

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAY



“Love your enemies and
pray for those who
persecute you.”

MATTHEW 5:44

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 AM
Monday & Tuesday	9:00 AM
Holy Days	9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS - upon request

BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office well in advance.

WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements for marriage.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Our Lady of Good Help Rectory Chapel
First Friday 1-3 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Mary Kay Wilczynski,
Administrative Assistant

PARISH COUNCIL

Second Wed of the month

FINANCE COUNCIL

Last Tue of the month

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Grades K-9)
Sarah Carrara (247-6313)
sarahlynnecarrara@gmail.com

BINGO Saturdays,
7:00 PM - Parish Hall

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SAINT ALPHONSUS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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<http://www.stalphonsusvt.org>

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

23 SUN Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

✠ 9:00 AM **Mary O'Keefe** by Jack O'Keefe

24 Mon Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

25 Tue Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

✠ 9:00 AM **Deceased members of the Riordan Family**

26 Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

7:00 AM **Word Service w/distribution of ashes**

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

27 Thu Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

28 Fri Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

29 Sat Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

MARCH

1 SUN First Sunday of Lent Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11

✠ 9:00 AM **Sophie & Alex Shutek** by the Estate

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-9 9:50-11:00 AM Parish Hall

LENTEN MEAL AND STATIONS On the Fridays of Lent, please join us in the Parish Hall for a meatless meal at 6:00 PM. Please bring something to share (soup, main dish, salad, bread, etc). All are welcome to participate and enjoy the company of others. Then we will gather in Church at 7PM for the Stations of the Cross. **Confessions are available after Stations during Lent.**

LIVE THE LITURGY - LPi

What does it mean to be holy? God has definite ideas about the answer. Not bearing hatred for your brother or sister, not seeking revenge or holding grudges, loving your neighbor as yourself, treating human beings as the temples of God they are, offering no resistance to someone who wants to hurt you, turning the other cheek, not turning your back on someone, loving your enemies, praying for those who persecute you, and striving for perfection are some of the ways holiness can be pursued. Holiness, understood through God's eyes, is attainable by all of us. It comes from making the right Gospel-centered choices and not falling victim to lesser temptations, reactions, and desires. Knowing what holiness actually involves, is it something you really want?

Last Sunday's Offertory \$ **1,250.00**
Online Giving \$ 15.00
Total \$ **1,265.00**
Last Year this Date \$ 1,150.46
Fuel \$ 725.00
Building \$ 25.00

Thank you for making up your envelopes.

THIS SUNDAY there is a special collection for the **Church in East and Central Europe**. Please place this envelope in the basket when it is passed for the Offertory.

ON ASH WEDNESDAY the basket will be passed to support the **Vermont Catholic Charities/deGoesbriand Fund**.

NEXT SUNDAY is **Food Shelf Sunday**. If each family could contribute one non-perishable item, our parish would have a generous donation for those in need. There is a wooden box in the east entrance for your donations and also some envelopes if you wish to give cash.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

BULLETIN DEADLINE IS MONDAY. Please submit all announcements, in writing, well in advance, in order for us to meet our publication deadline.

FEBRUARY

Sun 8:30 AM Cantor Rehearsal
Mon 8:30 AM Rosary, followed by Mass
Tue 8:30 AM Rosary, followed by Mass

25 6:00 PM Finance Council, Rectory
28 6:00 PM Lenten Meal, Parish Hall
28 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

UNPLANNED - the movie. True-life journey of Abby Johnson, one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinical directors, who became one of the most ardent pro-life speakers. unplannedfilm.com Saint Alphonsus Parish Hall, **Sunday, March 1, 2:00 PM.**

Other Events in the area:

- **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**, Spring Campaign, will begin Ash Wednesday and go through Palm Sunday. Vigil will take place outside Planned Parenthood, 11 Burnham Ave, Rutland, from 6am-6pm. For more information on this national and international campaign for life, go to 40daysforlife.com, or your local leader, Delia Warnecke, at 802-287-0354, or havefaith180103@yahoo.com.
- **LENTEN RETREAT DAY** for anyone who works for or ministers in the parish Retreat facilitated by the Diocesan Department of Evangelization & Catechesis and will be held at Saint Stanislaus in West Rutland, on **Wednesday, March 18**, from 9:30am-3:00pm. To register or for more information, contact Valerie Parzyck at 802-846-5813, or vermontcatholic.org/retreats.
- **MSJ-CKS ANNUAL AUCTION & DANCE** will be held at the Holiday Inn on **Saturday, March 21**, from 7-11 pm. Event includes Silent and Live Auction, and dancing with music provided by MC Sounds! If you are interested in donating an item to the auction please contact Mary Lou Tedesco Harvey at mharvey@msjvermont.net or 236-3485.
- **3RD ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE** **Saturday March 28**, at Saint Anthony's Church, White River Junction. There will be opportunities for confession, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, fellowship, and Mass. Registration and more info at: www.vermontcatholic.org/men.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DINNER is Sunday, March 15, 4-6PM in the Parish Hall.



Menu includes ham, corned beef, cabbage, veggies, potatoes, rolls, beverage, and homemade desserts. Bring your family, or call a friend to join you for this fun event!

Prices Adults: \$13.00; children 6-12: \$7.00; under 6: \$3

50/50 DRAWING (1/\$1; 6/\$5) Tickets available after Mass and at the dinner.

To sign up to bring a homemade dessert, there is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. Please make whatever is your specialty (cupcakes, torte, cheesecake, etc), but pie is a big crowd-pleaser!

Otter Valley Roman Catholic Community Events

Mon Feb 24: RCIA Program, Our Lady of Good Help Rectory, 7PM.



Ash Wednesday, Feb 26: (a day of fast and abstinence)

7:00am Word Service – Saint Alphonsus, Pittsford

9:00am Mass – Saint Alphonsus, Pittsford

7:00pm Mass – Saint Mary's, Brandon

Days of Fast Every person between the age of 18 and 59 must fast on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.

Days of Abstinence

Catholics fourteen years of age and above are obliged to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent unless health reasons dictate otherwise.

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm – Fridays (starting Feb 28) – Saint Alphonsus, Pittsford *On Fridays at 6PM, prior to the Stations of the Cross, a simple meatless meal is shared in the Parish Hall.*

7:00pm – Wednesdays, (starting Mar 4) – Saint Mary's, Brandon *On Wednesdays at 6PM, prior to the Stations of the Cross, a meal of soup and bread will be offered in the rectory.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:15-3:45pm – Saturdays – Saint Mary's, Brandon

8:30-8:45am – Sundays of Lent – Saint Alphonsus, Pittsford

9:00am Weekday Mass

Monday & Tuesday – Saint Alphonsus, Pittsford

Wednesday & Thursday - Saint Mary's Rectory Chapel, Brandon

Mon Mar 2: RCIA Program, Saint Alphonsus Rectory,

ARE YOU AGING WELL? Does aging feel like a thief in the night? The Ageless in the Lord Lenten Retreat has nothing to do with age, but everything to do with attitude! Join us on Mondays (3/2-4/6) from 10am-noon, at Christ the King Engle Hall. Cost: \$10 includes materials and light refreshments. Registration: Christ the King Rectory, 66 South Main St, Rutland, 773-6820, or rwecatholic@gmail.com. For more information or questions, contact: Terri McCormick (282-8809) or Susan Roland (483-2606).

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