

NEWS FROM The Inland See

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

November 23–29, 2024



Vintage Thanksgiving postcard by artist Frances Brundage. — Dave, Flickr photo

Thanksgiving food drives

Thanksgiving is always a particularly fraught time of year for families in the state experiencing food insecurity; with the cost of food rising significantly post-COVID, this need within the diocese has increased; thankfully, the response of the faithful has risen to match.

Rice Memorial High School's annual Thanksgiving basket drive assisted twenty families this year. For those looking to give to food assistance programs during the holiday season, charitable programs exist statewide:

Christ the King-Saint Anthony in South Burlington is holding a food collection drive through Sunday, November 24.

Donors are encouraged to give canned or nonperishable items such as mixes, canned vegetables, and potatoes.

Joseph's House, affiliated with Saint Joseph's Cathedral in Burlington, devotes a significant portion of its budget and volunteer efforts to food assistance; last year, Joseph's House averaged approximately \$4,000 a month in direct food aid. Additionally, the Cathedral itself is holding a food drive immediately after its Thanksgiving Day Mass.

Blessed Sacrament parish in Stowe operates an emergency aid program, which includes assistance with food, utilities, and occasionally school tuition. On Thanksgiving Day, the parish will hold a special collection for food and fuel aid.

St. Patrick and St. Anthony-St. George parishes are collaborating for a Thanksgiving food drive at the Fairfield Community Center on Saturday, November 23, as well as a blood drive on Tuesday, November 26 at St. Mary's parish hall.

St. Augustine in Montpelier and St. Monica in Barre are both hosting drives for non-perishable food items during their morning Masses on Thanksgiving Day.

This is just a small selection of the many ways people can give to those less fortunate during this season of need. All who are able to donate food, clothing, money, or time are encouraged to contact their parish priest or secretary to learn more about ways they can assist their community. Additionally, as we look ahead to the season of Advent, all are encouraged to consider a donation to Vermont Catholic Charities' annual Advent Appeal, vtcatholiccharities.org/advent, which uses a significant portion of its funds to provide food aid to families in need.

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Advent Retreat

Saturday, November 30 • 8:30 am – 3 pm

Essex Catholic Community Parish Center, Holy Family Church Campus, 36 Lincoln St. Essex Junction



The retreat will begin with 8:30am Mass in Holy Family church celebrated by Pastor Fr. Charles Ranges, SSE and Monsignor Richard Lavalley, Pastor Emeritus of St. Francis Church in Winooski, as the homilist.

Refreshments will be served in the parish centers and a presentation on Our Lady of Advent by Monsignor Lavalley. Following the presentation there will be time for silent prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Monsignor or Fr. Ranges.

Lunch will be served around noontime followed by an Advent prayer meditation lead by Louise Boisvert a consecrated member of the Institute of Our Lady of Life. The day will end around 3:00pm.

Suggested donation is \$20 but all are welcome.

Registration is necessary by calling the parish office 802-878-5331.

Upcoming Events



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|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



11|26 TUESDAY Rice Memorial High School Stunt Nite

Flynn Theater, Burlington • 4 pm and 8 pm

Join us for the 94th annual Stunt Nite! Watch as each class performs a skit at the Flynn Theater with students acting, singing, dancing, and more! This community event is a hallmark of the Rice experience and beloved by all who attend. Enjoy the magic at the historic Flynn. Tickets can be purchased directly through the Flynn: flynnvt.org/Events/2024/11/stunt-nite



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



12|0, 12, 19 SUNDAY Advent with the Catholic Women's Group

via Zoom • 7:30 - 9 pm

The Vermont Catholic Women's group will dig deeper into Advent. Zoom: www.us06web.zoom.us/j/5815141097



12|06, 07 FRIDAY & SATURDAY St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar (Our Lady of Seven Dolores Parish)

St. Raphael, Poultney

Friday, 12 - 6 pm and Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm



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.



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|07 SATURDAY St. Paul Church Christmas Bazaar

Town Hall, Orwell • 9 am - 2 pm

Handmade gifts, crafts, ornaments, decorations, wreaths, quilt raffle, basket raffle, silent auction and baked goods.



12|07 SATURDAY St. Patrick's Annual Christmas Bazaar

St. Patrick, Fairfield • 9 am - 3 pm

All handmade crafts, Christmas tree full of handmade ornaments for sale. Freshly decorated Christmas wreaths. Baked goods sale, Santa will be here around 11:30 am. Fish pond for children. Luncheon at noon. Coffee, cold drinks, and treats all day for sale. A giant raffle with 60+ prizes. All are welcome!



12|08 SUNDAY Vergennes Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 am

\$12 adults, \$7 children 8 to 12 years old.



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. Open to anyone who is grieving.



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. 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. Coffee and donuts provided.

Masses with Bishop McDermott

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 Dolores, 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%

2,156,408

as of November 13



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