

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

November 16–22, 2024



30<sup>th</sup>  
ANNUAL  
ADVENT  
APPEAL



As we enter this blessed season of Advent, we are reminded of the hope and light that Christ brings into our lives. This year marks a significant milestone for Vermont Catholic Charities, as we celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Advent Appeal. Since its inception, over \$1,000,000 of assistance has been distributed to Vermonters in need. We invite you to join us in making a profound difference in the lives of those we serve.

Over the past three decades, your generosity has helped us support countless individuals and families facing challenges such as maintaining housing, feeding their families, and keeping the heat and lights on. Your contributions have not only provided essential services but have also offered hope and dignity to those in need.

This Advent, as we await the joyous celebration of Christ's birth, we ask you to consider supporting our mission once again. We have seen firsthand the transformative power of your kindness. By giving to the Advent Appeal, you help people in crisis, especially the most vulnerable among us.

Help people like Tonya keep her lights on. Tonya lives alone and has some health issues. We assisted with her utility bill and provided a food card. Tonya stated, "The help with my utility bill was desperately needed and the food card was immediately used. I am so grateful for your kindness and gentle words."

Help parents like Mary and Chris keep the heat on. Mary and

Chris are parents of three school-aged children. They both work but Mary's hours were reduced. They faced some unanticipated medical and household expenses. When Mary called us, they were unable to cover the cost of fuel for their tank. We helped ensure a delivery and helped the family with a food card. They stated, "We were losing hope, and your compassion and assistance lifted us when we needed it — we are truly grateful!"

Please consider making a donation to the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Advent Appeal by sending a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or giving online at [www.vtcatholiccharities.org/advent](http://www.vtcatholiccharities.org/advent) every gift — whatever the size — makes a difference. Last year, thanks to your generosity, more than 1,900 adults and 1,300 children received aid through the Advent Appeal and our year-round Emergency Aid Program. Together, let us reflect the love of Christ and embody His message of service to others.

Thank you for your continued support and for being an integral part of our mission. May your Advent season be filled with peace, joy, and hope.

With gratitude and blessings,

*Mary Beth Pinard*

Mary Beth Pinard, Executive Director  
Vermont Catholic Charities, Inc.

# Upcoming Events



11|22, 12|06, 13 FRIDAYS

## Alpha Film Series

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions to discuss life and faith in an informal, fun, and friendly environment. All are invited, no matter their background or beliefs. This series runs November 8 through February 7.



11|19, 26, 12|03, 10, 17 TUESDAYS

## Encountering Emmanuel

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington

Offered at 9 am AND 6:30 pm

Join SJV Women's Ministry for prayer and reflection this Advent. Together we will spend some time with the book *Encountering Emmanuel: A Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation* by Heather Khym. Journals are \$8/each. Register at: [stjohnvianneyvt.org/encountering-emmanuel](http://stjohnvianneyvt.org/encountering-emmanuel)



11|21 THURSDAY

## Advent with the Catholic Women's Group

via Zoom • 7:30 - 9 pm

The Vermont Catholic Women's group will dig deeper into the season of Advent. Prepare for the coming of our Lord this season. Join us online at: [us06web.zoom.us/j/5815141097](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5815141097).



11|23 SATURDAY

## Saint Francis Xavier School Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair

St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski • 9 am - 3 pm

Saint Francis Xavier School Home & School Association is excited to once again host our annual Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair. Please join us for the event — featuring crafters, vendors, a raffle, a bake sale, and lunch sponsored by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



11|23 SATURDAY

## St. John the Baptist Annual Bake Sale / Bazaar

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 9 am - 3 pm

Purchase freshly made baked goods for your Holiday Celebration! This year's raffle items include: queen-sized quilt, turkey, gas, Hannaford and Amazon gift cards.



11|24 SUNDAY

## Liturgical Music Festival Association Mass

St. Monica, Barre • 4 - 6 pm

Everyone is invited to Mass sung by the Liturgical Music

Festival Association. Potluck supper and more music after Mass. This ongoing quarterly event is designed to support and inspire church musicians in our rich heritage of sacred music.



11|30 SATURDAY

## Advent Retreat

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8:30 am - 3 pm

Join us for Mass, refreshments, presentations

by Msgr. Lavalley, Sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, and more. Suggested donation is \$20 but all are welcomed. Register by calling the parish office at (802) 878-5331.



12|01 SUNDAY

## Eucharistic Healing Service

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 3 pm

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

along with praying over by Fr. Harlow.



12|07 SATURDAY

## Annual Christmas Bazaar

St. Patrick, Wallingford • 9 am - 2 pm

Crafts, baked goods, take-out soups, mac & cheese, chili. Silent auction. "Once loved" room. Raffles.



12|09 MONDAY

## Bereavement Support Group

Nativity of the BVM, Swanton • 6 - 8 pm

An opportunity to pray and share with others

who have lost a loved one. The support group is open to anyone in the community who is grieving. The group will meet in the parish center in room 4.



12|14 SATURDAY

## Presence, An Advent Retreat

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 12 - 5 pm

Join us as we journey through the Augustine

Institute's Series Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist and explore this topic that is central to our faith. We will be meeting in the parish hall and light refreshments will be available. Please register at <https://bit.ly/IHMAAdvent2024>.



12|21 SATURDAY

## Men's "Cor" Formation

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 am

Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and

a deeper faith! Held on the third Saturday of the month, meeting in the church basement. All men are welcome. Coffee and donuts provided.



12|21 SATURDAY

## STP Historic Preservation Committee BINGO

St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 - 8 pm

Doors open at 5pm and games start at 6pm. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by the St. Peter's Historic Preservation Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for the bell tower & the Church. Please join us!

## Masses with Bishop McDermott

### Sunday, November 24

Christ the King, Rutland • 9:30 am

Catholic Center at UVM • 7 pm

### Saturday, November 30

St. Rose of Lima, South Hero • 4 pm

### Sunday, December 1

St. Luke, Fairfax • 8:30 am

Ascension, Georgia • 10:30 am

### Saturday, December 7

Most Holy Name of Jesus, Morrisville • 4 pm

### Sunday, December 8

Our Lady of Seven Dolours, Fair Haven • 11 am

### Sunday, December 15

St. Augustine, Montpelier • 9:15 am

St. Monica, Barre • 10:45 am

### Sunday, December 22

St. Francis Xavier, Winooski • 7:30 am

St. Anthony, Burlington • 9:30 am  
(Latin Mass)



BISHOP'S  
ANNUAL APPEAL

Progress

GOAL: \$2,503,354

86%

\$2,150,578

as of November 6



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