

NEWS FROM The Inland See

January 27 – February 2, 2024

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



What Makes Our Catholic Schools Unique in Vermont

I have the great pleasure of working with the 12 Catholic schools in Vermont. Each school has its own unique identity and disposition. I continue to learn more every day about our schools and so appreciate the staff, parents, and community that continue to support them. These unique dispositions are manifested by the influence of the staff and the greater community over the years the schools have existed. I meet with the principals regularly to assist them in any way I can. It has been a joy to get to know them and learn about all that they do and offer. Their expertise and passion for the students and staff are evident.

While each school has its uniqueness, they all have our Catholic mission as the common thread that binds and brings us together. Given the challenges in our world today, I believe the work we are doing in our schools both religiously and academically is of utmost importance. The routine of prayer and reflection, surrounded by academic rigor, is imperative. Daily reminders of being kind and empathetic to others are important, especially when we have differing opinions. These important values and traditions in our schools are truly what our students need as we prepare them for their future.

As an example, let's look at All Saints Catholic Academy in Morrisville (formally The Bishop John A. Marshall School). Head of School Carrie Wilson and Vice Principal Jennifer Nordenson have both been part of the school since it opened in 1998; both began as teachers. Their passion and commitment

to the students, teachers, staff, parents, and community is evident in everything they do. This is one of many examples of what makes our schools so unique — their longevity and care for their school. I have heard from both of them that the school is part of their family. We are blessed to have them in leadership positions at All Saints Catholic Academy.

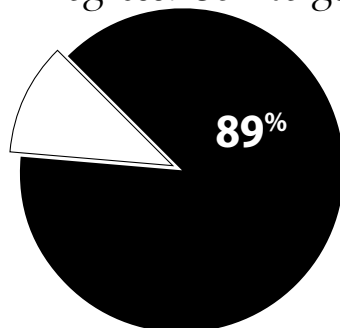
It's important that all our Catholic school leaders give their students feedback and guidance. Supportive feedback often comes from people we interact with regularly, such as teachers, staff, friends, relatives, clergy, and family members. These trusted relationships that are built over time and are available to provide positive or direct feedback are so important and needed. This is another example of why our schools are unique. Our schools generally have smaller class sizes as well as fewer students in the school overall. This alone fosters the opportunity to develop many positive, trusted relationships. In addition, schools have unique connections with parishes and the ministry that surrounds each.

I believe that the combination of all these factors makes working, learning, and parenting in our Catholic schools truly unique, special, and very much needed for the successful journey of our students and to prepare them for the next stages of their lives.

— *David Young is the superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Burlington.*



Progress: 89% to goal



Raised:
\$2,121,171
as of Jan. 17

Goal:
\$2,503,354

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Upcoming Events



02|03 SATURDAY
Bread of Life Retreat

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 9 am - 3 pm
Sister Paul Mary, a Franciscan Sister of the

Eucharist will lead this retreat, which includes a "bread making event" and presentations on the Eucharist. Retreat fee is \$20. To register, call the rectory at (802) 878-5331.



02|03 SATURDAY
French Canadian Meat Pie Dinner

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Richmond • 5 pm
Join us for supper in person in the Holy Rosary

Church Hall or as a take out dinner. \$15 per dinner. Reservations: tinyurl.com/KnightsMeatPieDinner2024.



02|06 TUESDAY
Our Lady's Kitchen Luncheon

St. Anthony, Bethel • 11 am - 1 pm
Free meal! Come one, come all!



02|09, 03|08, 04|12 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.



02|10 SATURDAY
Theology of the Body Symposium

St. Catherine of Siena, Shelburne • 12 - 3:30 pm
Luncheon & Keynote Session presentation:

Theology of the Body: Life, Love, and You! Speaker: Fr. Jon Schnobrich. Two Concurrent Afternoon Sessions: The Truth Within: Appreciating the Gift of Your Fertility with Dr. Jessica Whelan and Nurturing the Feminine Genius in Modern Feminist Culture with Valerie Parzyck. Please register by Feb. 5 through the church office: (802) 985-2373.



02|10 SATURDAY
St. Valentine's Dinner

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 5:30 - 8 pm
\$25 per person, for a Prime Rib dinner. All

are welcome. Ticket sales available from Bill Johnson at (802) 345-3828 or email coachjohnson@outlook.com.



02|11, 03|10, 04|14 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.



02|11 SUNDAY
Monthly COSP KofC Fund Raising Breakfast

Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am - 12 pm

Proceeds support parish and community outreach programs.



02|15, 03|14 THURSDAYS
Spanish Mass

St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 pm

Fr. Timothy Danaher, O.P., Campus Minister at Dartmouth will be offering the monthly Spanish Mass.



02|16 FRIDAY
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 5 - 7 pm

Cost is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children 9 and under, \$40 for an immediate family (5 or more). Tickets are required, call Dave (802) 864-4166 x 207.



02|19 VARIOUS DAYS
Bible Study: The Prophets — Messengers of God's Mercy

Locations include: Bethel, Northfield, Randolph

Classes begin the week of February 18 with a two week break at Easter. For the cost of \$15, each student will receive a Bible Timeline Chart, the study workbook, online access to the instruction videos (good for a full year), and an online copy of the workbook. There will be ten classes which will meet each week for about 1½ hours.

Mondays 6-7:30 pm, Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph

Tuesdays 3-4:30 pm, St. Anthony, Bethel

Wednesday 6-7:30 pm, St. John the Evangelist, Northfield

Fridays 9:45-11:15, Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph

FOR MORE INFO: Elizabeth.estuart@vermontcatholic.org.



02|20, 27, 03|05, 12, 19 TUESDAYS
Weekly Lenten Taize Prayer

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
5:30 pm

Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



02|22, 29, 03|07, 14 THURSDAYS
Lenten Lecture Series: Eucharistic Miracles, Marian Apparitions & Interesting Saints

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

A potluck dinner and an interesting lecture highlighting, each evening, one Eucharistic Miracle, one Marian apparition, and one interesting Saint.



02|23 FRIDAY
Lenten Lecture Series: A Deep Dive into the Mass

St. John the Evangelist, Northfield • 6 - 8 pm

Potluck Supper and a detailed look at the Mass, its roots in tradition and scripture presented by Fr. Scott Gratton.



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/



03|17 SUNDAY
St. Patrick's Day Sing Along

St. Andrew, Waterbury • 3 - 5 pm

Join us for an Irish music sing along with Fr. Matthew Rensch and Sergio Torres. There will be Irish stews, corned beef and all the fixings, door prizes, cash raffle drawings to be held. \$10 per person with family discounts.

FOR MORE INFO: (802) 244 7734 or www.rccwvm.org.

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Universal Synod Update



For a synodal Church

Following the Synod Assembly of Bishops in October 2023, each diocese around the world has been asked to continue the conversation by reflecting upon the synthesis report. The US Synod Team is asking each diocese to hold 2-3 listening sessions during Lent to reflect upon two guiding questions. A 3-5 page document synthesizing what was heard at the diocesan listening sessions will be incorporated into a summary from the USCCB to the Secretariat due in April 2024. Synod Zoom Meetings for parish delegates and parishioners have already been scheduled bi-monthly the second Tuesday at 6pm with an additional meeting added in February at 10am: Feb. 6 at 10am, March 12, May 14, July 16, Sept. 10, and Nov. 12. There will also be several in-person Synod listening sessions with more information to come.

Registration required: vermontcatholic.org/universalsynod.