

# The NEWS FROM Inland See

January 25–31, 2025

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



## DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The 12 Catholic schools in Vermont all exemplify faith, hope, and charity. What better place to practice being faithful, charitable, and hopeful than in our schools. When visiting our schools throughout Vermont I am regularly overjoyed by the actions of students and staff alike. While my visits are not every week, I always leave our schools with such a positive feeling about the experiences students are having. In general, it's the random acts of kindness and genuine respect between students and staff alike that I most notice. From playground activities to hallway and classroom interactions, I see helpful hands and regular hellos in the hallways. I believe it's this environment that significantly helps our students and staff thrive in our schools and communities. We all know how good it feels when we help someone. These types of exchanges are reinforced regularly in our schools, and I believe they become lifelong habits that strengthens our hope and faith in everything we all do in our schools, community, state, and world.

What follows are a few examples of the activities that exemplify faith, hope, and charity from some of our schools.

At Good Shepherd School in Saint Johnsbury students in The Life Teen group are doing a 'Cans Across the Park' community service project. They will be collecting cans for the local food shelf and will display them by lining them up to see how far around the park they will go.

On All Saints Day, students at All Saints Catholic Academy made "blessing bags" out of t-shirts. These bags will be used throughout this school year to provide needed items to the community. Grades two through four sang Christmas carols at The Manor (the local nursing home) in December. This was something that the students used to do pre-pandemic but have not been able to do since. This year the nursing home called the school and asked for the students to come and sing to their residents because the kids are polite, respectful, and kind.

At Mater Christi School the fifth graders approached the administration after Hurricane Milton hit Florida with the desire to help relieve the loss and devastation, and specifically help students in some way. Mater Christi reached out to a small Catholic school in Sarasota called Incarnation School and held a fundraiser for them, as they had families who lost everything, and many that were reeling from the three hurricanes of Debbie, Helene, and Milton.

Mater Christi School raised \$3,227.50. Incarnation School was moved beyond belief at the thought that Mater Christi School had reached out unprompted, and met their needs. Mater Christi School now has a bond with these students and this school that will last.

Saint Monica-Saint Michael School works very hard on creating Catholic

identity by modeling our faith to others. During the daily morning meeting the students and faculty say morning prayers as a school. The meeting starts with the opening prayer of "Today is a day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice." During the meeting the positive behavior of the students, specifically on how they have helped others, is celebrated. Students are dismissed from morning meeting by saying the following: "God is good all the time and all the time God is good."

Saint Monica-Saint Michael School students also work to help others through three school-wide food drives. The first one happens in November prior to the Thanksgiving holiday and is called the Red Bucket Food Drive. This drive is sponsored by the seventh graders and involves sending a small Red Bucket home to each of the students' families. Last year the school had over 100 buckets of food returned. The food collected goes to the local food shelf for the needy.

In closing, I have great respect for our schools and the teachers, staff administration, and most importantly our students. I am proud of the environment and community our students are learning in and know that hope, faith, and charitable acts are growing daily and are such a big part of the successes of our schools.

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

# Upcoming Events



01|30 THURSDAY

## Jubilee Year Book Study

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

We are hosting a book study on *The Way of Beatitude: Living Radical Hope In A World of Division and Despair*, by Fr. Casey Cole, OFM. **FOR MORE INFO:** [stjohnvianneyvt.org/beatitude-book](http://stjohnvianneyvt.org/beatitude-book).



01|31, 02|07 FRIDAY

## Alpha Film Series

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

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions to discuss life and faith in an informal, fun, and friendly environment. Each of the sessions begins with a meal, followed by a brief video on a broad question of the Christian faith.



02|01 SATURDAY

## First Saturday Mass

Our Lady of Seven Dolours, Fair Haven • 7:30 am Rosary at 7:30 am and Mass at 8 am.



02|01 SATURDAY

## First Saturday Mass

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am

Confessions, Rosary at 8 am, Mass at 8:30 am.



02|01 SATURDAY

## Annual French Canadian Supper

Holy Rosary, Richmond • 5:30 - 6 pm

\$15/ suggested donation to benefit the charities of Rosary Council of the Knights of Columbus 4684. Make a reservation online at: [tinyurl.com/KnightsMeatPieDinner2025](http://tinyurl.com/KnightsMeatPieDinner2025).



02|01 SATURDAY

## Cemetery Committee Bingo

St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 - 8 pm

Family friendly event. Cash prizes, 50/50 raffle.

Refreshments sold.



02|02 SUNDAY

## Eucharistic Healing Service

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

Healing service with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and praying over by Fr. Lance Harlow.



02|09 SUNDAY

## Vergennes Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am

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



02|09 SUNDAY

## Pancake Breakfast

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 9 - 11:30 am

Take-out available. \$10 per person, \$5 for kids, and \$25 for family of four or more.



02|12 WEDNESDAY

## Grief Ministry and Support

All Saints, Richford • 6 pm

Join us for a time of openness regarding the loss of a loved one.



02|13 THURSDAY

## Spanish Mass

St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 - 9 pm

We will celebrate the Mass in Spanish, with a homemade Mexican meal to follow. All are welcome! Bilingual Missalettes are available.



02|14 FRIDAY

## The Joy of Marriage Date Night

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 6 - 8 pm

Join us for "The Joy of Marriage" series of date nights. These events are for married and engaged couples, featuring fellowship and presentations. Coordinated by Deacon Armand Auclair, Marriage and Family Life Director for the Diocese of Burlington, these events will be held on: February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, and July 11. Register by emailing: [aaclair@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:aaclair@vermontcatholic.org)



02|15 SATURDAY

## Men's Spiritual Development

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 8 - 10:30 am

Deacon Phil Lawson will give a presentation on "Fatherhood in These Times". All men are invited to share fellowship and encouragement that will make great use of your Saturday morning.



02|16 SUNDAY

## World Marriage Day Mass

Holy Cross, Colchester • 10 am

A reception follows in the parish hall. To register for the World Marriage Day Mass, please contact Nicole at (802) 658-6110, ext. 1131 or [nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org).



# BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

## Progress

GOAL: \$2,503,354

92% as of Jan. 15  
\$2,298,988



Website:

[vermontcatholic.org/giveonline](http://vermontcatholic.org/giveonline)

Call:

802.658.6110 x 1102

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Bishop's Annual Appeal

55 Joy Drive

South Burlington, VT 05403

**United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Vermont  
In re Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Vermont,  
Case No. 24-10205-HZC**

## Claims Notice for Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Others With Claims Against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Vermont

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Diocese, a Catholic parish, or Catholic school within the geographic area of the Diocese, or have any claims against the Diocese, you must file a claim by **April 4, 2025**.

For more diocesan information: **visit [vermontcatholic.org](http://vermontcatholic.org)**

For the bankruptcy docket: **visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefurburlington>**

For U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Vermont information: **visit [vtb.uscourts.gov](http://vtb.uscourts.gov)**

For advice about your rights: **contact an attorney**