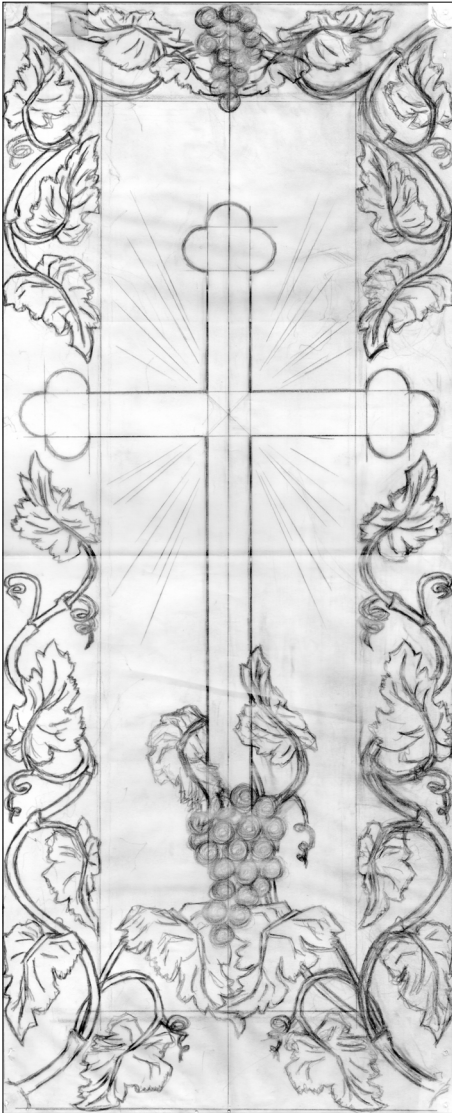


NEWS FROM The Inland See

January 28 – February 3, 2023

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Diocesan Formation Opportunities *Information Sessions*



“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few. ...” —Luke 10:2

As the Diocesan Synod called for, the Diocese of Burlington is seeking to continue inspiring and equipping lay men and women for leadership roles in their parishes. Under the umbrella of the Diocesan Institute for Missionary Discipleship, the following three formation programs are being offered this year. Applications for each will be accepted this spring with the programs beginning in August/September. For additional information, contact Deacon Phil Lawson at plawson@vermontcatholic.org.

Diocesan Lay Formation Leadership Program: This program seeks to form laity to assist in leadership roles in their parishes such as in serving as RCIA leaders, catechists, Pre-Cana leaders, leading evangelization efforts, facilitating adult formation and helping build vibrant parishes, etc. Key to this formation is inspiring and equipping the laity to serve and evangelize their parishes and communities as missionary disciples. This is a 2-year program that meets one Saturday a month in person with additional formation taking place via online courses. Contact Deacon Phil Lawson at plawson@vermontcatholic.org.

Deacon Formation Program:

Deacons are ordained to be permanent ministers in the Church. Deacons are ministers of the word, of sacrament and most of all ministers of charity. They have significant theological education, a deep spiritual life and are formed in pastoral ministry. They must have good human relations ability. The total time

in formation is five years, two of which are in the Lay Formation Leadership Program, followed by three years of Diaconate Formation. Deacon Pete Gummere, diaconate director, will present additional information and take questions on the Permanent Diaconate. Contact Deacon Pete Gummere at pgummere@vermontcatholic.org.

Pastoral Associate for Parish Life:

This is a 1-year formation program designed to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills to serve their parishes as a pastoral associate when it is not possible for the bishop to appoint a full-time parish priest. This service will take the form of parish administration, pastoral care, pastoral counseling, finances, sacramental preparation, liturgical planning and assistance, human resources and faith formation. This ensures that Christian life and the evangelizing mission of the community is continued. Contact Deacon Phil Lawson at plawson@vermontcatholic.org.

For more information regarding these programs please attend one of the following information sessions:

Monday, February 6 • 7 p.m.

Register at: tinyurl.com/y6eawtj5

Wednesday, February 8 • 7 p.m.

Register at: tinyurl.com/4vs3zx53

— *Deacon Phil Lawson is the executive director of pastoral ministries for the Diocese of Burlington.*



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Upcoming Events



02|01, 08, 15 WEDNESDAYS

Good News Bootcamp

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:45 - 8:30 pm
Has the Holy Spirit been nudging you lately

to reignite your joy and dig a little deeper into our Catholic faith? Please join us in discussing how we as Catholics can bring healing, transformation, virtue, and enthusiasm to our world. Check out our website at stjohnvianneyvt.org/good-news-bootcamp to discover what each week's topics will be. Join us for the sessions that interest you or join us for all of them! Questions? Contact Connie at SVJGoodNews@gmail.com.



02|02, 09, 16, 23
THURSDAYS

"Surviving Divorce" Group

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6 - 7 pm

For the newly separated and divorced, as well as for those still struggling with issues many years later, we invite you to join us for Surviving Divorce. Together we will help each other answer questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing from the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. The twelve-week program will begin Thursday, January 12. A \$25 materials fee is requested to help with the cost. Accommodations are possible if the fee is a hardship at the time of registration. **FOR MORE INFO:** Dcn. Josh McDonald at jmcdonald@vermontcatholic.org.



02|07, 09 TUES & THURS

Walking With Families

via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm

This series of discussions will share the beauty of the Catholic Church's teachings on Theology of the Body as well as offer practical tips and suggestions from local professionals, clergy, religious and lay persons about how to talk about the gift of our sexuality, respond to gender identity issues, and more with our youth, our parents, our family, and friends.

Presenters for February 7 & 9 are Daniel Lacourrege, Diocesan Catechetical Leader; Sister Paul Mary Dreger, FSE, Campus Ministry; and Marie Antunes, Administrative Secretary Waterbury, Moretown, Waitsfield. **FOR MORE INFO:** <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/walking-with-families-3/>



02|10 FRIDAY

Saint Francis Xavier School Calcutta

Hampton Inn, Colchester • 6 - 10 pm

St. Francis Xavier School's Home & School Association is thrilled to announce the return of its in-person Calcutta and Silent Auction. Tickets are \$100. This includes one calcutta ball, A delicious dinner for two, and the chance to bid on some fantastic auction items including a 55" Samsung TV, a kayak and tons of gift cards to area restaurants. Tickets are available at: sfxhomeandschool.org/calcutta-balls.



02|11 SATURDAY

St. Peter's Cemetery Committee — Bingo

St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 - 9 pm

Doors open at 5 PM, Bingo starts at 6 PM. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.



02|12 SUNDAY

Vergennes Council Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am

\$10/adults, \$6 children 8-12, \$32 immediate family maximum. Come join us!



02|15 WEDNESDAY

Franklin Deanery Holy Hour

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 6 pm

The Franklin Deanery will host a Holy Hour, priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



02|18 SATURDAY

Mardi Gras Dinner and Entertainment

Barton • 5:30 - 9 pm

Featuring the return of Wing-It, as well as other entertainers. Ham dinner and all the fixings, \$13 for advance tickets, \$15 at the door. Tickets are limited to 100. Location: Barton Municipal Building, downtown Barton. Sponsored by Most Holy Trinity Parish. For reservations call Linda at (802) 525-3137. Truly a night to be enjoyed!



02|19 SUNDAY

Knights of Columbus St. Stephen's Council #2284 Pancake Breakfast

St. Francis School Gym, Winooski • 8 am - 12 pm
Cost is \$10, includes pancakes — plain and blueberry — scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, coffee & juice.



02|24 FRIDAY

Organ Recital

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church, Bennington • 7 pm

Don McMahon, organist and director of music, will give an organ recital at the church. The performance — in celebration of his 60th birthday — will be presented in person and streamed live on the parish's website.



02|26 SUNDAY

Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion

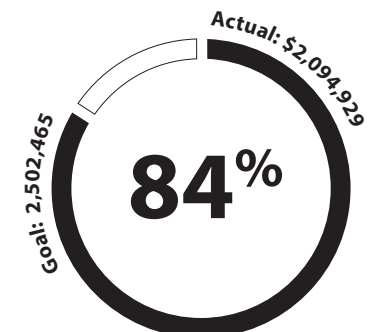
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 3 pm

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated by Bishop Coyne on the First Sunday of Lent at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Friends and family of those participating in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion and all the faithful from around the diocese are invited to celebrate with us. A small reception follows the liturgy.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



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First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary — February 4, 2023

In these times, let us seriously consider one of the important messages from Our Lady of Fatima — the First Saturday devotion for Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This includes attending five consecutive first Saturday masses, going to confession within eight days, receiving Holy Communion, and meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary for fifteen minutes.

All Saints, Richford	Confession 7:30 am, followed by First Saturday Mass at 8 am, then devotional prayers.
Essex Catholic Community	The Saturday Vigil Mass may be used for the First Saturday Devotion: St. Lawrence at 4 pm and St. Pius X at 4:30 pm.
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington	Confession at 3 pm, Rosary at 4 pm and Vigil Mass 4:30 pm.
St. Mark, Burlington	First Saturday Mass at 9 am.

Does your parish offer special Marian devotion? Post it to the diocesan calendar and we will list it in *The Inland See*: vermontcatholic.org/events/community/add