

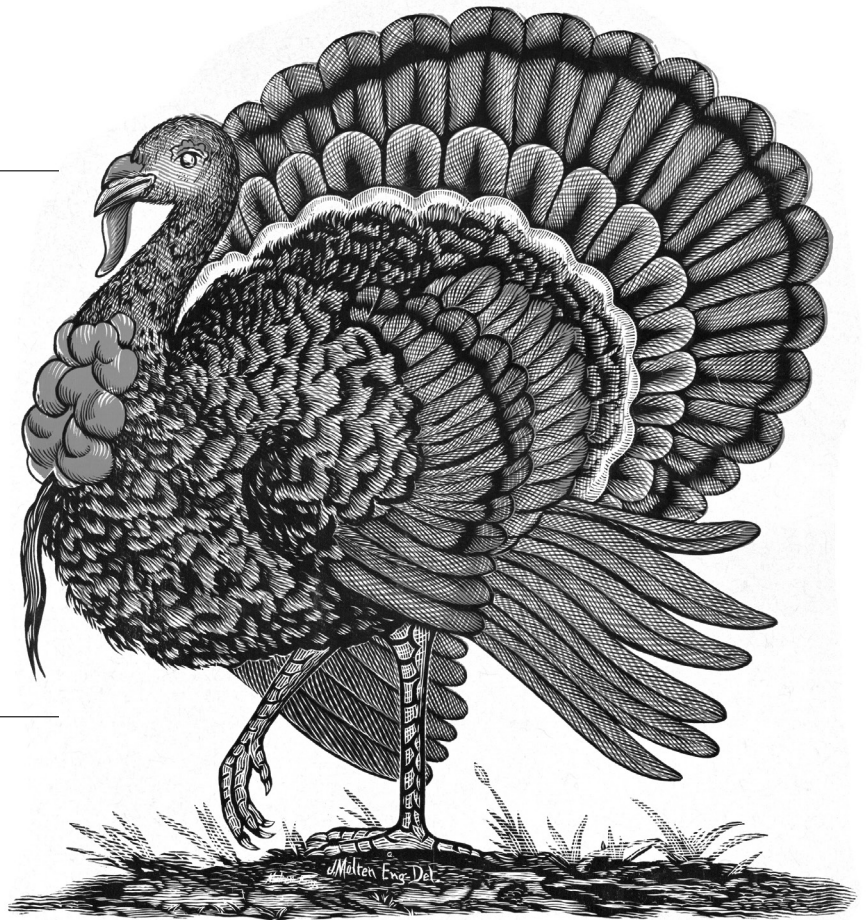
# NEWS FROM The Inland See

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FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

THANKSGIVING 2023

Grateful,  
thankful,  
*blessed*



## My dear family in Christ:

When I was growing up, it was always a tradition in my family to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day. While not specifically a religious holiday, I was raised to remember to count my blessings and remember to thank the source of all those blessings. It would not have been Thanksgiving without giving thanks to God in the Eucharist.

My favorite Gospel passage for the Mass offered on Thanksgiving Day comes from the Gospel of Mark. In Chapter 5, Jesus heals a man who had been possessed by a legion of demons. Following this healing the man tries to join Jesus in his boat. However, the Lord does not allow him to join the company of apostles; instead he tells him this: "Go home to your family and announce to them all that God in his pity has done for you. Then the man went off and began to proclaim in the Decapolis, what Jesus had done for him; and all were amazed" (Mk 5:19-20).

As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving; as we join with family and friends; as we count our blessings around our hearths and tables; as we seek continued blessings for all those we love, those with us and those who are separated due to distance or other factors, let us remember the lesson taught to us by the

demoniac in the Gospel. May we never forget to tell our family, friends and others what God in his goodness has done for us. May this Thanksgiving be a time for us to speak loudly to others of what God has done, is doing and will do for us, so that by our witness others might be amazed and come to faith. Thanksgiving is an opportunity to witness to Jesus Christ, his Gospel and his Church by our words and actions.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to offer my prayer that this holiday will be a time of peace and justice for all those in the world, especially those living under the burdens and horrors of war, and that all people will have reasons to give thanks. May the peace we experience around our Thanksgiving tables radiate to all nations, and may we remember to thank the source of all our blessings.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us and the whole world.

In Christ the Prince of Peace,



Msgr. John J. McDermott  
Diocesan Administrator

# Upcoming Events



11|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|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.



11|29, 12|06, 13, 20 WEDNESDAYS  
**FORGIVEN: The Transforming  
Power of Confession**  
*via Zoom • 6:30-8 pm*

This program from Augustine Institute explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. Led by Fr. William Beaudin, pastor of Christ Our Savior, Manchester Center. Register at: [forgivencosp@gmail.com](mailto:forgivencosp@gmail.com).



12|02 SATURDAY  
**Christmas Bazaar**  
*St. Anthony, Bethel • 8 am - 2 pm*  
*Catholic Daughter's of the Americas Court*

St. Anthony will host their annual Christmas Bazaar in St. Anthony Parish Hall.



12|02 SATURDAY  
**Christmas Bazaar**  
*St. Ann, Milton • 9 am - 1 pm*  
Featuring homemade soups and baked goods, decorated VT fresh wreaths, craft table, tag(less) tables, multiple raffles. We have many great prizes donated by local businesses and artisans. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our food shelf supporting local families.



12|02, 09, 16 SATURDAYS  
**Women's Walking Group**  
*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington*  
*9 - 9:45 am*

SJV Women's Ministry welcomes interested women to meet and walk together for roughly 45 minutes, usually leaving from the parking lot. In the event of inclement weather, check our website for a cancellation notice; [stjohnvianneyvt.org/walking-with-wm](http://stjohnvianneyvt.org/walking-with-wm). Have questions? Contact Connie at [sjvgoodnews@gmail.com](mailto:sjvgoodnews@gmail.com)



12|03 SUNDAY  
**Eucharistic Healing Service**  
*St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury*  
*3 pm*

Benediction and Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament on the first Sunday of every month with Fr. Lance Harlow.



12|08 FRIDAY  
**Essex Community Dinners**  
*Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct.*  
*5:30 pm*

They are intended to feed the hungry, lonely and needy amongst us. These meals are free to all but donations to cover parish expenses are appreciated. Take out dinners are also available for those who still need to avoid crowds.



12|09 SATURDAY  
**St. Peter's Cemetery Bingo**  
*St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 pm*  
Doors open at 5 pm, Bingo starts at 6 pm.  
Family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. Sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.



12|10 SUNDAY  
**K of C Breakfast Buffet**  
*St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am*  
\$12 adults, \$7 children 8 to 12 yrs., \$38 immediate family maximum.



12|10 SUNDAY  
**Monthly COSP K of C Fund Raising  
Breakfast**  
*Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am - 12 pm*  
Supporting Parish and Community outreach programs.



12|10 SUNDAY  
**K of C DeGosbriand Council # 279  
Community Breakfast**  
*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 9 - 11:30 am*  
Join us for an old-fashioned all-you-can-care-to-eat pancake breakfast. \$10 per person or \$25 for family of four or more.



12|20 WEDNESDAY  
**Lessons & Carols**  
*St. Michael, Brattleboro • 5:30 pm*  
This Advent we will be hosting a time-honored tradition of scripture readings and sung carols to prepare our souls for the arrival of our Lord at Christmas. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us! There is nothing better to do on a cold winter's evening.



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](mailto:forgivencosp@gmail.com)

\*updated time



BISHOP'S  
ANNUAL  
APPEAL

Progress:  
82% to goal

