Every year, we are offered the gift of the grace-filled period called “Advent” that helps us prepare our hearts and minds in a special way for the celebration of the birth of Christ. As we anticipate Christ’s coming, we ask you to consider being the light for Vermonters in need of emergency assistance by making a gift to Vermont Catholic Charities’ annual Advent Appeal.

The “Season of Giving” has no bounds for people in need. At Christmastime and throughout the year, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm or feed their families. Please consider helping people in crisis, especially the most vulnerable among us — children, struggling parents, the elderly and those dealing with medical issues.

Help people like Peter and Crystal keep the heat on. Peter and Crystal have an eight-year-old son. They both are employed, but due to COVID they lost two weeks’ pay and fell behind on bills. They were running low on fuel and had expended their savings on other bills. They were concerned that in the cold of winter they would not be able to refill their tank. We assisted with a fuel delivery and provided a food card to help them get back on their feet. They stated, “We were stressed and felt very alone. This assistance gave us hope and relief. Thank you for helping our family.”

Help people like Sue feed her children. Sue is a single parent of three school-age children. She works full-time but her son has medical issues, so she had to reduce her work hours to care for him and take him to doctors’ appointments. Sue was worried about food and household expenses. Vermont Catholic Charities provided a food card. “Bless you for your kindness and generosity,” she said.

These are real people, and with your support we can assist people just like them, our neighbors in need. Last year, thanks to your generosity, more than 1,100 adults and 800 children received aid through the Advent Appeal and our year-round Emergency Aid Program.

Please support this worthy effort by sending a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or giving online at www.vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal. Your gift helps us continue to be the hands and feet of Christ, showing God’s love in concrete ways.

On behalf of Vermont Catholic Charities and all the Vermonters you will help, thank you. May the joy and peace of the Advent and Christmas seasons be with you and your loved ones.

With gratitude,
Mary Beth Pinard, Executive Director,
Vermont Catholic Charities, Inc.
**Upcoming Events**

**11|15, 17, 29, 12|01 TUES & THURS**
**Walking With Families:**
*Tackling the Tough Topics Around Human Sexuality*

*Online - 7 - 8 pm*

Please join us from 7 to 8 pm, for a presentation and time for questions. Presenters include: Father Jon Schnobrich, Jessica Whelan, ND, FCP, MA, Sharon Trani, MSN, MAFT, APRN/Nurse Practitioner, Marriage and Family Therapist, Daniel Lacourrege, Diocesan Catechetical Leader, Sister Paul Mary Dreger, FSE, Campus Ministry, Marie Antunes, Administrative Secretary Waterbury, Moretown, Waitsfield.

You can choose to attend any and all presentations. Learn more and register at: vermontcatholic.org/event/walking-with-families/

**11|18, 25 FRIDAYS**
**SoulCore**
*Blessed Sacrament, Stowe 9 - 10:30 am*

SoulCore is an apostolate that intentionally engages the whole person in the sacred experience of the rosary. Integrating the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movements to nourish body & soul and encourage deeper reflection on the virtues. A gentle path to grow in virtue and cultivate interior peace. What to bring: Mat, water, weights optional (1-3lbs.) Who should come? Everyone! SoulCore is self-paced and can be modified for any ability.

**11|19 SATURDAY**
**Hunter’s Dinner**
*Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish Hall, Morrisville • 5 - 7 pm*

Join us for a special Hunter’s Dinner, where we will celebrate the “fruits of the forest” — eat-in OR take-out! 50/50 Raffle, prizes for the biggest buck and other hunter games. $15pp. RSVP by Nov. 14 to (802) 253-7536 or bscstowemusic@gmail.com. Menu: Venison meatballs, Stewed venison in mushroom gravy, Bear and moose chili, Green salad, Rolls, Apple/pumpkin pie. Proceeds support the parish’s trip to the Holy Land.

**11|19, 20 SATURDAY & SUNDAY**
**St. Michael Catholic Church Christmas Bazaar**
*St. Michael Parish Hall, Brattleboro 9 am*

There will be a large item raffle, silent auction, white elephant table, greens, cookies, food and candy, hand crafted items and religious items. Open Saturday until 5:30 and Sunday until 12.

**11|20 SUNDAY**
**Eileen George Discussion Series**
*Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish Hall, Morrisville • 2 - 3 pm*

Fr. Lance W. Harlow will lead the monthly spirituality discussion series on Eileen George, founder of Meet-the-Father ministry at the parish hall. Open to the public.

**11|20 SUNDAY**
**Organ concert in Bennington**
*Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington 3 pm*

This organ concert featuring Donald McMahon, organist and director of music at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church. “There’s nothing as soothing to the soul than the tones of an organ of old. By whispering a prayer with celestial sound, we catch a glimpse of heaven around. By shouting our praises to the Lord, eternity cannot be ignored. What wondrous tool of metal and wood, God now need not be misunderstood.” — Anonymous

**11|20, 12|18 SUNDAYS**
**3 Part Series On The Christian Crisis of Teen Doubt**
*St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, Shelburne 5:30 pm*

Join us for a 3-part series presented by Joe Blanchette on insights into this problem and how we can help our youth (and perhaps you) be better prepared to explain “why we believe what we believe” about our Catholic Faith. Part 1 was held on Oct. 9.

Nov. 20, Part 2: The Resurrection: A Hoax?
Dec. 18, Part 3: Doubt: A Threat or Opportunity?

**11|28, 12|05, 12|19 MONDAYS**
**Old Testament Scripture Study**
*St. John Vianney Parish Hall, S. Burlington 9:15 - 10:30 am*

Brush up on your Bible Basics with an Old Testament Scripture Study. As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, we will look into all that led up to that glorious event, from the beginning of creation. This series is meant for us to practice our story line, and learn a little bit more about what we hear in the first reading every Sunday. For more info or to register: sjvgoodnews@gmail.com

**12|05, 12|MONDAYS**
**From the Gospel of St. Matthew — Advent to Christmas**
*Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 7 - 8 pm*

Join us for this two part series with Rev. Richard Berube SSE for any one or all: vermontcatholic.org/event/married-life-the-first-5-years/

**12|19 MONDAY**
**The History of the Christmas Tree — from Luther to the present age**
*Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 7 - 8 pm*

Join us for this presentation by Dr. Damian Costello, Ph. D, All are welcome.

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

Come enjoy a free, incredible, and scrumptious dinner cooked by Cathy Day and her crew.

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**BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL**

To learn more or make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvlt.org

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Actual: $1,873,818

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