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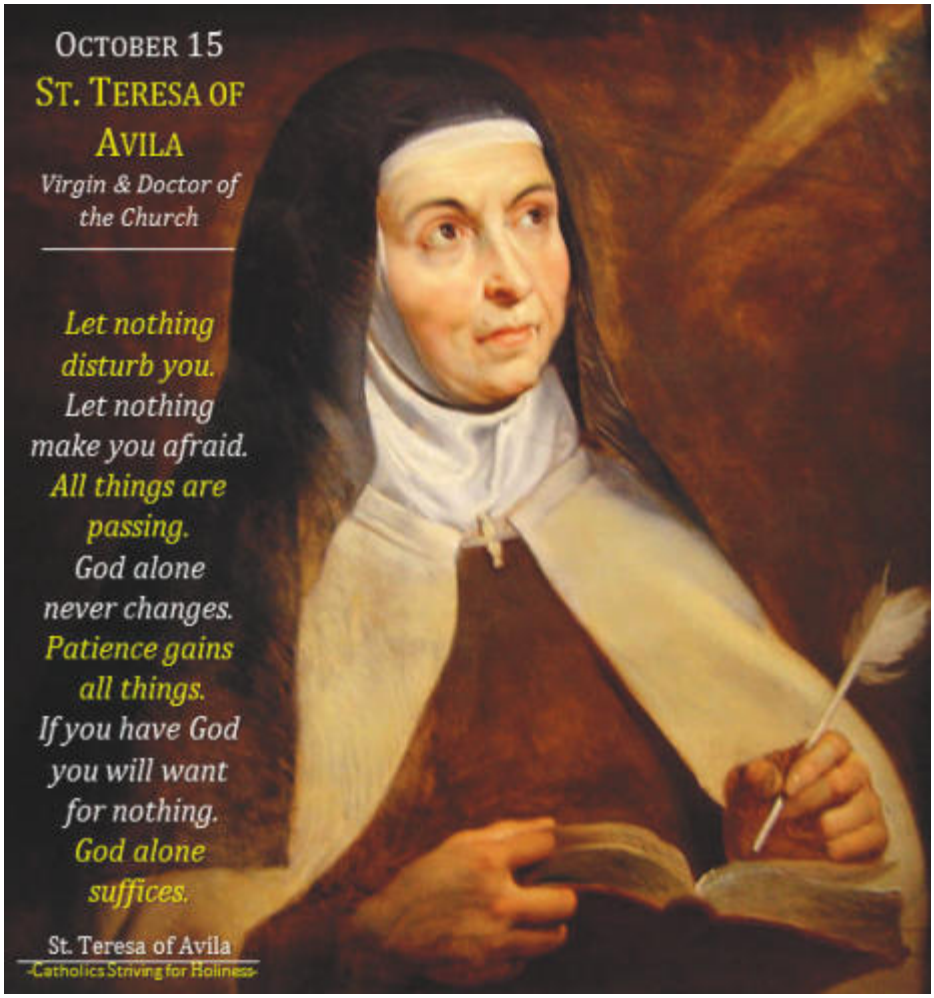

Weekend Masses
Saturday : 4:00 PM
Sunday : 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday : 8:00 AM

Adoration
Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Confessions
Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 PM
Anytime by appointment
655-2290

Baptisms
Parent classes required. Please call the rectory for more information.

Marriage
Plan six months in advance.
Contact the rectory. Attend Pre-Cana classes

Registration
New parishioners and newly married couples should register by calling the rectory as soon as possible.
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School telephone numbers

School	After School
655-2600	655-4660

School Website: www.SFXVT.org

www.sfxchurch.org

NEWS FROM
The Inland See
October 9–15, 2021
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Catholic school superintendent's prayer: *'hope-filled joy that flows from authentic peace'*

Jeanne Clearon, superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Burlington, was recently interviewed about the past and current school years by Vermont Catholic Managing Editor Cori Fugere Urban. Here is their Q and A:

Q: For the 2020-21 school year, how did Vermont Catholic schools adjust for the pandemic safety protocols?

A: The principals worked collaboratively with the Office of Catholic Schools to draft a guiding document titled: "United in Faith, Returning with CARE: Communities and Academics Reimagined Effectively." This document provided a framework for responding to the pandemic that each school in turn used to craft its local protocols and procedures.

I cannot say enough how the efforts at the local level from the principals, teachers and school staffs made it possible for our students to experience in-person learning on a full-time basis. The support they received from the pastors/priests who minister to our schools as well as from the students' families and all members of each school community was phenomenal. The work they undertook and the sacrifices they endured were not easy, and it only happened because everyone worked together to place the needs of the students at the forefront.

Q: How did the pandemic affect enrollment?

A: Preschool through grade 12 enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year in Vermont was 1,908. For the 2020-2021 it was 1,835, and the projected enrollment for 2021-2022 was 1,990.

Q: To what do you attribute this change in enrollment?

A: As a Diocese, last year we experienced an overall enrollment decline of around 4 percent. I believe that this was largely due to families opting to home school due to concerns regarding the pandemic.

For the upcoming school year, diocesan-wide, we are projecting around an 8 percent enrollment increase. There are many reasons for this, one of which may have been our ability to provide consistent in-person learning last year. Our schools welcoming students back full time and remaining full-time throughout the year may have sparked interest within the community to explore more deeply what we have to offer.

Q: According to "Data Brief: Catholic School Enrollment and School Closures, Post-Covid-19" from the National Catholic Educational Association, a report released in February, the Covid-19 pandemic can be seen as one of the most transformative catalysts for educational change in the United States. Schools of all types — public, charter, private, parochial, online or homeschool — have been significantly impacted as a result of the pandemic's disruptions to communities and society. What is your comment?

A: While the pandemic is certainly not something anyone wanted to have occur, nor, I suspect, do any of us want it to reoccur, there is the reality that it forced us to think outside the box. We discovered things about ourselves that we did not know before both as individuals and as a community. Schools are made up of people, and as each of us learns more about ourselves, our schools are changed. We have to look for the positives from this pandemic, and if one of those positives is that we have learned how to provide education in more meaningful ways for students, then this is indeed a blessing.

Q: Why are Catholic schools needed in Vermont today?

A: Catholic schools are one of the options Vermonters have who are seeking a faith-based education for their children. Many parents value this, and they sincerely want their children to be educated within a spiritually rich environment. If the Catholic schools were not in Vermont, then the Vermonters seeking this for their families would have far fewer options.

Q: What is your hope for Vermont Catholic school students, teachers, staff and families for this school year?

A: I pray daily for our school communities, and just as this past year was a year like no other, I pray that the upcoming school year is also a year like no other. During this year of St. Joseph, we have no one better to turn to who can teach us how to journey through hardship with grace and come out of it with a renewed sense of hope-filled joy that flows from authentic peace. That is my prayer for each school community, each principal, each teacher, each staff member, each student, each family — hope-filled joy that flows from authentic peace.

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Burlington are supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

VTC • *Cori Fugere Urban*

Upcoming Events

10|13, 27, 11|10 WED
Living Joy Discussion Group
Online • 7 pm
Join us for Chris Stefanick's Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Life Joy Every Day. This virtual event explores one rule every other week. Offered by members of the Diocesan Evangelization Committee. Contact pturnley@aol.com for more information.

10|16 SATURDAY
Roast Pork Supper
Our Lady of the Angels Church • 5 - 6 pm
Drive-thru take-out. Limited seating at 5pm. Adults $15, Kids $7. Reservations: 802-728-5251

10|17 SUNDAY
White Coat Mass
Blessed Sacrament Church, Stowe • 10:30 am
Mass for healthcare professionals and their families. Bring your white coats! Bishop Christopher Coyne and Fr. Jon Schnobrich. Talk and refreshments to follow.

10|26 TUESDAY
Saints & Sinners
Online • 7 pm
Join us each month to learn how a particular saint has influenced the life of our guest speaker. October: Fr. Curtis Miller presenting on Ven. Br. William Gagnon. For more info: **vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.**

10|28 THURSDAY
"Not just heartbreaks and honky-tonk: Country Music and Sacred Space"
Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct.
7 - 8:30 pm
Join us for an engaging event presented by Fr. Richard Bertrande, SSE, retired St. Michael's College Religious Education Professor and Jeff Hirlik, music minister. Please wear a mask so that we have a safe environment for all to participate.

11|06 SATURDAY
Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am
Beginning with Rosary at 8 am, Confessions, and followed by Mass at 8:30 am.

11|13 SATURDAY
Annual Women's Retreat
St. Catherine of Sienna, Shelburne
8:30 am - 2:15 pm
This year's theme is: The Heart of Prayer: Our living relationship with God. Check-in begins at 8:30 am. The keynote speaker is Sister Barbara Cline of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Limited number of attendees, deadline registration November 6 with $30 payment. There will be a waitlist in event of cancellations made prior to retreat. Contact Terri McCormack at tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org or (802) 658-6110, Ext. 1451

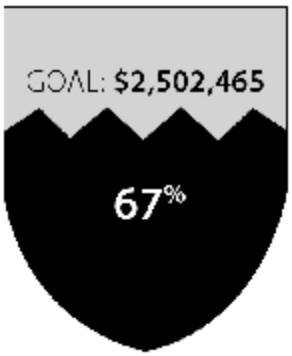
OCTOBER 10 – 16, 2021

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

Consider the Rich Man in the scripture reading this week. Reflect on the non-material wealth you have in your relationship and how you can share this with others. Pray together with the Litany of Trust.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2021 UPDATE



As of Sept. 29, 2021: **$1,687,620**

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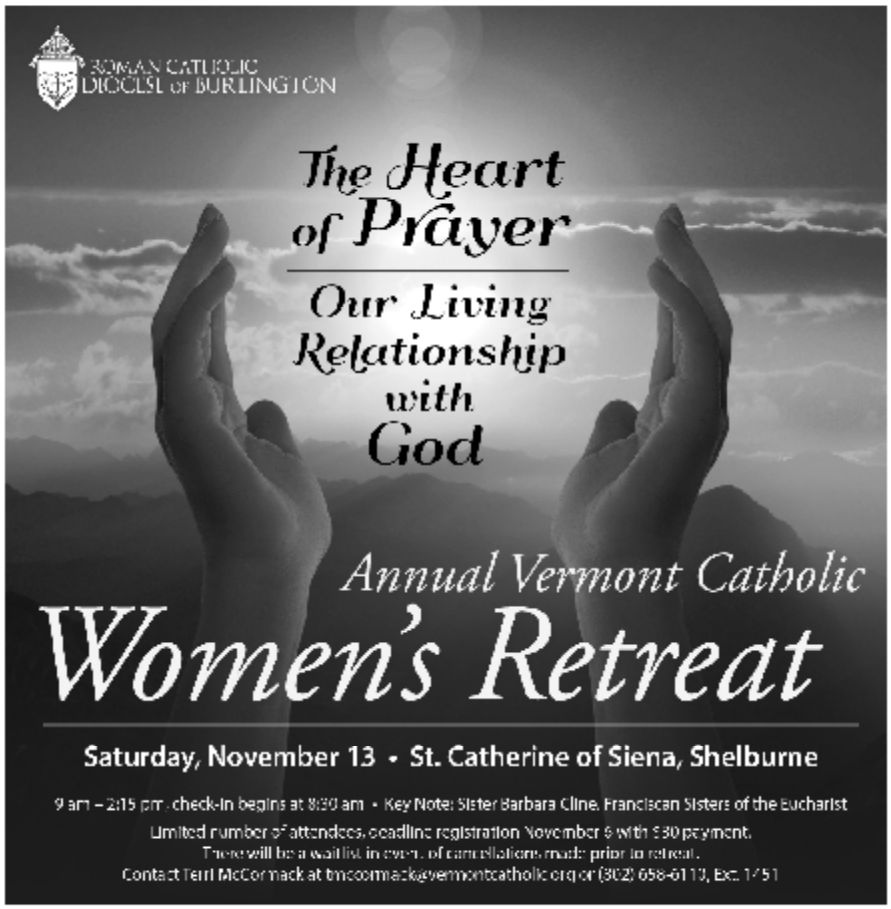

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday	**October 11, 2021**
8:00 AM	Maurice & Dorothy Gaboriault *by Family*
11:30 AM	Charlene St. Germain Robinson *by M/M Rene Brodeur*
	Mass at OLP Chapel *no public attendance*
Tuesday	**October 12**
8:00 AM	Jessica Pomerleau Halnon *by Family*
11:30 AM	Mass at OLP Chapel *No public attendance*
Wednesday	**October 13**
8:00 AM	Laura Crenshaw *by Family*
11:30 AM	Mass at OLP No *public attendance*
Thursday	**October 14**
8:00 AM	Craig & Ed Sabourin *by Family*
11:30 AM	Mass at OLP *No public attendance*
6 to 7 PM	**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
Friday	**October 15**
8:00 AM	Joe Hatin *by Family*
11:30 AM	Mass at OLP *No public attendance*
4:00 PM	***Wedding**: Connor Drown & Maria Redding*
Saturday	**October 16**
4:00 PM	Paul Henry *by Frank & Mary Carter*
Sunday	**October 17**
7:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Turmel Family
9:00 AM	Intentions of Parishioners
11:00 AM	Christine Yandow Connolly *by Family*

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PARISH SUPPORT

September 26 , 2021……..……..$	**5,815.00**
Online Giving Offertory (66 Givers)……$	**2,313.00**
Weekly Average (July 1st Week 13)……..……$	**8,747.96**
Weekly Goal……$	**8,500.00**
October 3, 2021……...$	**7,226.00**
Online Giving Offertory (68 Givers)……..……..$	**2,687.00**
Weekly Average (July 1st Week 14)……..$	**8,831.18**
School Support……..$	**1,797.00**
Online Giving School (31 Givers)……...$	**719.00**

Thank you for your continued support

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The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is Open at St. Mark Parish

Located in the Family Center
1251 North Ave., Burlington

All are invited to participate in this opportunity for paryer in the presence of Our Lord. **Every day from 7 AM to 9 PM.** If you were previously signed up for a day and time before Covid, you are still on at that time. If you would like to sign up or adjust your hour to another day or time, please go to our website: stmarksvt.weadorehim.com or contact the parish office at 864-7686 or stmark@vermontcatholic.org.

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Prayer at Genuflection

Jesus, my God I adore thee here present in the sacrament of your **love**.

The Winooski Knights of Columbus

The Winooski Knights of Columbus meet every 2nd Monday of each month at the Senior Center at 7 PM. Any man 18 years of age or older wishing to join the Knights should contact; *Grand Knight Greg Clairmont at 343-8446 or listandsellvt@gmail.com or Deputy Grand Knight Greg Bolger at 660-9044 or gbolger@ccnne.com For additional information about the Knights of Columbus visit our web site www.wkofc.org and "like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Winooskikofc2284*

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"For I was hungry and you gave me food" Matthew 25: 35-40

Our St. Francis Xavier parish community is partnering with the new Winooski Food Shelf to help feed our neighbors in need. This parish is an extremely valuable partner in providing the consistent donations of food to the many people coming for assistance. The WFS is grateful for your sustained commitment of providing donations each week and your generosity continues to serve families in need. There is a strong need right now for toiletries such as shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes and disposable razors. Non-perishable food items for distribution such as cereal, tomato paste, and canned food are always appreciated.

***The Winooski Food Shelf** is very appreciative of your generosity in donating the cookies collected for Thanksgiving and Christmas last year! We are continuing to collect cookies this year to include in our Thanksgiving and Christmas bags of food. We are in need of about* **400 boxes of packaged store bought cookies** *which will be put into the bags for our neighbors in need. We cannot accept home made cookies because of the current pandemic. Distribution of pantry food will occur on our pantry days of Wednesday, November 3rd and Wednesday, November 10th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. ; Wednesday, December 1st and Wednesday, December 8th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. We appreciate your continued generosity in supporting our Winooski residents in need.*

Collection boxes are placed in the church vestibule and delivered to the Food Shelf each week.

Your donations may also be dropped off at: J & J Market 12 Malletts Bay Ave. or at Commodities Market on Winooski Falls Way.

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The St. Nicholas Project is conducting its fall fundraiser, "Shoes for St. Nicholas." They are inviting Catholics throughout the diocese to make a donation to the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children to help the staff purchase new shoes and winter boots for the boys and girls. Kurn Hattin is a non-profit residential care facility for boys and girls ages 5-15 located in Westminster, VT. Fr. Lan..ce W. Harlow founded The St. Nicholas Project as an association of Catholics who help support the children's home with material and financial donations. You can make an on-line donation by visiting: www.thestnicholasproject.com and go to the Donate icon. Or, mail a check directly to: Kurn Hattin Homes for Children P.O. Box 127 Westminster, VT 05158. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Harlow at: lwharlow@sover.net. Thank you for remembering the boys and girls at the children's home and for being their special guardian angels. God bless you!

The CARES Catholic Network: St. Francis Xavier Health & Wellness Ministry

Compassion, Advocacy, Respite, Education, Service

We are three Mercy Associates who are working with the Parish Nurse to collect and redistribute medical equipment in an effort to help those in need have a better quality of life. We are seeking wheelchairs, walkers, canes, commodes, adult diapers, bed pads and other related equipment (good condition only, please). If you have any equipment that you would like to donate of if you are in need of equipment, please call 863-8508 or578-9920 and ask for Monique.

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2021 BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

During the height of the pandemic, when our churches were closed, the Diocese was able to livestream more than 200 faith activities to keep us all connected, including daily and Sunday Mass, daily rosary and Adoration, bible study, book club, retreats and so much more. This was possible because of your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This year our parish goal is **$76,167.00**. To date you have contributed **$ 77,877.00** this is **102%** of our goal. **A very special THANK YOU** for your generosity. We have reach our goal.

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Saint Francis Xavier Faith Formation

(802) 399 - 0097

acoulter@sfxvt.org

Faith Formation Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
Coming Soon

Registration for 2021 - 2022:

Registration forms are being sent home with those previously enrolled in Faith Formation. If you have an incoming First Grader or are new to St. Francis Xavier Church and would like to enroll your family in our **Family Faith Formation Program**, you can find the forms at the **back of the Church** or at **St. Francis Xavier School** during the week. If you have questions or if we can be of further service, please contact Andrew Coulter in the **Faith Formation Office** at **(802) 399 - 0097** or at **acoulter@sfxvt.org**.

Catechetical Ministers and Aides:

As a Faith Community, we are called to share our faith and witness to the Gospel in our lives. As a Catechist or Aide, you are invited **to journey with our young people in the parish** as they **cultivate** and **grow their relationship** with the Lord. This ministry both **enables you** to grow as **a faith-filled Catholic** and has the **added benefit of nurturing and inspiring the lives of others**. We invite you to consider a call to serving and sharing the love of God in your life. We will provide training, education, support, and guidance to ensure your success and confidence in this endeavor. Please contact Andrew Coulter at **802 – 399 – 0097** or acoulter@sfxvt.org for more information.

PUMPKINS FOR school PROGRAMS:

Thanks to a generous donation by an SFX community member, the SFX Home & School is selling pumpkins for Halloween fun and fall decorations! Proceeds will be used to purchase items that support the SFX outdoor classroom, our playground, the school community, the library, etc. Cost for pumpkins : $7 each unless specially marked. The Pumpkin Patch, located behind the school by the playground, will be open :

Sat. 10/9 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Sun. 10/10 8am - 12:30pm

Come on down after Mass to buy a pumpkin and support our wonderful school

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The St. Vincent DePaul Center

The St. Vincent DePaul Center is **Open** and is accepting clothing. Volunteers needed, please call 655-3006 if interested.

The Center will accept donations.
Tuesdays 9 AM to 3 PM.
Thursdays 9 AM to 3 PM.

We are so delighted to be open and serving others!

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RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

St. Francis Xavier Parish will be holding classes explaining the Catholic Faith. Anyone wishing to become Catholic or anyone who would like to deepen their faith are welcome to attend. We are now accepting registrations for the program. For more information please call the parish office at 655-2290.

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Radio IS ON THE AIR! Tune to 105.5 FM 24 hours a day/7 days a week

This is YOUR radio station, so please be an active listener. Our success depends on it! The more people listen, the sooner our communities will hear about it and listen themselves and come back to The Church. So preset your radio dial and find your favorite shows! Visit our website at WRXJ1055.org

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Our lady of Providence Residential Care Community welcomes applications for residency.

Our Lady of Providence Residential Care Community, a 46-bed, private room and bath facility, is located in Winooski and sits on a 2 ½-acre lush property is now welcoming applications for residency.

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Please consider visiting our facility and taking a tour. We think that you will discover that Our Lady of Providence is the best kept secret in Chittenden County.

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