

NEWS FROM The Inland See

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FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



2023 Advent Appeal



The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone.
— Isaiah 9:1

Please consider being the light for Vermonters in need of emergency assistance by making a gift to Vermont Catholic Charities' annual Advent Appeal. For 29 years, you have answered the call to bring the joy and hope of the Advent season to those in need.

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. By giving to the Advent Appeal you help people in crisis, especially the most vulnerable among us — children, struggling parents, the elderly, and those dealing with medical issues.

Help people like Doreen and Sue put food on the table. Doreen is a grandmother who moved in with her daughter, Sue, to help care for her four grandchildren while Sue recovered from an illness. We provided the family with a food card. Doreen stated, "We are grateful for this assistance. After a difficult year, this support will allow us to have a memorable Christmas. God bless you."

Help parents like Mike and Julie keep the lights on. Mike and Julie are parents of two children. They work full-time but had an unexpected car repair which put them behind on their

bills. They faced a utility disconnect notice. We assisted them with the utility bill. They stated, "Your kindness paved a path to safety and peace."

These are real people, and with your support we can assist people just like them, our neighbors in need. Every gift — whatever the size — makes a difference. Last year, thanks to your generosity, more than 1,300 adults and 900 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 or scanning the QR code above. 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 peace of the Advent and Christmas seasons be with you and your loved ones.

With gratitude,

Mary Beth Pinard

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Executive Director, Vermont Catholic Charities

Upcoming Events



11|13, 20 MONDAYS Bible Study of the Gospel of Matthew

St. Pius X, Essex Jct. • 7:15 - 8:15 pm

John McMahon will host a one hour, in-person Bible study of the Gospel of Matthew. Our primary resource (other than the Bible itself) will be Dominican Fr. Wilfrid Harrington's book *Reading Matthew For The First Time*. There will be 9 sessions total, 4 leading up to Advent, and then another 5 afterwards. This series began on October 30.



11|15, 22, 29 WEDNESDAYS Apostolic letter on St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Holy Family, Essex Jct. • 9:15 - 10:15 am

You are invited to come and share your personal insights of the Apostolic letter with a member of Notre Dame de Vie. Copies are available at Holy Family and St Pius.



11|16 THURSDAY Our Lady's Kitchen & Catholic Movie Night

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 6 - 8:30 pm

Free meal and a movie! Come one, come all!



11|17 & 18 FRIDAY, SATURDAY 4 Church Christmas Bazaar

St. Raphael Parish Hall, Poultney

The four churches of St. John, St. Mary's, St.

Paul and St. Raphael combine to offer this bazaar, which includes: VT basket raffle, traditional raffle, 50/50 raffle, food tables, trash and treasures, and vendor tables. Stay for supper or lunch from our kitchen! Friday 3 - 6 pm and Saturday 9 am to 3pm. Raffle drawings Saturday at 2 pm. **FOR MORE INFO: call Claudia Stacey (802) 265-8049.**



11|18 SATURDAYS Women's Walking Group

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 9 am

SVJ Women's Ministry welcomes interested

women to meet and walk together for roughly 45 minutes, usually leaving from the SVJ parking lot. It's a great, community-building way to get some steps in and meet some of your neighbors in a slightly social setting. On second and fourth Saturdays we will meet at alternate walking locations to be announced on our website. In the event of inclement weather, check our website for a cancellation notice; stjoh-vianneyvt.org/walking-with-wm.



11|18 SATURDAY Saint Francis Xavier School Annual Holiday Fair

Saint Francis Xavier School, Winooski
9 am - 3 pm

Please join us for this event — featuring crafters, vendors, a raffle, a bake sale, and lunch sponsored by the 8th grade class. There's sure to be something for everyone!



11|18 SATURDAY Men's "Cor" Formation

Saint John Vianney, S. Burlington
10 - 11:30 am

Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a deeper faith! You are invited to participate in COR Formation, held on the third Saturday of each month. Coffee and refreshments provided by the K of C. All men from all parishes are welcome.



11|18 SATURDAY St. Peter's Cemetery Committee — Bingo

St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 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.



11|18 SATURDAY Hunter's Dinner at Holy Name of Jesus

Crosby Center, Most Holy Name of Jesus,
Morrisville • 5 - 6:30 pm

Please join us for a great meal featuring local wild game — venison, moose and others — prepared by master chefs of the parish. Great fellowship and activities included.

FOR MORE INFO: (802) 888-3318 or email mhnj@vermontcatholic.org.



11|18 SATURDAY The Chosen — Movie Night and Potluck

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls
5 pm

Come join us for a movie night and potluck dinner every third Saturday of the month. We will watch an episode of *The Chosen* together and have food and fellowship!



11|26 SUNDAY Recital in honor of the Feast of Christ the King

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church,
Bennington • 3 pm

Organist and director of music Donald McMahon will perform an organ recital in honor of the Feast of Christ the King. The program, which will begin with Sir William Walton's Crown Imperial, will include music of Bach, Durufle, Gigout, Vierne, and others. The performance is free and open to the public.



Join Father William Beaudin's 2023 Advent On-line Seminar:
FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession
Wednesdays during Advent (Nov. 29 to Dec. 20) • 6:30-8 pm*
For information and zoom link: forgivencosp@gmail.com

*updated time



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82% to goal

