniversary Mass. Pre-Registration is required by contacting Nicole Hamilton, [nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org) or (802) 6110, ext. 1131. Please provide the information of the Catholic parish married, parish presently attending, and the anniversary being celebrated.

Parishes who wish to recognize significant anniversaries locally, can request certificates signed by Bishop Coyne, and mailed to the parish by contacting Nicole Hamilton (see above.) Please include the couple's names, anniversary year (5, 10, 15, 20, 50, 51, or more), Catholic parish married, and priest/deacon. Please note that requests will be only be accepted through January 27, 2023.



02|15 WEDNESDAY  
**Franklin Deanery Holy Hour**

*St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 6 pm*

The Franklin Deanery will host a Holy Hour, priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



02|22 WEDNESDAY  
**Ash Wednesday**  
*Lent begins today.*



02|26 SUNDAY  
**Rite of Election & Call to**  
**Continuing Conversion**

*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 3 pm*

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated by Bishop Coyne on the First Sunday of Lent at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Friends and family of those participating in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion and all the faithful from around the diocese are invited to celebrate with us. A small reception follows the liturgy.

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**U.S. Catholic Sisters**  
**Against Human Trafficking**  
*Ending Slavery Is Everyone's Work*

December — A gift to US Catholic Sisters can make a difference in our efforts to confront the Human Trafficking pandemic.

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization,  
2039 N Geyer Road,  
St. Louis, MO 63131  
([sistersagainsttrafficking.org](https://sistersagainsttrafficking.org))

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