

## Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> NATIVITY OF THE LORD, CHRISTMAS

8:00 am - St. John – Personal Intention for the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
10:00 am - St. Elizabeth – For the Parishioners  
4:00 pm – NO MASS

## Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 am - St. John – Larry Donna RIP by the family  
9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – For the Parishioners  
11:30am - Queen of Peace – Eddie Ornealas RIP by the St. Marie Family  
*Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed*

## Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:30 am – St. Elizabeth – NO MASS

## Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:30 am - St. John – NO MASS

## Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> day within Octave of the Nativity No Mass

## Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> day within Octave of the Nativity

4:00 pm Adoration & Confession  
5:15 pm – St. John – Gary Schoenemann RIP by Diana

## Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> day within Octave of the Nativity

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Charlie & Milly Fournier RIP by Anne

## Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:30 am - St. John – Dick Gracie by Susan Dugan  
9:00 am – 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John  
3:15 pm – Confessions at St. John  
4:00 pm – St. John – Eugene Hale RIP by his wife, Diane

## Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am - St. John – Anita Bedor by Stephen Donna  
9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – For the Parishioners  
11:30am - Queen of Peace – Yves Bonin by Deacon Pete & Mary  
Anne Gummere  
*Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed.*

Please pray for parishioners who are ill or in need of prayers, especially:  
Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Charlie Weis, Karson St. Marie



### **Adoration Chapel**

The Chapel is open daily 9:30am -9:00pm.  
Tuesdays it is open 9:30am – 6:00pm.

**NOTE: The Church will now be locked during the day. Please stop in the rectory for the key.**

***“The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of His love. Let us be generous with our time. . . May our adoration never cease”***

Pope John Paul II,

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
Monday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> – OFFICE CLOSURES AT 12:00 pm  
Tuesday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> - OFFICE CLOSED  
Saturday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> - 3:00 – Rehearsal & Nativity Pageant @ St. John  
Monday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:30 – Parish Council Meeting @ FLC

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Fiscal Year: 7/1/21-6/30/22 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$230,000  
Weekly Collection Year-to-date Dec. 19: \$122,901.21  
Collections & On-line giving Dec. 19: \$4,365.00  
**Second Collections**  
Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – No Second Collection

## **Bishop's Annual Appeal 2021**

Our Goal: \$68,944.35 – Received to Date: \$45,511.00 or 66%

## **Christ Our Hope Campaign 2021**

Our Goal: \$361,693.00 Pledges & Contrib. to Date: \$85,984.17 or 24%

## **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Corpus Christi**

**Conference** offers assistance in the name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542; Ann Lovett: 751-8187; the Parish Office: 748-8129. We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!



From Bob Gessner: *“I love being a Vincentian. I have a little faith community of friends to meet with and to pray with and to work with in helping people in our area who are going through a difficult time and who request our assistance.”*



**YOU ARE THE LIGHT THAT SHINES  
IN THE DARKNESS OF OUR WORLD**

*Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth, may we begin to see the world in the light of understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen*

Dear Parishioners at Corpus Christi,

I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas, but even more than a “merry” one. I am wishing you and yours a holy Christmas. The Christmas season extends from the Vigil Mass for Christmas until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. These weeks will be a wonderful period for growing in holiness. I pray that you may profit from that period of deepening your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by love of God and love of neighbor. While I realize that work must go on during Christmastide, and believe me, that is true for me, too, it is also an unprecedented opportunity each year to make a resolution to be holier than we were the year before. The Adoration chapel is open for you to come in and spend some silence and solitude with Jesus to thank Him for all of the graces from the old year and to look forward to the graces for the new year. The Christmas carols we sing at Mass are beautiful and so rich in our expression to praise and worship God. The decorations in all our three churches are lovely and move our hearts to the contemplation of the beauty of Heaven. And, I promise to keep you, your family members, your friends, all our Good Shepherd Catholic School students and staff, close to my priestly heart at the altar throughout the Christmas season. With my priestly love and blessing,  
Fr. Lance W. Harlow, Pastor

Dear Father,

(The following question is from the Corpus Christi Religious Education students):

Q: Did Jesus go to church?

A: Yes. But Jesus was Jewish so he went to the Temple and the synagogues where he preached and healed the sick, as we well know from many Biblical passages. People use the expression “go to church” as a shorthand for saying “go to Mass” which takes place in a church building. The word “church,” properly speaking, is the building in which the Mass takes place. The word church has a very long history of development from Greek to the Germanic languages and finally to English. It can mean both the place for worship and the people who are gathered there--which is also part of the confusion. But for all intents and purposes, “going to church” means keeping the Lord’s Day holy by attending Sunday Mass every week which for Christians is Sunday. For the Jews, the Lord’s day is Saturday, and Jesus definitely worshipped God publicly by going to the Temple or the synagogue. Attending Mass every Sunday and Holy Day is a privilege and the highlight of being Catholic!! I’ll see you all there.



***O GOD, You have willed that your Church be the sacrament of salvation for all nations, so that Christ’s saving work may continue to the end of the ages. In time, you established our Church in Vermont through the tireless efforts of her first Bishop, Louis DeGroesbriand. We pray that, if it be your will, raise him to sainthood, setting before us***

***his life of virtue and missionary courage. Inspired by his example, may we feel the urgent call to work for the salvation of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen***

## **St. Nicholas Project**

The St. Nicholas Project is an association of Catholics who support the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in Westminster, VT with material and financial donations. Founded by Fr. Harlow in 2015, we promote the good works of the children’s home. This week’s blog is written by Outreach Coordinator, Laura Duquette, and is entitled: “Making Christmas Memories”:

“Growing up I remember vividly spending a fun Christmas Eve with my family. There were so many little things we would do to make Christmastime special – like putting out the Nativity scene in the wooden crèche my grandfather made, baking cookies and so much more. Some of the traditions from growing up I still carry with me today. I realize how fortunate I was growing up.

And I also think about those children today whose families are struggling and whose children don’t have happy Christmas memories at home – either because of financial hardship or because creating positive experiences or a stable home life is not possible or sometimes not a priority. Worse yet, what about those children who are homeless? For children who suffer from neglect, poverty, or living through family instability due to drugs, homelessness, or other problems, having a memorable Christmas season is often very much out of reach.

Thankfully there is a place for children to experience stability, warmth, peace and fun at Christmastime and throughout the year! At Kurn Hattin Homes, they make the holidays fun and special for the kids.

I had the opportunity to visit Kurn Hattin just before Christmas a couple years ago and to watch the children sing and play music. They were so happy and proud to be a part of that special performance. Thankfully, Kurn Hattin Homes not only transforms the lives of children and families forever, as their mission states, but they also help create beautiful childhood memories at Christmastime that will last! We hope you, our St Nicholas Project family, will continue to help Kurn Hattin Homes make wonderful Christmas memories with the children. We hope you’ll remember the kids with your donation this Christmas season!!”

Fr. Harlow has “A Kurn Hattin Christmas Dessert Cookbook” for sale as a fundraiser for the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children. Father compiled these recipes from St. Nicholas Project donors and others. This paperback cookbook contains beautiful photos from Kurn Hattin Christmas concerts and tells their story. Recommended donation \$20

**Focus (Fellowship of Catholic University Students)** I have been supporting Liam Coulter whom I knew from the Cathedral in Burlington, originally from Essex Jct. He is a FOCUS missionary at Columbia University in NYC. If you want to learn more about FOCUS, go to their website: [www.focus.org](http://www.focus.org).