

NEWS FROM The Inland See

February 17–23, 2024

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Show Love for Our Global Family Through Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl

Catholic Relief Services is calling on Catholics throughout the United States to show their love for their sisters and brothers worldwide by participating in the annual Lenten program, CRS Rice Bowl.

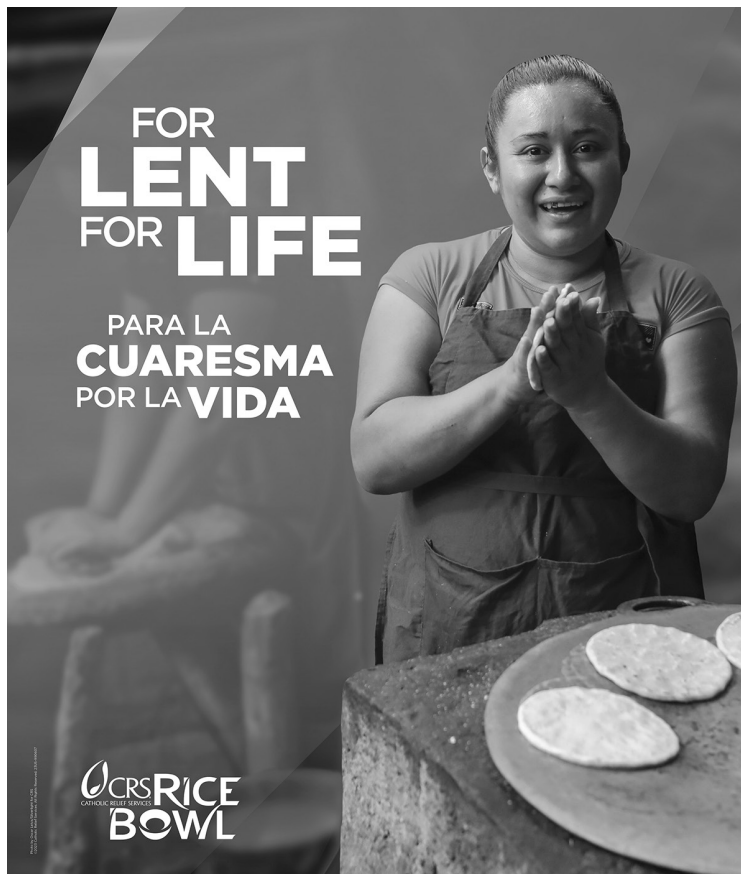
“Ash Wednesday always marks the beginning of CRS Rice Bowl,” said Beth Martin, CRS director of formation and mobilization. “And this year, Ash Wednesday falls on Feb. 14, or St. Valentine’s Day, and we think CRS Rice Bowl is the perfect way to celebrate the love we have for our global family.”

In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” When we receive Jesus through the Eucharist, our hearts are filled with His love and the call to share that love.

“During Lent, we are meant to express the love that we feel when we receive the Eucharist through prayer, fasting and almsgiving,” Martin said. “CRS Rice Bowl gives us the means to do that — to put our love into action.”

Alms gathered through CRS Rice Bowl primarily go toward hunger and poverty alleviation programs in countries where CRS operates, however 25 percent of those funds stay in the diocese where they are collected. CRS Rice Bowl grants are given to local organizations that prioritize ending hunger and poverty in their communities.

“Love can be expressed in so many ways,” Martin said,



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“even through a small act such as giving up your daily cup of coffee and instead, donating that money to CRS Rice Bowl. That small sacrifice — that small act of love — can change the lives of so many people.”

Rooted in the history of the Eucharistic Congress, CRS Rice Bowl began in 1975 as a way for families in the United States to share their blessings with communities experiencing hunger throughout the world. Since its inception, more than \$330 million has been given through CRS Rice Bowl to support programs that prevent hunger and poverty worldwide. Of that, \$82.5 million went to programs in the U.S. through local dioceses and \$247.5 million went to CRS programs overseas.

In previous years, schools and parishes participating in CRS Rice Bowl have had in-person events to collect donations saved during Lent. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, many parishes have developed online community giving pages to accept alms. CRS Rice Bowl participants are encouraged to reach out to their local parishes to determine whether in-person collections will occur or if they should donate via an online community giving page. As always, direct donations to CRS are accepted online at crsricebowl.org/give, by phone at 877-435-7277 or by mail to Catholic Relief Services, Attn: CRS Rice Bowl, P.O. Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700 (with “CRS Rice Bowl” in the memo line of the check).

— *Catholic Relief Services*

Upcoming Events



02|19, 20, 21 MON, TUES, WED

A Lenten Mission with Monsignor Lavalley

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8:30 - 11:30 am

Monsignor Lavalley will be at the 8:30 am Mass to give an extended homily on the following topics:

Monday, Feb. 19 — The Neglected Virtue Trust in God

Tuesday, Feb. 20 — The Unwrapped Package The Gift of Monotony

Wednesday, Feb. 21 — The Impostor Versus The Beggar He will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after each Mass. Join us as we begin our Lenten journey together.



02|17, 03|16 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. Though fraternity, prayer, and the study of God's pursuit of souls, we intend to grow closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. COR Formation will be held on third Saturday each month. All men are welcome. Coffee and donuts provided.



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.

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.stuart@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 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/.



02|25 SUNDAY

Music Festival: a cappella liturgical music

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 4:30 - 8:30 pm

Organized by Father Matthew Rensch and Sharon Trani, in collaboration with Holy Family parish and Matthew Santos and a schola group from Thomas Aquinas College. Our goal is to warm our hearts and souls with some great music. Schedule for the evening: 4:30 – small group sharing, 5:30 – dinner, 6:30 – whole group together, 7:30 – sing at Mass, for those willing and able. RSVP and questions: Sharon Trani, sltrani@verizon.net.



03|02 SATURDAY

Free Community Dinner

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 5 - 6:30 pm

Please join us for a free community dinner

open to all on the first Saturday of the month.



03|05 TUESDAY

Our Lady's Kitchen Luncheon

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 11 am

Free meal! Come one, come all!



03|08, 04|12 FRIDAYS

Essex Community Dinners

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 5:30 pm

Essex Community Dinners 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.



03|09 THURSDAY

St. Padre Pio Prayer Group

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9 am

The Padre Pio group meets the second

Saturday of each month. We begin with the Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass at 8:30 am. Special Intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio and then learning about Padre Pio's life, ministry and spiritual gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Duquette at (802) 557-1593.



03|10 SUNDAY

K of C Breakfast Buffet

St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am

Cost is \$12 for adults, \$7 for children 8 to

12yrs., \$38 immediate family maximum.



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.



03|16 SATURDAY

Vermont Catholic Men's Conference

Our Lady of Angels, Randolph

9 am - 2:15 pm

Keynote speaker Deacon RJ Dourney. Includes lunch.

Registration: adults \$30, college students \$15, 18 and under are free with a paid accompanying adult. Register online at vermontcatholic.org/men.



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.



03|21 THURSDAY

BINGO

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:30 - 9:30 pm

The St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus

have restarted a monthly bingo at the St. John Vianney Parish Center. The bingo is held on the third Thursday of each month with a chance of winning a \$1000 jackpot. 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. All food items are donated to the local Food Shelf.



03|25 MONDAY

Chrism Mass

Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Burlington • 11 am

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated by

Archbishop Coyne. The Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Diocese of Burlington recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass. Parish representatives may pick up holy oils for their parish after the Mass. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Carpooling is highly encouraged. PLEASE NOTE: The Chrism Mass is celebrated on Monday this year.



03|26 TUESDAY

Lord, Let Me Walk That Lonely Road With You: Scripture and Song for Holy Week

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

Join us for a special service of scripture and song. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte

- Kitchen Steward
- Housekeeper

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