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SAINT AGNES

Saint Agnes is one of the early martyrs mentioned in the Canon of the Mass. She was only 13 years of age when she was martyred during the reign of Diocletian about the year 304.

Decause she was rich and very beautiful Agnes had many suitors. For all she had the same answer; that she had consecrated her virginity to a heavenly spouse. For this she was accused as a Christian and condemned to death.

Saint Agnes is a most popular Saint. Her relics are venerated in Rome in the Basilica that bears her name. She is a special patroness of purity. Her Feast is celebrated on January 21.

800-203

Feast Day January 21

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

The Inland See



'Look me in the eye'

"The lamp of the hody is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole hody will he filled with light." Mt 6:22

y mother was a great observer when it came to solving which child was naughty. She would say, "Look me in the eye and tell me what happened." I could never get away with anything, even as an adult. I also learned that it was easier to tell the truth than to attempt to perpetuate a lie.

I find looking into the eyes of children easier than looking into the eyes

of strangers; perhaps because there is a fear of what the other person might discover about me as they look back.

In the eyes of children, there is an innocence and trust, until it is broken or taken. Our faith teaches us to have a moral compass, a moral conscience, where we do good and avoid evil: "The education of the conscience

is a lifelong task," notes the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "From the earliest years, it awakens the child to the knowledge and practice of the interior law."

As parents — and a faith community invested in teaching our children — we

might try to rely on our own experiences to guide us when fostering both justice and mercy in our children. We might attempt to share stories of our youth, when we were hurt by friends, picked on for what we wore or could not afford. We might have been the ones to do the hurting, choosing to fit in with the popular or cool kids, as the temptation to do evil was wrapped up in a well disguised package. We may continue to find these same temptations, disguised differently to lure us into keeping up with our neighbors or trying to help

our children by being their "friends" and not following up on the ground rules we set to guide them. Our children witness our actions and model what they see. What exactly are we doing to set the example?

Our children experience far greater temprations and dangers than ever before that can prey upon them at school,

at home, at soccer or dance. The battle is real. It began with Adam and Eve and continues roday. Our faith, the truth of God's love, is our saving grace.

"Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." - Mk 10:15

Take the time to look into the eyes of your children every day. Talk about the day and listen. What is God trying to tell you at this moment in this conversation?

Choose a time to sit together and look at each other, maybe over a meal. Our children deserve our time, love and closeness. Turn off all distracting media. We all deserve this focused attention, this relationship with one another as God is present during these times too.

Practice forgiveness and how to reconcile with one another. Model the behavior you hope to instill in your children. It is not always easy, and you can always turn to God for guidance to help you find the words to say, "Please forgive me for . I was wrong. Will you forgive me?" This carries more weight than just saying, "I'm sorry."

We are called to be in communion that begins at home. Parents are the first teachers of their children. God, our Father, desires this for us. His children. We can support one another, beginning at home, and bring this into the larger community. Together we can make a difference for both our children and one another as we grow in our faith.

"Act justly, love kindness, walk humbly with God." — Mi 6:6-8

> — Terri McCormack is coordinator of marriage and family life for the Diocese of Burlington.



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Upcoming Events



01|18,25 JESDAYS

Courageous Women Bible Study St. John Manney, S. Burlington

9 am or 6:30 pm

For this study we will use, "Courageous Women: A Study on the Heroines of Biolical History" by Stacy Mitch, written with a female audience in mind yet if its 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 SJVGood News@gmail.com



01|19,02|02, 16,03 02, & 16 WONLS DAYS

Resisting Happiness Book Club Smine + 7 pm

Come explore with us Matthew Kelly's book Resisting Himp piness at 7-8 pm every offier Wednesday for six weeks. Free book and study guide. FOR MORE INFO: pturnley@aol.com.



01 |21,02|04, 18 FRIDAYS

The Challenge Club for Catholic Girls

From estable Heart of Mary, Williams - 6 - 8 pm Challenge is a club for girls to grow in virtue, friendship

crailenge is a club or girs to grow in virtue, the neship and their Catholic faith. FOR MORE INFO: contact Mary Niekrewicz, mary.of.vt@gmail.com, (802) 878-5538 or Audrey Walko, audreycgsv L@gmail.com, (802) 373-9564.



01|25 TUESDAY Saints & Sinners

Online - 7 cm

Join us in Nevember when Deacon Phil

Lawson presents on Saints Philip, Athanasius 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|5 SATURDAY

Adoration Mini-Mission with Holy Hour

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington. 10:30 am - 12:36 pm

Not sure what adoration is all about? Or may be 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 dincesan Director of Worship, will be offering a mini-mission awith instruction about aduration, followed by a holy hour.



-02|05 SALURDAY

A Puzzie to Common Sense: The Conversion of Fanny Allen

Holy Family, Essex Ict. • 12:30 - 3 pm The Religious Hospitallers of St. . oseph Tay

associates are hosting a presentation by Fr. Michael Carter, SSE on Farmy Allen. Come learn insight into some local history. A light lunch will be served.



02**1**06 SUNDAY

Marriage Anniversary Mass

Cothectral of St. Joseph, Burlington - 10 am Are you and your spouse celebrating a

milestone anniversary (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20..., 55, 57) in 2022? To register please contact, kikole Hamilton at nhamilton@ vermonicatholic.org pri(802)558-5110, ext. 1131.



02l12 SATURDAY

Padre Pio Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction - 8 am Rosary at 9 am followed by Mass and an

opportunity to learn more about Padre Pio.



10/22 HESDAY

Saints and Sinners

Online • 7 pm

Join us in February when Fr. Robery 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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CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

JANUARY 16-22, 2022

HOLY MATRIMONY

Being married in the Catholic Church makes us Holy Indursacramental bond as weigive ourselves freely, fully, faithfully, or fruitfully. How do you inspire your spouse to honor you in your marital relationship? Share this with each other and pray together every day using a prayer of your choice.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge



JANUARY 16-22, 2022

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER...

Last week each of you were asked to go to Mass, and choose a parishioner to pray for. Look for this person in Mass this week, and when you are at home share with each other why you chose him or her. Pray for these people everyday together, and encourage your family to talk to God throughout the day to be there for this person.

vermontcatholic.org/familychampions

St. Francis Xavier Winooski, VT



Monday	January 17, 2022
8:00 AM	Claire Sweet by the Parent Family
11:30 AM	Mass at OLP No public attendance
	January 18
8:00 AM	Laurette Gagnon by M/M Bernard Turmel
11:30 AM	Mass at OLP No public attendance
Wednesday	January 19
8:00 AM	Charlotte Magnani by Susan Bouffard
11:30 AM	Mass at OLP No public attendance
Thursday	January 20
8:00 AM	Tri Van (Peter) Nguyen by Family
11:30 AM	Mass at OLP No public attendance
6 to 7 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
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PARISH SUPPORT

<u>January 9, 2022</u>	5,763.00
Online Giving (69 Givers)\$	2,838.00
Weekly Average (July 1st Week 27)\$	8,862.54
Weekly Goal\$	8,500.00
First Offering\$	440.00

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Act of Faith: O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three Divine Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe in Jesus Christ, Your Son, who became man and died for our sins, and who will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because You have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

Amen

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 <u>gbolger@ccnne.com</u> For additional information about the Knights of Columbus visit our web site <u>www.wkofc.org</u> 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.

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.

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www.facebook.com.SaintFrancisXavierSchool Vermont

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



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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.

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

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 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 or 578-9920 and ask for Monique.

Prayer at Genuflection

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

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.

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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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