

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 Wednesday 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

February 15, 2026 - Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time

READING 1 [Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7](#)
RESPONSORIAL PSALM [Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17](#)
READING 2 [Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19](#)
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [Matthew 4:4b](#)
GOSPEL [Matthew 4:1-11](#)

LITURGY

February 22

First Sunday
of Lent

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb 14 Saints Cyril, Monk; and Methodius, Bishop

5:15 PM Bernard "Bo" Goodell by Pauline & Family

Sunday, Feb 15 - 6th Sunday Ordinary Time

9:15 AM All Parishioners

Monday, Feb 16

8:15 AM Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, Feb 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:15 AM Living & Deceased members of the Burzycki Family

Wednesday, Feb 18 Ash Wednesday

12:10 PM Jeannette Quinn

6:00 PM Rita Diego

Thursday, Feb 19

NO MASS

Friday, Feb 20

8:15 AM Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, Feb 21 Saint Peter Damian, Bishop

5:15 PM All Parishioners

Sunday, Feb 22 - 1st Sunday of Lent

9:15 AM Philip Guare by Paul & Lynn Guare

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed, Feb 18 - OCIA at St. A - 6:00pm Attend Mass First, then downstairs for discussion.

NO Youth Group 6pm @ St. M - Ash Wednesday

Fri, Feb 20 - St. Augustine Community Lunch 11:30am-1pm

Stations of the Cross begins tonight at 7:00pm

Sun, Feb 22 - No Religious Ed—Spring Break

Wed, Feb 25 - OCIA 6:30pm @ St. A/ Youth Group 6pm @ 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: March 8



Support for Feb 8

Online Giving:	\$967.00
Saint Augustine Offertory:	\$1,853.00
Building & Grounds:	\$20.00
Cemetery:	\$70.00
Community Lunch:	\$45.00
Fuel:	\$880.00
Religious Ed:	
School:	\$110.00
Vigil Candles:	\$65.00
Non-Off. Misc. Donations:	\$125.00
Christmas:	\$25.00
Latin America:	\$5.00
Priest Benefit Fund:	\$50.00

Thank you for your continued support!

2nd Collection Feb 22– BLACK & NATIVE AMERICAN

Ash Wednesday

The Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday is: 8:15am at St. Monica; 12:10pm at St. Augustine; 6:00pm at St. Augustine; 7:00pm at St. Monica. Ashes will be distributed during mass. While it is wonderful how many Catholics celebrate the beginning of Lent by attending mass, Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation.

Pot-luck: Lenten Dinners

On February 20 at St. Monica, and March 20 at St. Augustine, the Knights will coordinate meals from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. These will be just prior to Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm. Being on a Friday, everyone is asked to bring a meatless food item to share.

Cribbage Tournament

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 2nd annual cribbage tournament on Sunday, February 22 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the St. Monica Parish Hall. Boards, pegs and cards will be available, but participants should feel free to bring their own.

Basketball Free Throw Tournament

The Knights of Columbus will host a free throw contest for boys and girls, ages 9-14, beginning at 10:00am at SMSM School Gym, on Saturday, February 21. Winners will move on to the regional competition beginning at 1:00pm.

Upcoming Retreats

Parish Staff & Volunteers: Wednesday, March 18 at Our Lady of the Angels Church in Randolph from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Please bring your own lunch. Call the Parish office for more details.

Diocesan Men's Retreat: Saturday, March 21 at Our Lady of the Angels Church in Randolph. Registration is available on the Diocesan website: www.vermontcatholic.org (or contact the parish office)

Diocesan Women's Retreat: Saturday, May 2 in Manchester from 8:30am to 3pm at Christ Our Savior Parish. Registration is available on Diocesan website: www.vermontcatholic.org (or contact parish office)

Lent is an invitation to prepare for Easter by reflecting on our relationship with Jesus, and how we live the Gospel. It is in the quiet of prayer and retreat that we can best take stock of our lives.

“Journey into the Silence with Christ”

A Four-Week Lenten Bible Study with Fr. Luan at St. Monica

February 26 (6-7pm) **Week 1 - Silence and Temptation: Learning to Listen to God**

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11 (The Temptation of Jesus)

Mark 1:12-13 (Jesus in the Wilderness)

Deuteronomy 8:2-3

Focus

Jesus enters the desert in silence fore He speaks publicly.

The desert is not empty-it is a place of listening, testing, and trust.

March 5 (6-7pm) **Week 2 - Silence and Conversion: Letting God Heal Us**

Scripture

Luke 15:11-32 (The Prodigal Son)

Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus)

Focus

Conversion begins when we stop running and allow ourselves to be seen by God.

March 12 (6-7pm) **Week 3 Silence and Compassion: Seeing with the Heart of Christ**

Scripture

John 8:1-11 (The Woman Caught in Adultery)

Luke 10:33-37 (The Good Samaritan)

Matthew 9:36

Focus

Jesus responds to human suffering not with condemnation, but with silent compassion.

March 19 (6-7pm) **Week 4 - Silence and Surrender: Trusting the Father**

Scripture

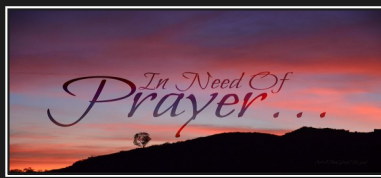
Matthew 26:36-46 (Gethsemane)

Matthew 27:11-14 (Jesus before Pilate)

John 19:25-30

Focus

At the Cross: love speaks through silence.



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
- Denise Dion
- G.
- Pauline Goodell
- Raylene Hedges
- Greg Ibey
- GBJ
- Matthew Khouri
- Jan Koval
- Olivia Leibold
- Lee Curtis Lilly
- Matthew Percy
- Pat Percy
- Timothy Scandale
- Thomas Vivian

PRAYERS

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

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

Jeannette Quinn



Totus Tuus (Updated Information)

Now that most gifts have been exchanged and opened celebrating Jesus' birthday, Fr. Pat is encouraging parents and grandparents and godparents to consider one final Epiphany gift for their children: the gift of a week at Totus Tuus. This Diocesan summer program will be held at St. Monica-St. Michael School from June 21-26. The cost is **\$80.00** per child (grades 1-8) or **\$180.00** per family, or \$25.00 per family for high school students. Daily singing, games, Mass, Rosary lessons and some cookie breaks, make Totus Tuus a special time. Families are encouraged to reserve this time in their family calendar now.
Registration forms will be available by Easter. The cost has had to go up due to the Diocese ongoing CH 11 Reorganization. Scholarships are available.

St. Augustine/St. Monica Youth Group Welcomes All Parish Teens

St. Augustine/St. Monica Youth Group meets every Wednesday night from 6pm until 8pm in the St. Monica Parish Hall. Each meeting will include FREE food, fellowship, a weekly activity and, of course, time for prayer and faith formation. The activity will rotate from week to week and will include: GAMES, ARTS, CRAFTS, GUEST SPEAKERS, HOLIDAY PARTIES AND MUCH MORE! So, if you are a teen who is part of the parish communities of St. Augustine and St. Monica, we invite you to come check out the new youth group! You are welcome to sign up at the door, but if you would like to register in advance or if you have suggestions for fun activities, please email stmonicalift@gmail.com.

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

Marriage Enrichments by Worldwide Marriage Encounter

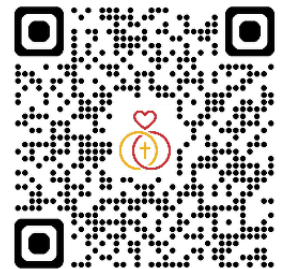
Got a good marriage? Make it even better! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is an enrichment, where husbands and wives or Priests and Religious build skills and learn how to be the best spouse they can be. The Experience consists of presentations followed by private reflection time alone and with your spouse. Your relationship deserves this kind of attention!

Upcoming residential weekend experiences:

- February 27 Huntington Seminary, Huntington, NY
- March 13-15 South Burlington, VT**
- April 17-19 Silver Bay, NY (Lake George area)
- April 24-26 East Sandwich, MA
- Aug 28-30 W. Hartford, CT

Contact **Gary & Lynn Root:**
 802-456-8114, vtroot@together.net

Find us on the web:
WWME.ORG or [Facebook.com/WWMEVT](https://www.facebook.com/WWMEVT)



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BISHOP'S APPEAL as of 1/20/2025 YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

GOAL: \$32,676.00 ACTUAL: \$35,875.64 Recurring Estimate: \$2,020.00
ACTUAL (Including Recurring Est): \$37,895.64 % OF GOAL: 116%!

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

February

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

A Window into Our Stained Glass Windows

The Feast of St. Joseph isn't until Thursday March 19, but we're preparing for it early this year as a family in our parish is in need of his intercession. They need to move, and Joseph is the patron of housing and homes. This derives from his role in protecting and providing for Mary and Jesus. This role is portrayed in the two images of Joseph in the windows of St. Augustine Church. The first is the Nativity, where Joseph looks down on Mary and the newborn Jesus. Even more clear is his role in the Flight Into Egypt, where he leads Mary and Jesus on a donkey through the desert, fleeing Herod's persecution to find a new home in Egypt.

There are many prayers to St. Joseph for selling and buying houses. One practice associated primarily with Italian-Americans is to bury a statue upside down in the yard of your house when you are trying to sell it. St. Joseph works to sell the house and be turned right side up when that happens.

Housing is an increasingly challenging issue these days. One particular family in our parish, a mother and three children, can no longer stay in their longtime home. They're hoping to buy a house in Montpelier to stay in their same social and educational circles and will most likely need a short-term rental to bridge the time between sale of their old home and purchase of their new one. Join with us to ask St. Joseph's intercession:

"Glorious and good St. Joseph, You experienced many tribulations in finding a home for Mary and Jesus. Remember how much you worried about them, of your undertakings and closed doors that you encountered when you accompanied the infant Jesus on the way to being censured and then your exile and finally the return to your country.

During times of hardship, you made sure that their material comfort always reflected your love and concern, your faithful presence and protection towards Mary and Jesus. Watch over my actions in finding a home, that they proceed smoothly and in clarity, and especially watch over my dealings with the owners and the lease terms. May this new home be welcoming, peaceful, have good neighbors and relations between everyone. May all those that come to my home (our home) feel welcomed by your presence. Fill this home with the love of Jesus and Mary. Amen."

https://jesusreignsmarianmovement.faith/web/app.php?i=5238&c=St_Joseph&d=1&m=cbgrp&t=pfdn&k=&s=1



Bishop McDermott's Letter

Bishop McDermott released an important letter on February 2, about the current state of the Diocese and his vision for moving forward. It is quite long, so Fr. Pat is not printing a lot of copies. Parishioners can request a copy by calling the Parish Office. There is an audio of the letter on the Diocesan website as well. Fr. Pat and Fr. Luan will be referencing the letter in the months ahead. It is imperative that we all pray for vocations, that we encourage our neighbors and family members to come to mass, and that we realize the Eucharist is so important that we are willing to accept changes in mass schedules and locations.

UGANDA SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 - 2027

Fr. Jude and his parish community in Uganda wish to thank Rev. Fr. Pat Forman and the Parishioners of St. Monica B V T for supporting our students at school in Uganda.

From last year's donation 162 students were sponsored. We also supported 10 other students using money from our pig and chicken projects.

Those who wish to continue sponsoring older students or pick a new student, tuition for this academic year 2026 - 2027 will be :

- 1. Grade School students, per year \$195.
- 2. High School students, per year \$225.
- 3. Advanced school students per year \$286.
- (N.B. 1, 2, 3: This includes; tuition, school uniform, scholastic materials, and lunch).
- 4. University or other High institutions of learning per year \$700 or \$ 300 (vocational education)

We continue to thank you very much for all your sacrifices. We promise you more prayers!
Fr. Jude.

On-line Book Study

Even as the days get longer, many people are weary to come out at night. Some parishioners may not be able to come out at night to Fr. Luan's Bible Study Retreat. So Deacon Phil Lawson and Fr. Luke Austin will lead an on-line Book Club. These sessions will be held on-line via Zoom on the Tuesdays of Lent: February 24, March 3, 10, 17 & 24, from 7-8pm. For more details or to register—<https://tinyurl.com/drwhk42>, or email Deacon Phil at plawson@vermontcatholic.org

