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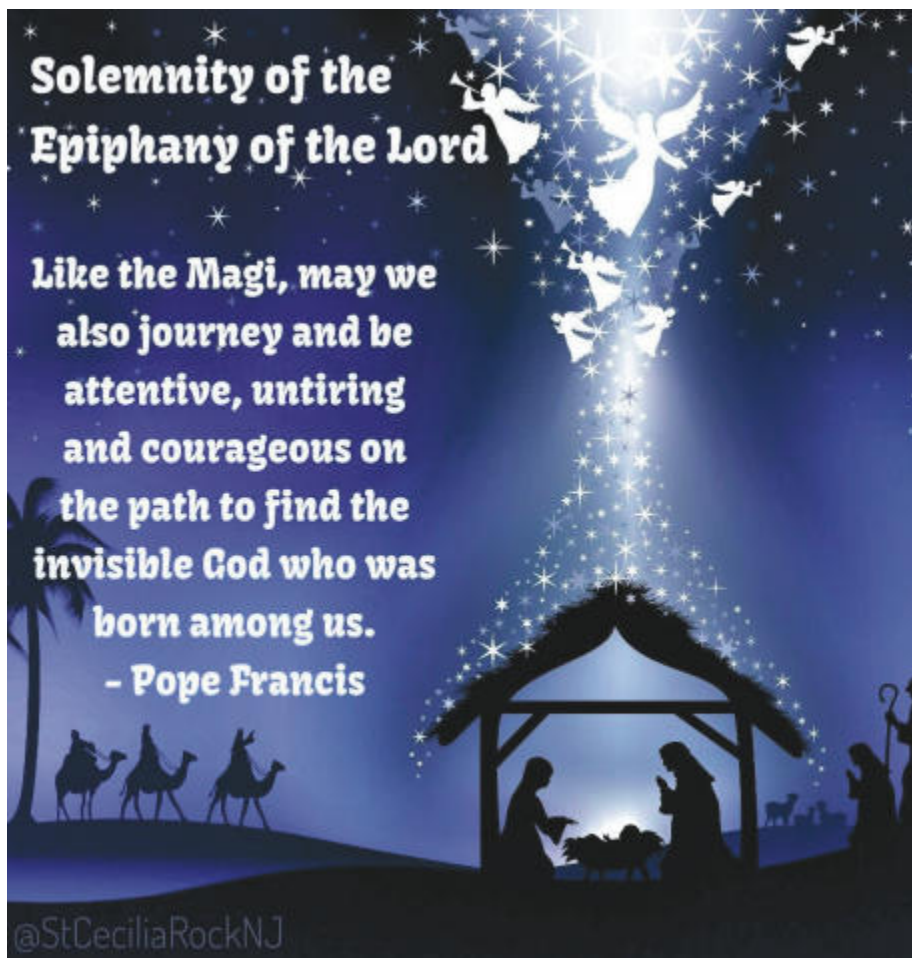
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Weekend Masses

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.
655 - 2290

School telephone numbers

School	After School
655-2600	655-4660

School Website: www.SFXVT.org

www.sfxchurch.org

NEWS FROM The Inland See FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

January 7, 2022

Vermont Catholic Professionals to meet on Wednesday, January 19

“Perfection of the life or of the work?” will be the topic of the next keynote speaker at the Vermont Catholic Professionals networking meeting.

The speaker, Laurie Brands Gagne, is the retired director of the Edmundite Center for Peace and Justice at St. Michael's College in Colchester.

Her presentation will be on Jan. 19.

The title comes from a poem by William Butler Yeats entitled “The Choice.”

“I’ll be talking about the importance of that choice and what it means to integrate one’s work-life with one’s whole life as a Christian,” said Gagne, of South Burlington, who worships with the St. Michael’s College community.

Gagne received her doctorate in systematic theology from the University of Notre Dame and taught religious studies for many years at Trinity College of Vermont. While at Trinity, she wrote *The Uses of Darkness: Women’s Underworld Journeys Ancient and Modern*, which was published by University of Notre Dame Press (2000) as well as a number of articles on philosopher/mystic Simone Weil and the spiritual journey.

When Trinity closed in 2001, she began a new phase of her career teaching “Peace and Justice” at St. Michael’s College.

Outside the classroom, Gagne was an activist, beginning a nationwide campaign on behalf of Congolese women in 2010 and helping to found the Vermont Iburwa Initiative, a non-profit that assisted women who are survivors of rape in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Now retired, she has edited a book on Simone Weil (“Love in the Void”), serves on Burlington’s Mater Christi School Board of Trustees and gives workshops for the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative.

Continuing her activism, she served as a member of Meta Peace Team, an unarmed force for civilian protection, for a

month in Palestine in 2018 and conducted a fact finding trip to Iburwa’s projects in South Kivu, DRC in 2019.

Among her awards, Gagne received from Trinity College in Burlington the Sister Katherine O’Donnell Outstanding Faculty Award (1988) and from St. Michael’s, the Vermont Campus Compact Award for Excellence in Community Based Teaching (2012).

“I would advise Catholic professionals to take the time to share their faith with each other and how it might apply to their work. Without support, it is easy to let merely professional goals override the goals we all should be striving for, namely, wisdom and love,” Gagne said.

The purpose of Vermont Catholic Professionals — founded in 2018 — is to join Catholic men and women and others with shared values from the business and professional communities to encourage intellectual discussions, to foster professional and faith-based relationships and to inspire service and charity to the community in Vermont. Events take place quarterly with a professional development speaker that is relevant

to the business and professional communities in Vermont.

For more information about Vermont Catholic Professionals and the location of the Jan. 19 event, go to vermontcatholic.org/vcp.

VTC • Cari Fugere Urban



Wednesday, January 19, 2022 • 8 a.m.

Laurie Brands Gagne,
retired director of the Edmundite Center for Peace
and Justice at St. Michael's College in Colchester

Register at: vermontcatholic.org/vcp



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Upcoming Events



01|04, 11, 18, 25 THURSDAYS

Courageous Women Bible Study

St. John's Winery, S. Burlington • 9 am to 6:30 pm

For this study we will use, "Courageous

Women: A Study on the Heroines of Biblical History" by Stacy Mitch, a writer with a female audience in mind yet it is equally approachable for men. There are 8 sessions; participants are welcome to attend as many or as few as they can. FOR MORE INFO: Connie McDonald (802) 864-4166 x204 or SJVGoodNews@gmail.com



01|05, 19, 02|02, 16, 03|02, & 16
WEDNESDAYS

Resisting Happiness Book Club

Online • 7 pm

Come explore with us Matthew Kelly's book *Resisting Happiness* at 7-8 pm every other Wednesday for six weeks. Free book and study guide, contact ph. riley@aol.com.



01|07, 21, 02|04, 18 FR. DAYS

The Challenge Club for Catholic Girls

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 6-8 pm

Challenge is a club for girls to grow in virtue, friendship and their Catholic faith. FOR MORE INFO: contact Mary Niekrewicz, mary.nfv@gmail.com, (802) 878-5538 or Audrey Walko, audreytgv@gmail.com, (802) 373-9564.



01|16 SUNDAY

DeGoesbriand Council 279 Burlington Pancake Breakfast

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington •
8:30-11:30 am

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus DeGoesbriand Council 279. By donation, the suggested donation is \$8.



01|25 THURSDAY

Saints & Sinners

Online • 7 pm

Join us in November when Deacon Phil Lawson presents on Saints Philip, Albanus and Lawrence. For more info: vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.



02|05 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.



02|15 SUNDAY

Adoration Mini-Mission with Holy Hour

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Not sure what adoration is all about? Or maybe you've not been to adoration for awhile and could use a refresher

course? In anticipation of a 40 Hours of Adoration event coming this Lent, Josh Perry, the diocesan Director of Worship, will be offering a mini-mission with instruction about adoration, followed by a holy hour.



02|06 SUNDAY

Marriage Anniversary Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am

Are you and your spouse celebrating a

milestone anniversary (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...35, 50) in 2022? Catholic married couples who wish to be recognized are invited to the Marriage Anniversary Mass. To register please contact: Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or (802) 658-6110, ext. 1131.



02|12 SATURDAY

Padre Pio Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am

Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass and an

opportunity to learn more about Padre Pio.



02|22 TUESDAY

Saints and Sinners

Online • 7 pm

Join us in February when Fr. Hubery Murphy presents on Saints Therese of Lisieux. There will be time for prayer, small group and large group discussion. For more info: vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.



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As of Dec. 14, 2021: \$1,875,133

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vermontcatholic.org/giveonline

**CHALLENGES TO GROW
YOUR MARRIAGE**

JANUARY 2-8, 2022

Consider the vows you shared at your wedding, "I will love you and honor you all the days of my life". Take time this week to reflect on how you can each honor each other in your relationship while re-establishing the intimacy and trust. Share with each other what you desire in your future together. Be wary of judgement as you are on the same team.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

JANUARY 2-8, 2022

Scheduling "family time" on the calendar can be challenging when everyone is pulled in so many directions. What do you want your children to remember about you? Intentionally carve out time daily to spend together with a game night, story hour, or retelling a favorite bible story from when you were a child.

vermontcatholic.org/familychampions



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday January 3, 2022
 8:00 AM Peggy Daudelin, 7th Anniv by the Parent Family
 11:30 AM Mass at OLP No public attendance

January 4
 8:00 AM Paul Brodeur, Sr. by M/M Rene Brodeur
 11:30 AM Mass at OLP No public attendance

Wednesday January 5
 8:00 AM Nancy Villemaire by Family
 11:30 AM Mass at OLP No public attendance

Thursday January 6
 8:00 AM Armand Girouard, 2nd Anniv by Hyldborg Family
 11:30 AM Mass at OLP No public attendance

6 to 7 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday January 7
 8:00 AM Martha Dwyer, 5th Anniv by Hyldborg Family
 11:30 AM Mass at OLP No public attendance

Saturday January 8, 2022
 4:00 PM Lawrence Ashline by George & Patricia Ashline

Sunday January 9
 7:30 AM Robert Turmel by the Turmel Family
 9:00 AM Intentions of Parishioners
 11:00 AM George & Bernadette Brosseau by M/M Donald Brosseau

PARISH SUPPORT

December 19, 2021.....\$ 5,540.00
Online Giving Offertory (68 Givers).....\$ 2,415.00
Weekly Average (July 1st Week 25).....\$ 8,839.00
Weekly Goal.....\$ 8,500.00
Fuel.....\$ 404.00
Online Giving Fuel (19 Givers).....\$ 215.00

Thank you for your continued support

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

St. Vincent DePaul

The St. Vincent DePaul Center is **Open** and is accepting clean sessional 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!

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

"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.

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.

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 prayer 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.

St. Therese of Lisieux's Daily Offering

Oh my God!

I offer You all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to His infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them in the furnace of His merciful love.

Oh my God!

I ask of You for myself and for those dear to me the grace to fulfill perfectly Your holy will, to accept for love of You the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in Heaven for all eternity.

Amen.

Keep up with the news at Saint Francis Xavier School by checking out our Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com.SaintFrancisXavierSchool Vermont

Be sure to take a moment to "like" our page once you're there!



St. Francis Xavier Parish offers Online Giving! Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish. This convenient new system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or make changes. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. Go to www.sfxchurch.org to get started.

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 or if you are in need of equipment, please call 863-8508 or 578-9920 and ask for Monique.

Our Lady of Providence Residential Care Community

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 1/2-acre lush property is now welcoming applications for residency.

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The homey atmosphere at Our Lady of Providence combined with a dedicate and caring staff make for an unbeatable combination. In addition to the above mentioned amenities, the facility also provides delicious meals and medical support, including 24-hour, daily nursing care.

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.

Please visit our website, OurladyofProvidence.org or call 655-2395 for more information.

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, Whether we're leaving behind a year of joy and blessing or trials and difficulties, we pause to give thanks. We thank You that You are always with us every single day of every single year. Please remind us of Your presence in the year ahead, even when life is busy. We are so thankful that we serve a God who makes things new and gives us the grace of fresh starts and new beginnings. Be glorified in our lives this year. In Jesus' name, Amen

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A Gift For You

Our parish has just subscribed to an amazing resource called formed.org. This is a faithfully Catholic website that offers HUNDREDS of movies, documentaries, Bible studies, sacrament studies, books, and audio teachings. If you like the lighthouse Catholic media CDs, then imagine having all of those resources at your fingertips in audio and video. You can sign up for this on your smartphone, tablet, smart TV, or your home computer. Just go to formed.org (or download the app) click the "sign up as part of a parish" button, type in Saint Francis Xavier, and enter your name and email. That's all you have to do to have all of these FREE resources at your finger tips. If you need help signing up, then please call the parish office 655-2290.

Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen

(Written in 1844 by Fr. Francois-Xavier Gautrelet: found in Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers pg.48)

St. Francis Xavier Faith Formation (802) 399 - 0097 acoulter@sfxvt.org Faith Formation Office Hours: Monday - Friday Coming Soon

Registration for 2021 - 2022:

Registration forms 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 you can call the Rectory (655-2290) and we can put a registration form in the mail. 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.

It is not to late to register your child.

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.

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