

The Inland See



News from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington

June 13-19, 2026

Bishop McDermott to embark on a walking Vocations Pilgrimage across Vermont

On Monday, June 22, Bishop John McDermott will begin a walking pilgrimage for Vocations, traversing across the state of Vermont on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. He will be accompanied by Fr. Scott Gratton, the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Burlington. The two will begin in St. Johnsbury, at the eastern terminus of the trail, with the objective of concluding at the western terminus in Swanton, on Saturday, June 27.

In late 2025, Bishop McDermott designated 2026 as a Year of Vocations for the Diocese of Burlington (*Vermont Catholic*, Winter 2026). When announcing this special year, he has asked us to “remember the call and vocation to holiness that we each received in our baptism in Christ, and to witness to Him in the world.” Additionally, he has asked us to “dedicate a significant amount of our prayer in 2026 for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life among the youth in Vermont.” It is in this spirit that Bishop McDermott and Father Gratton embark on their pilgrimage.

The six-day Vocations Pilgrimage will traverse (roughly) from church to church. Some churches are located very close to the trail, and others a mile or two away. Each day of the pilgrimage will begin with a 7 a.m. Mass at a nearby parish. Though Bishop McDermott intends on this being a prayerful pilgrimage, with hourly Rosaries, other prayers, and scriptures readings. He also stated there will undoubtedly be time for quiet reflection, pleasant conversation, and humor.

Bishop McDermott and Father Gratton intend on finishing their walk by 4 p.m., and will then close the day with a 6 p.m. Holy Hour (Adoration, Confession, and Benediction) at a nearby parish.

All are invited to prayerfully support the pilgrimage by attending one or more of the morning Masses or the evening Holy Hours.

This pilgrimage walk is a personal endeavor of the bishop and Fr. Gratton to raise awareness for vocations, and the Diocese of Burlington will not be providing any support services for other individuals who may choose to join them on the trail.

The Lamoille Valley Rail Trail is a state owned and managed recreation trail. For trail maps and more information about the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, visit: railtrails.vermont.gov/trails/lamoille-valley-rail-trail/

Vocations Pilgrimage Daily Schedule

Monday, June 22

Mass at 7 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury

Begin walking on the trail directly after Mass, walk to West Danville.

Holy Hour at 6 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Danville

Tuesday, June 23

Mass at 7 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury

Begin walking on the trail directly after Mass (from Danville), walk to Hardwick.

Holy Hour at 6 p.m. at St. Norbert, Hardwick

Wednesday, June 24

Mass at 7 a.m. at St. Norbert, Hardwick

Begin walking on the trail directly after Mass (from Hardwick), walk to Morrisville.

Holy Hour at 6 p.m. at Most Holy Name of Jesus, Morrisville

Thursday, June 25

Mass at 7 a.m. at Most Holy Name of Jesus, Morrisville

Begin walking on the trail directly after Mass (from Morrisville), walk to Jeffersonville.

Holy Hour at 6 p.m. at Most Holy Name of Jesus, Morrisville

Friday, June 26

Mass at 7 a.m. at Most Holy Name of Jesus, Morrisville

Begin walking on the trail directly after Mass (from Jeffersonville), walk to Fairfield.

Holy Hour at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick, Fairfield

Saturday, June 27

Mass at 7 a.m. at St. Patrick, Fairfield

Begin walking on the trail directly after Mass (from Fairfield), walk to Swanton.

Mass at 5 p.m. at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Swanton



06|14 SUNDAY

Meet the Special Fathers Network

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 5 - 6:30 pm

Join us for a presentation by members of the Special Fathers Network (SFN), a national nonprofit that supports fathers parenting children with special needs. SFN provides weekly online peer support for fathers on this unique journey. David Hirsch, founder of SFN, is visiting all 50 states in 30 days to tell people about SFN's important work. Attendees will receive a free copy of David's latest book, "Dads Raising Children with Special Needs & DisAbilities: A Guide For 21st Century Dads." Registration link here: vermontcatholic.org/event/meet-the-special-fathers-network



06|17, 24 WEDNESDAYS

Rosary for Peace with Bishop McDermott

via Zoom • 8 pm

Join Bishop McDermott in praying a Rosary for Peace. No registration is required. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82653567464>



06|20 SATURDAY

Diocesan Respect Life Mass in Montpelier

St. Augustine, Montpelier • 10:30 am

Bishop John McDermott will celebrate a Mass for Life. Attendees are then welcome to join Vermont Right to Life on the Capitol Lawn for a picnic celebrating the 4th BIRTHday of the Dobbs Decision.



07|26, 27, 28 FRI, SAT, SUN

Annual St. Thomas Yard Sale and Food Booth

St. Thomas, Underhill • 9 am - 5 pm

Come one, come all to the Annual St. Thomas Yard Sale and Food Booth. Many items can be found under the big tent: housewares, Christmas decorations, candles, frames, and baskets galore. Children's toys and automotive supplies/household items under the smaller tent. Furniture and electronics in the garage. You'll find fall and winter outerwear, shoes and boots, books, CDs and linens in the parish hall. Don't forget to grab a bite to eat at the Food Booth. We'll have hot and cold drinks, hot dogs, and the ever popular giant freshly baked cinnamon buns! And grab a home baked goodie from the bake sale for the ride home.



07|01 - 09|02 WEDNESDAYS

Society of Saint Edmund Summer Reflection Series 2026

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 11:15 am

Each program begins with Mass at 11:15 am., followed by the presentation. Lunch will be available for purchase in the café, or feel free to bring your own picnic to enjoy outdoors.

07|01 Most Reverend John McDermott
Petrine Ministry in the Life of the Church

07|08 Fr. Michael Carter, SSE
Catholicism in America from the Revolution to Roosevelt

07|15 Fr. David Cray, SSE
Kateri Tekakwitha: A Saint For Our Region

07|22 Fr. Brian Cummings, SSE
Ignatian Contemplation of Scripture

07|29 Fr. David Theroux, SSE
Connecting with Jesus in All the Dimensions of Life

08|05 Fr. Michael Carter, SSE
The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome: Tomb of Pope Francis

08|12 Fr. Lance Harlow
The Assumption of Mary and Our Pilgrimage to Heaven

08|19 Msgr. Peter Routhier
The Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi

08|26 John Kenney
Pope Leo the Augustinian

09|02 Fr. Brian Cummings, SSE
Praying with the Post Resurrection Appearances



07|05 SUNDAY

Eucharistic Healing Service

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

Father Lance W. Harlow will conduct a Eucharistic Healing Service at 3:00pm at St. John the Evangelist Church in St. Johnsbury. There will be Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament along with praying over by Father Harlow.



07|10 FRIDAY

Essex Community Dinner

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 5:30 pm

Essex Community Dinners are provided in order to grow and promote our community! They are also intended to feed the lonely and needy among us. These meals are free to all but donations are appreciated to cover parish expenses. Take-out dinners are also available, starting at 6:00pm, for those who still need to avoid crowds.



07|12 SUNDAY

Chicken BBQ

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 11 am

Please join us for our annual chicken BBQ. Dine-in or take-out, starting at 11 am until all are served. \$14 per meal. Proceeds benefit St. John the Baptist Insurance Fund.



07|21 TUESDAY

Newman Series on the Parochial and Plain Sermons

via Zoom • 7 - 8:30 pm

Fr. Henry Furman will read and discuss the sermon, "Waiting for Christ." The text of the sermon can be found here: www.newmanreader.org/works/parochial/volume6/sermon17.html. Zoom link can be found on this page: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/newman-series-on-the-parochial-and-plain-sermons/2026-07-21/. Hope to see you there!



07|19 SUNDAY

Diocesan Family Day Mass & BBQ

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 12:15 pm

Mass celebrated by Bishop McDermott, followed by free-will donation BBQ. Looking to make our Diocesan Family Day a weekend pilgrimage? Overnight accommodations are available at the

Shrine in spacious air-conditioned cabins which can hold up to 16 individuals in comfortable bunkbeds (see <https://www.saintannesshrine.org/cabins>). Perfect for individuals, couples, and families of all ages. Skip the one-day roundtrip drive to the Shrine and spend a night or two during this celebratory event. Forms for reservations can be found at <https://www.saintannesshrine.org/upcoming-retreats>. A requested offering in support of the Mission of the Shrine varies based on number of guests in a cabin and further information can be obtained from Owen Wood at owood@saintannesshrine.org or by calling 802-928-3362.



07|24, 25, 26 FRI, SAT, SUN

2026 Steubenville East Youth Conference

Springfield, MA

The conference is open to all high schoolers, including those who will be graduating both 8th grade and high school in June 2026. At each Steubenville Youth Conference, teens experience a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ that ignites their faith, strengthens their prayer life, and empowers them to live on mission long after the conference ends. All participants, including adult chaperones and students, and those attending with a group or individually must register at: <https://paperwork.lifeteen.com/c/Y2JK>. A \$50 deposit is required within 2 weeks of registration to hold your spot. This initial deposit is only payable via check.



08|04, 11, 18, 25 TUESDAYS

Life Shared: small group series

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 5:45 pm

Four small group sessions to encourage and equip us to share our Catholic faith. Each session explores what it means to live out God's call to share our lives and our Christ-centered faith with friends, colleagues and neighbors. We'll begin with dinner at 5:45pm; then view a short video on trusting God, living faith with intentionality, and positive steps to take towards invitation; followed by discussion.

If you feel overwhelmed at the thought of evangelization, or have considered to yourself, "where would I even begin if I wanted to invite someone to an event at our church?" this series is exactly the tool you've been waiting for!

Registrations help our team with planning, so filling out a registration form ahead of time can insure we have enough food and meet people's dietary restrictions. If you have a friend or family member you'd like to bring with you, please do. You're more than welcome to invite people to join you along the way!

For more information or to register for this program, please see our website at stjohnvianneyvt.org/life-shared.



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