In his apostolic letter to close the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can “reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel.” He designated this day as the “World Day of the Poor.” It will be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time (two Sundays before the season of Advent) each year. The inaugural World Day of the Poor is Sunday, November 19.

“It would be a day to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (Lk 16:19-21), there can be no justice or social peace. This day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelization (Mt 11:5) which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy.”

— Pope Francis

1. PRAY FOR THE POOR.
There are many people who need our prayers. If you’re overwhelmed and not sure where to start, try praying with your newsfeed. As you see headlines about what’s happening around the world, pause and pray for the people affected by those stories.

2. PRACTICE THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY.
The Corporal Works of Mercy are drawn from Jesus’ life and teachings. They call us to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, bury the dead and give alms to the poor. Pope Francis added a new work of mercy: to care for God’s creation. The Corporal Works of Mercy offer a clear model and starting point for how to care for our neighbors in need.

3. MAKE CARING FOR THE POOR PART OF YOUR ROUTINE.
Do you buy coffee, chocolate or Christmas gifts? One way to support low-income workers around the world is by buying things you use on a regular basis from organizations that pay a fair wage. If you drink coffee or tea, look for a fair trade label, which means that the farmers who harvest the coffee or tea are paid fairly and work in safe conditions. As you begin your Christmas shopping, consider buying gifts from throughout the world that are produced and traded ethically.

4. LEARN ABOUT THE CAUSES OF POVERTY AND WORK TO CHANGE THEM.
There are many reasons why people around the world are trapped in poverty. Lack of jobs, war and climate change that affects what farmers can grow are only a few examples. We can raise our voices together to ask our government to support policies that help address these causes of poverty.

5. SUPPORT THE CHURCH’S OUTREACH TO THE POOR.
One way to care for the poor around the world is to support the work of Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services, the national and international humanitarian agencies of the Catholic community in the United States. Catholic Charities and CRS are motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries. Learn more and get involved at crs.org/world-day-poor and vermontcatholic.org/charities.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

10|29  Ham Dinner
Our Lady of Fatima, Craftsbury
12 - 1:30 pm
FOR MORE INFO: Jeannine Young, cfli443@gmtmom.com or (802) 586-2899.

10|29  Family Halloween Party
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Middlebury • 3:30 pm

10|30, 11|2, 20, 12|03, 10
The Bible and the Sacraments
St Monica, Barre • 6:30 - 8 pm
11-part Bible study from Scott Hahn’s St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. Objectives: Discover the Old testament roots of the Sacraments instituted by Christ; grow in knowledge of the Sacraments; learn how the 7 Sacraments have the power to transform our lives and shape us for eternity. Program ran on Sept. 17, 25, Oct. 1, 8, 16 & 22 and continues through Dec. 10.
FOR MORE INFO: stmonicalift@gmail.com; (802) 476-4020

11|02  All Souls’ Mass with Vermont Gregorian Chant Schola
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 7 pm
All Souls’ Day Mass with the Vermont Gregorian Chant Schola with Gregorian Chant in Ordinary Form.

11|04  Vocations Workshop
St. Anthony Parish Hall, White River Junction
10 am - 3:30 pm
Rhonda Gruenewald, a vocation promoter and author of “Hundredfold: A Guide to Parish Vocation Ministry,” will be in Vermont to present a day-long workshop open to all who desire to share in this mission to promote vocations in their parishes, but specifically aimed at directors of religious education, catechists and parents.

11|04  Birthright Annual Dinner
Holy Family Parish Hall, Colchester • 6 pm
Birthright is a pregnancy service providing pregnancy assistance and alternatives to abortion to those in need in Chittenden and surrounding counties. For MORE INFO: and to register, Birthright at 802 865 0056 or birthrightbtv@gmail.com

11|05  Healing Service
St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Burlington • 3 pm
Held the first Sunday of the month, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration and Charismatic laying-on of hands for physical, spiritual and psychological healing.

11|05  Pancake Breakfast
St. Mark Family Center, Burlington
8:30 - 10:30 am
Pancake breakfast held the first Sunday of each month for Vocations Scholarships by Bishop deGoesbriand Knights of Columbus. Suggested donation $6.00

11|05  Mount St. Joseph Academy Open House
Mount St. Joseph Academy, Rutland
12 - 3 pm
All interested families and community members are welcome to the fall open house. Faculty, current students, coaches and administration will be available to answer any questions you may have and show you how to “ride the wave to success”. A light luncheon will be served. No RSVP is necessary to attend.
FOR MORE INFO: (802) 775-0151

11|08, 15  The Wild Goose
Holy Cross, Colchester • 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Three-part series on discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit. Learn how the Holy Spirit can enrich your life, give you strength and power over the things that hold you back from the true freedom, peace and joy that God wants for you. First session was on October 25.
FOR MORE INFO: parishoffice@holycrossvt.org (802) 863-3002.

11|11  All-You-Can-Eat Hunter’s Breakfast
St. Isidore Parish Hall, Montgomery Center
6 am - 12 pm
Complete breakfast buffet. Adults $10, Children 12 and under $8. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 2610.

11|18  Annual Diocesan Women’s Retreat
Holy Family - St. Lawrence Parish Center, Essex Jct.
9 am - 4 pm
Come and join Catholic women of all ages as we celebrate the gift of our faith, develop a greater understanding of God’s everlasting Mercy, and ultimately deepen our relationship with Christ! Keynote speaker will be Mother Mary Catherine, founder of the Missionaries of the Word. Registration fee $30.

12|05  Mass of Thanksgiving
St. Anthony, Bethel
6 pm
Fr. Harlow will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of his Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination. Everyone is invited.

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Christmas Craft Fair, St. Luke Catholic Church, Fairfax, 9 am to 2 pm INFO: (802) 849-6256

Christmas Bazaar, St. Pius X Church, Essex, 9 am to 3 pm INFO: (802) 878-5997

Christmas Bazaar, St. Elizabeth, Lyndonville, 8:30 am to 1 pm INFO: (802) 467-3019

Craft Festival, Holy Family Parish Center, Essex, 9 am to 3 pm, INFO: (802) 878-8407

Holiday Bazaar, St. John the Baptist, Castleton, 9 am to 2 pm, INFO: (802) 468-2446

Christmas Fair, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Pittsford, 9 am to 2 pm, INFO: cowtchr@together.net