MISSION STATEMENT
Our Catholic parish family is united by God’s love and our belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We live and share our faith in our daily actions as a parish, as a school and as individuals.

EUCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil
4:00 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM & 9:30 AM

Monday through Friday
8:00 AM

Mondays with Miraculous Medal Devotion
5:30 PM

First Fridays (only)
Mass: 9:00 AM
Holy Hour & Benediction: 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Friday after Mass until 8:00 PM

Last Sunday (only)
Mass: 6:00 PM

The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” ~ Lk 10:41-42


PARISH CENTER MAIN OFFICE HOURS
Monday through Friday
8:30 AM–Noon & 1:00–4:30 PM
email: benncath@comcast.net
Welcome to our Church!
If you are new to the area or looking for a spiritual home, you can register at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales parish by stopping in the Parish Office to fill out a brief census card. Or call the Parish Office and we’ll be happy to mail you a form.

Welcome to the family of God and Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church!

Question of the Week
What about heaven and hell?

WHOEVER believes Jesus is the Son of God, the gospel says, will have eternal life. Traditionally a lot of “eternal life” has to do with what happens after death, especially the prospects of heaven and hell. So what’s the church’s official word on the subject?

Hell is the “state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1033). That underscores that hell is a deliberate choice; no one falls into it by accident. Hell is realized immediately upon death for those who die mortally (fatally) sinful. The irrevocability of this decision is a “call to responsibility” and “to conversion” (CCC no. 1035-36) for the living. No one is predestined for condemnation, and it’s not God’s intent that anyone should perish in this way (CCC no. 1037).

What impresses me is that more folks concern themselves with hellish details than seek to learn about heaven. If hell unnerves us, there’s an easy solution: Remain on the path of love. If hell is self-chosen alienation from God, then heaven is self-selected union. God is love, so stick with love and hell becomes literally a dead subject.

– Alice L. Camille

Sunday Summary

Genesis 18:1-10a Abraham shows hospitality to three strangers passing by.
Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 Justice is the key to living in the presence of God.
Colossians 1:24-28 What was once hidden is now brought to light in Christ.
Faith Formation Program
“Growing In Faith Together”
For more information contact the parish office at 442-3141 or 1kathy.murphy@gmail.com
You are invited to join us on Facebook – SHSF Faith Formation

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Update
Our first year of CGS was a wonderful success! Thanks to many, the atrium evolved and 2 classes or a total of eleven 3 to 6 year old children prayed and deepened their faith. We met once a week for an hour and a half.

Classes will begin in the fall. If you know of any 3 to 6 year old children that are interested in looking into Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, please contact Kathy Murphy at 1kathy.murphy@gmail.com or 802-379-5037.

Help Wanted: Building the City of Jerusalem:
Above is a picture of the City of Jerusalem, material from the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium for 3 to 6 year old children. There is a topographical map of the city on the left and a control on the right. Children move the walls and buildings from the map to the control as they identify and reflect upon them. Younger children learn the names and locations of some of the important places we remember during Holy Week, such as the Cenacle (where the disciples gathered for the Last Supper), the Mount of Olives, Herod’s Palace, and Mt. Calvary. We have instructions on how to construct this model if you have the time and talent to build our City of Jerusalem. Please let Kathy Murphy know if you can help.

Angels Needed
Every year at this time, we have a number of families who find it difficult to meet the rising cost of tuition for Catholic Education. Last year, thanks to the generosity of parishioners from Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales and St. John the Baptist, we were able to help four families in need. Tuition for one child this coming year is $4,995 but no donation or gift is too small. If you would like to make a donation to our “Angel Scholarship Fund,” please send it to Principal David Estes at The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, 307 School Street, Bennington, VT 05201. Thank you for your support. It is truly appreciated by so many.

Now Accepting Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year
Many of our classes are full, but we are still accepting registration in grades 1, 2, 4 and 6.
Excellence in academics, coupled with a deepening of faith in God, is provided in a caring, challenging, and respectful environment.
FMI, please call the school at 442-2446 or visit sacredheartbennington.org.
Please remember the sick, including ~

Prayer Events this Week

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It’s faith, fun, friendship and smiles all around during our week long Catholic Summer Camp – Totus Tuus. Join us during the last week in July. Registration forms can be found at the entrances to the church, at the Parish office or on our website.

Eucharistic Adoration

“The Eucharist, in the Mass and outside of the Mass, is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and is therefore deserving of the worship that is given to the living God, and to him alone.” – Pope John Paul II

Adoration Fridays in the chapel from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Sign-up sheets for one hour shifts are in the chapel.

Here this weekend!

The Saint Nicholas Project is visiting Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales!

Founded by Fr. Lance W. Harlow in 2015, the Saint Nicholas Project's goal is to raise awareness of and increase support for the boys and girls at the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children, a K-8 residential care facility for children at risk from troubled homes. We will have an informational table available for you after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday and the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses on Sunday, July 21st, 2019.

The kids need you! Please stop by and learn about Kurn Hattin Homes and find out how you can help children from families in distress right here in Vermont! THANK YOU!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday Evening Mass at Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales
July 28th @ 6:00 pm
**Feast of Saint Anne ~**
*July 26*

Although neither Ste. Joachim nor Ste. Anne is mentioned in the Bible, the belief that they were the father and mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary is based on the Gospel of James. This second-century text became popular in the Middle Ages when devotion to the Blessed Mother became more widespread. According to the text, Joachim and Anne were desolate because of their childlessness. One day while Anne was praying, an angel appeared to her and told her she would have a child and Anne promised to dedicate this child to God. The child was Mary, Mother of Jesus. Through Ste. Anne’s virtues, holiness, and privileges, we are confident of her powerful intercession on our behalf to Jesus and Mary.

We cordially invite all to attend Mass and to pray the Novena to Ste. Anne with the Ladies of Ste. Anne on the following days:

- **Monday** July 22 at 5:00 pm ~ Novena
- **Tuesday** July 23 at 5:00 pm ~ Novena
- **Wednesday** July 24 at 5:00 pm ~ Novena
- **Thursday** July 25 at 5:00 pm ~ Novena
- **Friday** July 26 after 8:00 am Mass ~ Novena, then breakfast

Ste. Anne is the Patroness of childless mothers, expectant mothers, women in labor, homemakers, cabinetmakers, miners, and even cemeteries. St. Anne’s feast day is celebrated on the same day with her husband, Joachim.

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**Love Naturally!**

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week
*July 21—27, 2019*

“Love, Naturally!” is the theme of this year’s Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God’s design for married love and the gift of life and to raise awareness of Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods. “NFP,” as the U.S. bishops have written, is supportive of Catholic beliefs about married love because it “respects the God-given power to love a new human life into being” (see, U.S. Bishops, Married Love and the Gift of Life).

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 21–27, 2019) annually highlight the anniversary of Humanae vitae (July 25) as well as the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.

Additional information about natural family planning can be found on the Diocese of Burlington website at vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/marriage-family/natural-family-planning. Contact Terri McCormack, marriage and family life coordinator for the Diocese of Burlington, for more information.

— Vermont Catholic
The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It Takes a Parish to . . .

Host Totus Tuus

We still need help with a few things:

PRAYERS: Please pray for those attending Totus Tuus, that their hearts may be open to an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, keep in your prayers the Totus Tuus teachers.

COOKIEs: We need a lot of cookies for the morning cookie break!

DINNER: Thursday, August 1 - host the 4 teachers for dinner.

FINANCIAL: Some families are in need of scholarship money, and we also need funds for our pizza party and supplies.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Email: shsftotustuus@gmail
or
Call Tammy Buckley @ 447-8844

HIGH SCHOOL TOTUS TUUS
Sunday, July 28 – Thursday, August 1
Begins at 6:00 pm Sunday, July 28
with Mass followed by a Pizza Party

We are happy to announce that Totus Tuus can fulfill one of the retreat requirements for Confirmation.

There is no Second Collection this weekend.
There is no Second Collection next weekend.
Thank you for your generosity!

Support Your Local
Care Net Pregnancy Center!

Take a baby bottle and fill with your spare change and return it to make a donation to True North Pregnancy Resource Center.

Take a bottle starting Father’s Day and please return (full or empty!) by July 28th to the bins in the church entrances or the parish office.

For questions or to volunteer contact Liz Weber
802-430-1938
liz.r.weber@gmail.com

Vermont Interfaith
Power and Light
A faith-based response to
global climate change.

Please consider attending “Paris to Pittsburgh,” a National Geographic Documentary Film on the consequences of climate change which are becoming increasingly evident across the United States. It will be shown at the Bennington Free Library on Thursday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. A discussion will follow the film.

Recently, Pope Francis spoke to leaders of the world’s biggest multinational oil companies to impress on them the urgency and scale of this challenge and their role in tackling the emissions’ crisis. He said: “Future generations stand to inherit a greatly spoiled world. Our children and grandchildren should not have to pay the cost of our generation’s irresponsibility.”

Parish Resources

Baptism - Contact Kathy Murphy at the Parish Office.
Reconciliation - The sacrament of reconciliation is available from 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. on Saturday or by appointment.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or, for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation.
Faith Formation for Children
To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact Kathy Murphy in the Parish Office.
Marriage
Couples who wish to prepare for marriage should contact the pastor a minimum of 6 months prior to the requested date of marriage.
Care of the Sick
To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick, for Holy Communion to be brought to those unable to attend the Sunday celebration, or for Viaticum for the Dying (Holy Communion for those in danger of death), please contact the Parish Office. It is always possible to anoint the sick during regularly scheduled liturgies.