

### Religious Education Program

Class on Sunday, Jan 26th

Grade School Students will meet from 9:15-10:15 AM (Parish Hall)

Confirmation Students will meet from 5-6:30 PM (Parish Hall)

### Save the Date

First Communion - Sunday, May 3rd at 10:30 AM (Blessed Sacrament)

Confirmation - Thursday, May 14th at 7 PM (St. Augustine's, Montpelier)

Next weekend, February 2nd we will be having our "Souper Bowl" Sunday. Please drop off cans of soup to our food basket at the back of the church, either during the week or during the next couple of weeks. More families and individuals are visiting the Lamoille County Food Share than ever. The food shelf appreciates the generous donations as well as the food that is delivered to them from our Parish. Please do not forget the pet food that is always appreciated.

The Parish will be having a Pancake Supper, on Shrove Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Parish Hall. Chefs and volunteers are needed! Please contact Phyllis with any questions. All are welcome!

### **LAMOILLE COMMUNITY HOUSE (SHELTER)**

Their wish list is as follows:

Paper towels

Clorox wipes

Dish soap

And of course always looking for a meal ( or art of) for 15 people. Please drop off supplies and meals at the Parish Center. These will pick up and bring to the shelter.

### **Rice High School for a Day**

Monday, February 3rd

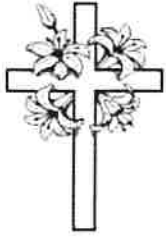
6th - 8th graders are invited to attend our 10th annual High School for a Day (HS4D) program!

Participants choose from a variety of specially-created programs designed to familiarize them with Rice faculty and extracurricular offerings.

Program options include performances by the Rice Chorus and Jazz Ensemble, Geometry Origami, science experiments, a community service craft project, and a mini pep rally.

Space is limited for this popular program. Register by **Tuesday, January 28** at [www.rmhsvt.org](http://www.rmhsvt.org) or by calling Katie Chapa at 862-6521 ext. 2246.

Holy Land Tour Presentation to all parishioners on February 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 8:00am Mass at the Parish Hall.



**Mass Schedule &  
Intentions**  
**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

**1/25 SATURDAY VIGIL:**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
4:30pm *The Berndt Family*

**1/26 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00am *The People of the Parish*  
10:30am *George Wheelright*

**1/27 MONDAY**  
7:30am *Adoration*  
8:30am *Anthony Parent*

**1/28 TUESDAY**  
11:00am *Adoration*  
12noon *Natalina Toffolo*

**1/29 WEDNESDAY ~ NO MASS @BSC**  
8:15am *Bishop Marshall School*

**1/30 THURSDAY**  
4:30pm *Adoration*  
5:30pm *Bill & Ginny Uber*

**1/31 FRIDAY**  
7:30am *Adoration*  
8:30am *Intentions of Catherine Ferrari*

**NEIGHBORS FEEDING NEIGHBORS**  
Every Sunday will be Food Shelf Sunday.  
Please remember to bring in a food  
donation to Mass for the Lamoille  
Community Food Share. The basket is in  
the back of the church! Thank you for  
your generosity!

*Dear Parishioners,*

As 2020 is upon us and we begin to fill in the calendar year with plans, let me propose a question: when will you take time away with God for 'retreat.' Similar to how husbands and wives need exclusive time with each other in order to deepen and renew their love and relationship amidst the busy-ness of family life and work, so it is true with us and God. Jesus himself modelled this for us, as we see Him in the midst of a busy life of ministering to people and teaching. He would steal away in solitude to be in communion with our Heavenly Father. As essential is our participation at Mass, one also needs that exclusive, undivided time to be with God and allow Him to minister to us.

Relationships can only grow if they are feed with time and presence. Our one hour at Mass on the weekend is an important beginning to strengthening our relationship with God, but by no means can that be it. True intimacy with God cannot grow if one only does the bare minimum. In the midst of busy lives and schedules, how might we make time to be with Him?

Perhaps the commute to work or to home becomes your 'holy hour' when you pray. Maybe instead of checking the news so frequently I take that 10 minutes to just be silent with God. Perhaps after lunch at work, I go and sit with God in the silence of my car for 15 minutes to pray and listen. The saints found all kinds of ways to creatively find time in their day/week for 'retreat' with God.

Ideally, at least once a year, a disciple plans to give a longer time of exclusivity to God - perhaps a day or an overnight. The monastery in Westfield has guest rooms; or one could look online to see what opportunities may be available in the local area; or you could always try the old fashioned way and just ask a priest or someone who may have some recommendations.

I hope as you look down the lens of your 2020 calendar, that like our Lord Jesus, you too will make time to be exclusive with God so that He may minister to you and reveal to you His great and mighty love. God bless you!

*With Mary  
In Christ,  
Fr. Jon*