The Inland See
January 6–12, 2024
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

The celebration of World Marriage Day, part of National Marriage Week, is one of many opportunities to support and promote marriage and the family (the domestic Church). The focus on building a culture of life and love begins with supporting both.

The Diocese of Burlington will celebrate World Marriage Day 2024 with Msgr. John McDermott, diocesan administrator, on Sunday, Feb. 4, at the 10 a.m. Mass at The Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington.

In Vermont, those celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2024 (5, 10, 15, 20… 50, 51, or more) are invited to this special Mass with their families. A reception follows in the parish hall.

In addition, parishes are encouraged to honor and celebrate marriage anniversaries on the following Sunday, Feb. 11, with their parish priest.

We rejoice that so many couples are living in fidelity to their marital commitment. We thank them for proclaiming in their daily lives the beauty, goodness, and truth of marriage. In countless ways — both ordinary and heroic — through good times and bad, they bear witness to the gift and blessing they have received from the hand of their creator (USCCB pastoral letter, “Love and Life in the Divine Plan”).

To register for the World Marriage Day Mass, please contact Nicole Hamilton at 802-658-6110, ext. 1131 or nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org. Include the couple's names (as they want them to be written on the certificate), anniversary date (month, day, year), and current parish. The deadline to register is Friday, Jan. 26.

All of us at the diocesan offices offer our congratulations to all married couples. Let their love bear witness to God's faithful love and a little bit of heaven on Earth through their marriage covenant.

— Deacon Armand Auclair is diocesan coordinator of the Office of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Burlington.

World Marriage Day 2024

Progress: 87% to goal

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Diocese of Burlington
55 Joy Drive
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802-658-6110 ext.1226 ekane@vermontcatholic.org
The speaker will be Mary Hahn Beerworth, Executive Director of the Vermont Right to Life. When interviewed for Vermont Catholic, Mary Beerworth said of her upcoming talk, “I hope to inspire Vermont Catholic Professionals to employ ‘holy boldness’ when it comes to issues of life — the truth and science are on our side.” Breakfast foods and beverages will be provided. Register at: vermontcatholic.org/vcp

**Upcoming Events**

**01|07 Sunday**

2nd Annual Epiphany Choral Concert
St. Francis of Assisi, Windsor • 2 pm
This choral concert presents area performers and special guests, accompanied by Gerry Grimo, Parish Director of Music. Come and explore the many traditions of Epiphany expressed musically by traditional and original arrangements. Enjoy the diversity of these performers, while seated in the wonderful acoustics of the Church gathering space. Suggested donation is $10.00 per person to benefit the St. Francis Fuel Fund.

**01|11, 02|15 Thursdays**

Spanish Mass
St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 pm
Fr. Timothy Dahnker, O.P., Campus Minister at Dartmouth will be offering the monthly Spanish Mass.

**01|12, 02|09 Fridays**

Essex Community Dinners
Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 5:30 pm
Essex Community Dinners are provided in order to grow and promote our community! 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.

**01|13, 02|17 Saturdays**

St. Peter’s Cemetery Committee – Bingo
St. Peter Parish Hall, 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.

**01|14, 02|11 Sundays**

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet
St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am
$12 adults, $7 children 8-12 yrs., $38 immediate family max.

**01|14, 02|11 Sundays**

Monthly COSP KofC Fund Raising Breakfast
Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am - 12 pm
 Proceeds to support parish and community outreach programs.

**01|17 Wednesday**

Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast
Diocesan Offices, S. Burlington • 8:30 am
The speaker will be Mary Hahn Beerworth, Executive Director of the Vermont Right to Life. When interviewed for Vermont Catholic, Mary Beerworth said of her upcoming talk, “I hope to inspire Vermont Catholic Professionals to employ ‘holy boldness’ when it comes to issues of life — the truth and science are on our side.” Breakfast foods and beverages will be provided. Register at: vermontcatholic.org/vcp

**01|18, 02|15 Thursdays**

Knights of Columbus BINGO
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Held on the third Thursday of each month. The jackpot is $1,000. Doors open at 4:30 and the first game begins at 6:30. Come join the fun with friends and family. Bring a non-perishable food item(s) and receive two free game sheets for the “winner take all” game.

**01|20, 02|17 Saturdays**

Men’s “Cor” Formation
St. 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. “Cor” is Latin for Heart. Through fraternity, prayer, and the study of God’s word in Scripture and holy examples, we intend to grow closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Coffee and refreshments provided by the K of C. All men from all parishes are welcome.

**01|21 Sunday**

K of C St. Stephen’s Council #2284 Pancake Breakfast
St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski • 8 - 11 am
Serving in the school gym. Cost is $10 per person or $25 per family of 4 (each additional family member $5).

**02|03 Saturday**

First Saturday Devotions
All Saints, Richford • 7:30 am
Confessions 7:30 - 7:50, Mass at 8 am followed by the devotional prayers. All are welcome!

**02|03 Saturday**

Youth Ministry Bingo
St. Peter Parish Hall, 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. Ambrose & St. Peter’s Youth Ministry to benefit the on-going program costs.

**02|04 Sunday**

Diocesan Marriage Day Mass
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am
Married Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2024, who wish to be recognized at the Diocesan Anniversary Mass, can register by contacting Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or 802-658-6110 ext. 1131. Recognition is given to couples celebrating marriages of 5, 10, 15, 20, 50, or more years. The deadline to register is Friday, January 26, 2024. Parishes who wish to recognize significant anniversaries locally can request certificates signed by Monsignor John McDermott and mailed to the parish.

**02|18 Sunday**

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 2 pm
The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated by Monsignor McDermott on the First Sunday of Lent at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. During the Rite of Election, the Church “elects” those seeking full initiation into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter. The Church also recognizes those already-baptized Christians seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church and pledges the support of prayer as they journey toward Full Communion in the Catholic Church. 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.

**02|24 Saturday**

Theology of Bread Retreat
All Saints, Richford • 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Join Sr. Paul Mary Dreger, FSE for a day long retreat, moving us to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist. Hands-on bread baking, Adoration and Mass. Learn more at: vermontcatholic.org/event/theology-of-bread-retreat/

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