

SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 9:15 am

Mon, Tues, Fri: 8:15 am

Wednesday: 12:10 pm

Thursday: No Mass

Please see inside bulletin for exceptions/changes

Holy Days and Holidays

Please see Mass schedule inside bulletin.

Confession

Friday: 8:45–9:30 am

Saturday: 4:00–4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

Office Hours (@ St. Monica in Barre)

Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Friday: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Saturday-Sunday

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-6: Sunday 10:30-11:30am

O.C.I.A.

A program for those interested in becoming Catholic and Catholics who would like to learn more about their faith.

Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm † September - April
in St. Augustine Parish Hall

EMMAUS JOURNEY

Exploring the Christian Faith Vision

Adult Continuing Education

With Dcn Regis Cummings and Joseph Gainza

Thursdays 6:30-8PM on Zoom † September-April
Join Any Time

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Patrick J. Forman

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Fr. Luan Van Tran

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Regis Cummings (S.S.)
Rev. Mr. Gesualdo Schneider

Religious Education Director: Daniel Lacourrege

Parish Secretary/Office Manager: Liz Kilmurry

Custodian/Cemetery Director: Michael Bottiggi

Parish Council Chair:

Conor Cook, conor.p.cook@outlook.com

Finance Committee Chair:

Open at this time

Catholic Daughters of America Regent:

Denise Parry, parrya@myfairpoint.net

Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight: William Toborg, wlt1@caa.columbia.edu

Deputy Grand Knight: Conor Cook, conor.p.cook@outlook.com



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Weddings: Contact the Pastor before setting a date; a minimum of six months notice is required.

Baptisms: By appointment; please call the rectory.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please notify us of people who are ill and/or hospitalized.
We will respond as soon as possible.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church, who wishes to receive the Sacraments (Confession, Communion, Anointing of the Sick), please call the Rectory: 223.5285

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions may be requested Tuesday through Friday, in person at the rectory, or by phone,

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS & GUESTS

We are delighted that you have joined our parish family. As we worship together, we hope you will feel at home here. We invite you to participate in the many parish ministries that provide opportunities for prayer, service and outreach.

By registering as a parish member, we can get to know and serve you better.

Being inspired by the Gospel to live with faith, hope and love, we aspire to build God's Kingdom.

Please register by calling the rectory at 802-223-5285, or email: staugustine@vermontcatholic.org

December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

READING 1 Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.
READING 2 James 5:7-10
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Isaiah 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)
GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11

LITURGY

December 14

3rd Sunday
of
Advent

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec 6 Saint Nicholas, Bishop

5:15 PM Peter DeCrenza, Jr.
Madlyn Morrissey by Annie Noonan

Sunday, Dec 7 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:15 AM Deceased Members of the Bliss Family
by Rachael Bliss

Monday, Dec 8 Immaculate Conception

12:10 PM All Parishioners

Tuesday, Dec 9 Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8:15 AM Margaret F. Whitcomb
by Susan & Rene Houle and Family

Wednesday, Dec 10 Our Lady of Loreto

12:10 PM Katie Fisher

Thursday, Dec 11 Saint Damasus I, Pope

NO MASS

Friday, Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:15 AM Relief of Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, Dec 13 Saint Lucy

5:15 PM All Parishioners of St. Augustine

Sunday, Dec 14- 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:15 AM Mary Jane Cain by Fred & Mary Bashara

IMPORTANT DATES

Tue, Dec 9 - CDA Advent Program 6pm, Gift Exchange
Wed, Dec 10 - OCIA 6:30pm @ St. Augustine
Fri, Dec 12 - St. Augustine Community Lunch 11:30am-1pm
Sun, Dec 14 - Christmas Pageant Practice 10:30am @ St. A
for all Religious Ed students from both St. A & St. M
Wed, Dec 17 - OCIA 6:30pm @ St. Augustine/
Youth Group Christmas Party 6-8pm @ St. Monica
Fri, Dec 19 - St. Augustine Community Lunch 11:30am-1pm
Sun, Dec 21 - Christmas Pageant 10:30am @ St. Augustine for
ALL Religious Education Students from BOTH St. A & St. M

Coffee Hour

(Second Sunday of the Month after 9:15am Mass)

Please email or call Cynthia Murphy at
cynthiam1950@gmail.com or 802.229.0779
if you are able to provide baked goods/fruit/
veggies or help out. Or just be spontaneous and
bring us a surprise. You need not commit to every
month.

Next Coffee Hour: December 14

Holiday Schedule

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

St. Augustine - 4:00pm, 7:00pm

St. Monica - 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

St. Augustine - 9:00am

St. Monica - 10:00am

Dec. 31 - Solemnity of Mary, Vigil

St. Augustine - 5:15pm

St. Monica - 4:00pm

Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary

St. Augustine - 9:15am

St. Monica - 10:45am



Support for Nov 23 / 30

Online Giving:	\$371.00	\$318.00
Saint Augustine Offertory:	\$3,082.00	\$2,485.00
Building & Grounds:	\$80.00	\$60.00
Cemetery:	\$20.00	\$2.00
Community Lunch:	\$380.00	\$700.00
Fuel:	\$294.00	\$37.00
Religious Ed:		
School:	\$33.00	\$2.00
Vigil Candles:	\$102.00	\$72.00
Non-Off. Misc. Donations:	\$3,700.00	\$60.00
All Souls:	\$103.00	\$0.00
Campaign for Human Dev:	\$453.00	\$20.00
Flowers		\$25.00
Immaculate Conception:		\$10.00
Military Services:	\$100.00	

Thank you for your continued support!

2nd Collection Dec 14 - RETIRED RELIGIOUS FUND

Live Christmas Pageant

On Sunday, December 21 at 10:30am, at St. Augustine Church, children from St. Monica and St. Augustine Parishes, and St. Monica-St. Michael School are going to present the gospel account of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be communal singing during the pageant.

All children are invited to come to a rehearsal on Sunday, December 14 at 10:30am at St. Augustine Church. Parts will be assigned at this time. Everyone is welcome as we need lots of angels and shepherds. For more information please contact our Religious Education Director.

If there is a significant reason that your student cannot attend, please let us know ASAP so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you for making this special time of the year even more memorable for our young people.



Decorating Our Churches

Decorating the churches for the Christmas Season takes a lot of help! Moving things around, hanging wreaths, placing the nativity and flowers can be enjoyable with many helpers.

St. Augustine Church will be decorated on Sunday, December 21, after the children's Christmas Pageant. We will start about 11:30am. St. Monica Church will be decorated on Monday, December 22, beginning at 10:00am.

The Word Among US

Many copies of the Advent issue of the Word Among Us, so that even parishioners who don't usually use it will have the opportunity to make their Advent more spiritual. The books contain a short Bible reading, reflection and prayer for each day of Advent.



Opportunities for Advent Reconciliation

St. Augustine: Friday 8:45 – 9:30am; Saturday 4:00 – 4:45pm

St. Monica: Saturday 3:00-3:30pm; Sunday 3:15 – 3:45pm; Tues & Thurs 5:30 to 6:00pm

THANK YOU!

We would like to say a big "Thank You" to all who donated non-perishables or money to our Community Lunch for the Thanksgiving Mass Offertory. Our pantry is now stocked with much needed staples for our meals.



Dear Rev. Patrick J. Forman and parishioners of St. Augustine Parish,

Today I write to acknowledge and express my gratitude to you and the parishioners of St. Augustine Parish on achieving and exceeding your 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal goal. Your support allows us to maintain and strengthen the important work that we fulfill through our ministries and services, such as diocesan operations, support for our Catholic schools, emergency aid, evangelization, and so much more. I am most appreciative of your dedicated effort to help us reach this year's diocesan goal.

While your monetary goal has been reached, please continue to promote participation within your parish family so that more members of St. Augustine Parish can share in the success of the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

I pray for all parishioners of St. Augustine Parish; may God bless you and your families.

In Christ Jesus,

The Most Reverend John J. McDermott

Bishop of Burlington



LET US PRAY FOR... *our church, our parishes in Vermont and all over the world, our Catholic Schools, our communities, our families, those who are sick and infirm, those who are lonely, those who suffer from mental illness and addiction. Let us pray.*

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER CIRCLE: If you would like to have prayers said for a loved one, friend, or neighbor, please call Cathy Asbell (802.279.7957).

PLEASE PRAY... For all the men and women from our Parish, State, and Country who serve in the military, and for the sick of our Parish,



Especially for:

Kathy Callaghan
G.
GBJ
Raylene Hedges
Greg Ibey
Matthew Khouri
Jan Koval
Olivia Leibold
Lee Curtis Lilly
Matthew Percy
Pat Percy
Jeannette Quinn
Timothy Scandale
Thomas Vivian

PRAYERS

Call 223-5285 (Rector)
To add someone to this list

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul
of those who have died in our Parish
Especially:

*Carleen Pembroke Van Siclen
Ronald Dion
Gertrude "Trudy" McArdle
Joseph Mureta*



Jubilee Pilgrimage Passport

The Diocese of Burlington has created a simple passport that is available to any parishioner who may wish to keep track of their pilgrimage to the 4 Jubilee Churches in our diocese. The passport has 6 visits,

This project can be accomplished anytime throughout the Jubilee Year, as your schedule allows.

Information on the Jubilee Churches and the Indulgence can be found here:

www.vermontcatholic.org/about/jubilee-year-2025/



St. Joseph's Level III Residential Care Home, Burlington, VT

Rooms and Suites available: St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, operated by Vermont Catholic Charities, is a small home-like community that provides personal care, medication management, home cooked meals, nursing overview, and a wide array of activities. Our dedicated staff supports the needs of the whole person - physical, emotional, social and spiritual.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please call 802.864.0264

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Following the teachings of Dom John Main OSB,
founder of the Benedictine Priory, Montreal, Quebec

For details please Contact: Dcn Regis Cummings - 802.223.6043

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Romans 15:4-9: "Brothers and Sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Have Hope in your marriage. Live in harmony with your spouse. Learn how, by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:

January 23-25, 2026 in North Easton, MA

March 13-15, 2026 in South Burlington, VT



Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church.

Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call **Gary & Lynn Root** at **802-456-8114**, vtroot@together.net or

wwwme.org.

BISHOP'S APPEAL as of 11/19/2025 WE'VE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL!

GOAL: \$32,676.00 ACTUAL: \$30,781.62 Recurring Estimate: \$2,653.00

ACTUAL (Including Recurring Est): \$33,434.62

% OF GOAL: 102%!

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

December

For Christians in areas of conflict

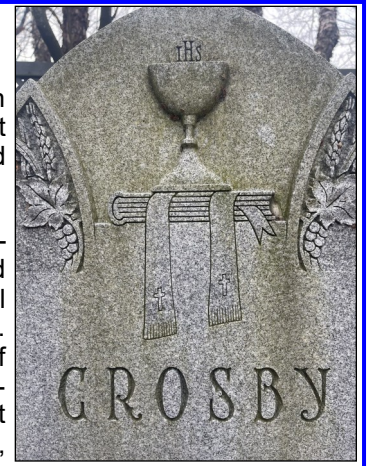
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

A Window into Our Stained Glass Windows

In this time of change and reorganization in the Diocese of Burlington, it's tempting to focus on what we're losing. This is particularly true at St. Augustine Church, as we are preparing to put our rectory on the market. We need to remember that this is also a time of opportunity and great potential. Msgr. Crosby has been reminding me of that for the last couple weeks.

Msgr. William Crosby was not only the longest serving (1921-1959) and arguably most important pastor in the history of St. Augustine (he was responsible for installing the stained glass windows after all), he was also a prominent leader in Montpelier. Along with his pastoral duties, he served on the Executive Board of the Montpelier Board of the American Red Cross. The city held multiple banquets in his honor at City Hall, including for the 50th anniversary of his ordination, which was attended by Senator Aiken and Governor Johnson. A 1946 newspaper article about the celebration of his 25th anniversary as pastor of St. Augustine stated that "Monsignor Crosby is deeply loved and respected by those of all faiths; his understanding, quiet humor, true generosity and goodness are reflected in his eyes and smile...He has at all times taken an active part in the affairs of the community...His sound judgement and wise counsel are sought by many civic groups."

Ever since the hallway connecting the rectory to the church was torn down, Msgr. Crosby, who is buried on the north side of the church, once again looks out into town and at City Hall. He remains as a great witness to our call to follow his example and re-imagine how we engage our Central Vermont community. In letting go of the rectory, the person who was most responsible for its construction once again faces the community he loved so much. He and the rest of us are letting go of something, but even more so have been freed to take that energy and build new relationships and projects that are more needed by our community now. So next time you visit St. Augustine Church, stop by Msgr. Crosby's grave, look out at City Hall, and offer a prayer for him and the work he's left for us to take up.



St. Augustine Rectory Update

As preparations continue to sell the St. Augustine rectory, the following steps have been taken: the breezeway has been removed, the petition to move the boundary line has been filed, and a shed has been purchased. The shed will go in the courtyard area to house the lawn mowers and snow blower. There will be plenty of room for parishioners to visit the grave of Monsignor Crosby. Once the boundary line is approved by the City, a fence will be put up between the church and rectory. Then the rectory will be able to go on the market, with clear boundaries.

Lessons and Carols **Sunday, December 28th at 3PM** **Bishop McDermott Presiding**

A traditional service of Lessons and Carols in which beloved carols alternate with scripture to tell of the loving purpose of Christ's coming among us will be offered at St Peter's Church in Vergennes. It is a reflective evening accompanied by organ, choir, and brass ensemble.

Cookies and Christmas cheer to follow in the parish hall. All are welcome!



Sing with Joy at St. Augustine's Annual Christmas Carol Sing-Along!

Friday, December 12th 5:30 PM St. Augustine's Church

Come lift your voice in song and celebrate the joy of the season with friends, parishioners, and community.

After the sing-along, enjoy a simple, cozy supper of soup & bread in the church hall.

We look forward to sharing this special evening with you!

