

# SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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[rel\\_ed\\_sta@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:rel_ed_sta@vermontcatholic.org)

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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:** 8:45–9:45 am

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

## Office Hours

**Monday – Wednesday:** 8:00am – 5:00pm

**Thursday:** 8:00am – 4:00pm

**Friday:** 8:00am – 12:00pm

**(Monday – Thursday: Closed Noon–1:00 pm)**

## 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 7:00pm–8:30pm † September – April**

*Alternating weekly between St. Augustine and St. Monica*

## EMMAUS JOURNEY

**Exploring the Christian Faith Vision**

*Adult Continuing Education*

*With Dcn Regis Cummings and Joseph Gainza*

**Thursdays 6:30–8PM on Zoom † 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

**Parish Secretary/Office Manager:** Liz Kilmurry  
**Custodian/Cemetery Director:** Michael Bottiggi

## Parish Council Chair:

Conor Cook, [conor.p.cook@outlook.com](mailto:conor.p.cook@outlook.com)

## Finance Committee Chair:

Open at this time

## Catholic Daughters of America Regent:

Denise Parry, [parrya@myfairpoint.net](mailto:parrya@myfairpoint.net)

## Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight: William Toborg, [wlt1@caa.columbia.edu](mailto:wlt1@caa.columbia.edu)

Deputy Grand Knight: Conor Cook, [conor.p.cook@outlook.com](mailto: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

*Requests for Mass Intentions should be made in person at the Rectory office, 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](mailto:staugustine@vermontcatholic.org)

## August 3, 2025 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

READING 1 [Wisdom 18:6-9](#)  
RESPONSORIAL PSALM [Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22](#)  
READING 2 [Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19](#)  
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [Matthew 24:42a, 44](#)  
GOSPEL [Luke 12:32-48](#)

### LITURGY

August 10  
19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
Ordinary  
Time

#### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Aug 2 Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest; BVM**

**5:15 PM** Mary Jane Cain  
by Wayne & Maryann Breer

**Sunday, Aug 3 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**9:15 AM** Dolores D'Amico  
by Rose Pelchuck and Family

**Monday, Aug 4 Saint John Vianney, Priest**

**8:15 AM** Relief of Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, Aug 5 The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**

**8:15 AM** Relief of Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, Aug 6 Transfiguration of the Lord**

**12:10 PM** All Parishioners of St. Augustine

**Thursday, Aug 7 Saint Sixtus II, Pope; Saint Cajetan, Priest**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, Aug 8 Saint Domenic, Priest**

**8:15 AM** Relief of Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, Aug 9 Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

**5:15 PM** Gillian Hernandez  
by Mama, Dad and Brother Ian

**Sunday, Aug 10 - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**9:15 AM** Michael Bliss by Rachael Bliss



#### St. Augustine Feast Day Mass

August 28 is the Feast of St. Augustine. It falls on a Thursday this year. The 5:00pm Mass that is usually held at St. Monica, will be moved to St. Augustine Church this day. There will be an opportunity to have a potluck supper in the parish hall after mass. All are invited.

#### St. Monica Feast Day Mass

On Wednesday, August 27, the 8:15am Mass will be celebrated at St. Monica Church, in honor of our patron saint. There will be a coffee hour in the parish hall following the mass. Everyone is invited.

#### Fr. Leo Would Like a Volunteer

Fr. Leo is looking for a volunteer to play music on Sunday at 10:00am for his Mass at Chestnut Place.

Please contact the office if you are interested.

#### Support for Jun 29

Online Giving:	\$542.00
Saint Augustine Offertory:	\$2,768.00
Building & Grounds:	\$265.00
Cemetery:	\$231.00
Fuel:	\$20.00
Religious Ed:	
School:	\$10.00
Soup Kitchen:	
Vigil Candles:	\$75.00
Non-Off. Misc. Donations:	\$500.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Wed, Aug 6 - Combined Committees Meeting 6pm hall

Fri, Aug 8 - St. A Community Lunch 11:30am-1:00pm

Fri, Aug 15 - St. A Community Lunch 11:30am-1:00pm

### **Prayer is Never Wasted**

Thank you to everyone who was able to pray the novena to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, in preparation for Bishop McDermott's meeting with lawyers. Unfortunately, the other side caused a delay in the meeting, so the Bishop came home. The prayers you offered and Our Lady's intercession, will continue to bear fruit and help resolve the bankruptcy. Please keep praying for Bishop John and the burden he carries.

### **Opening School Mass with Bishop John**

The 7:00am Mass on Monday, August 25, is being moved to 8:15am so that Bishop McDermott will be able to celebrate it with our school community as we mark the beginning of a new school year. So that both priests will be able to concelebrate with the Bishop, the 8:15am Mass at St. Augustine will be cancelled. Everyone is invited to pray for a fruitful, spiritual and safe new school year.

### **Parish Committees Meeting**

Wednesday, August 6, Fr. Pat would like to meet with the parish councils, finance councils, liturgy committees, leaders of the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters, Buildings and Grounds and Hospitality from both St. Augustine and St. Monica. The meeting will be at 6:00pm at St. Augustine Parish Hall. The goal of this meeting will be to discuss, changing the mass schedules, selling the rectory and bringing the administration of the parishes closer together.

### **Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner August 9**

The Knights are sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, August 9 in the parish hall following the 4:00pm vigil mass. This will be by donation, and all proceeds will go to the Knights' Charitable Fund. All are invited to a nice dinner and sharing fellowship while contributing to their charitable work in the community.



## **Knights of Columbus Raffle**

The Knights of Columbus will be raffling chances to win a \$200 Visa card to benefit the Knights' charitable and fraternal programs. Chances are \$10. Sales will commence the weekend of August 9/10 and continue on August 16/17, with a drawing at the Parish picnic on August 24, 2025. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be available after Masses on August 9/10 and August 16/17 to sell raffle tickets.

### **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

August 15, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of our Blessed Mother, as she was assumed body and soul into heaven. This is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics.

The following masses will be offered:

Thursday, August 14: 5:00pm at St. Monica and 6:00pm at St. Augustine  
Friday, August 15: 7:00am at St. Monica and 8:15am at St. Augustine

### **Plan Ahead: Our Parish Feast Day**

On Sunday, August 24 from noon to 2:30pm, our parishes will celebrate the Feast of St. Monica (Aug 27) and St. Augustine (Aug 28), together, at the Barre Town Recreation Area. Everyone is asked to bring a food item to share. Drinks will be provided. The Knights of Columbus will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, and Marriage Encounter Ministry will provide BBQ Chicken. There will be a bouncy house for the children. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket to sit upon.

### **Prayer for Vocations**

Bishop McDermott has asked that at the end of the prayers of the faithful at all masses, a prayer for vocations be prayed. There are copies in the pew. Please leave these laminated cards in the pews for the next mass.





**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:***

G.  
GBJ  
Raylene Hedges  
Greg Ibey  
Matthew Khouri  
Jan Koval  
Olivia Leibold  
Lee Curtis Lilly  
Matthew 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*



**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, so it can be filled for the Lenten Season and culminate during Holy Week.

*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/](http://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.

**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: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*"Thus, will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."* What does God want for your relationship with your spouse. Learn His plan on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. Check out and sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience (**WWME.org**). It can help you in your communication, teach you many skills, and also help you to grow in intimacy and in faith with one another.

**Some of the dates to sign up are:**

August 15-17, 2025 at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT  
September 19-21 in Huntington, NY

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.

Contact **Gary & Lynn Root** at 802-456-8114, [vtroot@together.net](mailto:vtroot@together.net)  
or <https://wwwmevtw.org/>



**BISHOP'S APPEAL as of 6/17/2025**

<b>GOAL: \$32,676.00</b>	<b>ACTUAL: \$21,840.50</b>	<b>Recurring Estimate: \$4,169.00</b>
<b>ACTUAL (Including Recurring Est): \$26,009.50</b>		<b>% OF GOAL: 80%</b>

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

August

**For Mutual Coexistence**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic political, religious, or ideological reasons.

## *A Window into Our Stained Glass Windows*

In last Sunday's homily, Fr. Pat urged us to be "men and women of prayer" and to explore different ways to "deepen our prayer life." The saint for Monday August 4 is a perfect teacher for that: Saint John Vianney, Priest (1786-1859). He lived during the chaotic period in the aftermath of the French Revolution. John Vianney was a dynamic and humble parish priest despite his desire for solitude. He tried running away four times (!) to the monastery yet came back to continuing serving his flock.

The selection from St. John Vianney in the Office of Readings is a beautiful reflection on "The glorious duty of man: to pray and to love." In it, he makes a very simple presentation on the depth of prayer. Prayer is not primarily asking for things, but entering into "union with God." The images St. John Vianney uses are found in our windows. See if you can find them and meditate on how they can help your prayer life deepen:

"Our prayer is **incense** that gives him the greatest pleasure."

"My little children, your **hearts** are small, but prayer stretches them and makes them capable of loving God."

"Prayer is nothing else but union with God. When one has a heart that is pure and united with God, he is given a kind of serenity and sweetness that makes him ecstatic, a light that surrounds him with marvelous brightness. In this intimate union, God and the soul are fused together like **two bits of wax** that no one can ever pull apart.... Prayer never leaves us without sweetness. It is **honey** that flows into the soul and makes all things sweet."

"Some men immerse themselves as deeply in **prayer as fish in water**, because they give themselves totally to God. There is not division in their hearts. O, how I love these noble souls! Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Colette used to see our Lord and talk to him just as we talk to one another."

St. John Vianney is the patron of parish priests, so let us use his feast day to pray for Fr. Pat and Fr. Luan.



## **Introducing the New Parish Catechetical Leader for St. Augustine and St. Monica**

Hello everyone! My name is Daniel Lacourge and I am the new Parish Catechetical Leader for St. Augustine and St. Monica. I was born and raised in New Orleans, where I studied for the priesthood and was in formation with the Discalced Carmelites before discerning a call to married life. However, thanks to Notre Dame Seminary's lay formation program, I was able to continue working on my master's degree and even graduated with many of the priests and sisters who I had studied with for years. I spent a decade serving in the Archdiocese of New Orleans as a Catholic High School theology teacher and department chair.

Believe it or not, it has been a lifelong dream to live in Vermont! Like so many people during the pandemic, my wife and I took the time to reassess our lives. Prayer, fasting, and discernment led us to seek out the Diocese of Burlington, and God made every step to get here an act of grace and providence! I have worked for the last three years as the Diocesan Catechetical Leader, a role that I will still hold as I begin the PCL position here. I appreciate the opportunity I've had to get to know those here I've already met. I would like to especially thank Fr. Pat Forman who has helped welcome us in so many ways. St. Augustine and St. Monica are beautiful communities, and we feel blessed to be a part of them.

I'm looking forward to this new year for religious education! If you have young people in your family who will be entering Pre-K through 6th grade or who need to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please register using the form found at the back of the church. If you are a teen or if there are teens in your family, we would love to have you join our youth group. See more information below.

If you have any questions or would like to introduce yourself, you can email me at [dlacourge@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:dlacourge@vermontcatholic.org). I can't wait to meet each of you and hear about what God is doing in our parish!

In the Peace of Christ,  
Daniel Lacourge  
Diocesan Catechetical Leader for the Diocese of Burlington  
Parish Catechetical Leader for St. Augustine and St. Monica