

Christ our Savior Roman Catholic Parish

Weekend Worship

Saturday

5:30pm Saint Paul Church

Sunday

8:00am Saint Paul Church

10:00am Saint Paul Church

Daily Mass & Holy Days

Listed inside of bulletin

Confessions

After the 5:30 Saturday Mass



Opportunities for involvement in Parish Life

Adult or Youth Choir # Mass Servers # Ushers # Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary # Catholic Daughters of America # Knights of Columbus # Parish Life Committee # Lectors # Northshire Interfaith Council # Church Decorations # Religious Education -
If you are interested in any of these activities, call the Rectory for further information.

Sacramental Life

Baptisms

Parental Catechesis can be scheduled in consultation with the Pastor during the last few weeks of the pregnancy or afterwards. The actual ceremony of Baptism will be scheduled for everyone's convenience.

Marriages

Couples seeking to be married must complete a Diocesan-approved Pre-Cana program. Convenient scheduling for this requires a six-month pre-arrangement.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

If you, or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick, please, call the rectory to make arrangements.

New Parishioners

If you have recently moved to the area and have not yet registered in the Parish, you can do so by calling the Rectory. At the same time you can arrange to receive the *Vermont Catholic Magazine* and to receive collection envelopes for the Parish.

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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Times



Saturday, February 16

5:30pm – Deceased Members of McCarren and Gawlik
Families by Helen Gawlik

Sunday, February 17

8:00am – Beata Hryzko by Friends
10:00am – *Pro Populo*

Monday, February 18

8:00am – Merrily Main by husband, Hugh

Tuesday, February 19

8:00am – John Gould
by Mark and Priscilla Klauder

Wednesday, February 20

8:00am –

Thursday, February 21

8:00am – Stella and Bernie Stupski
by Bill and Marilyn Kinney

Friday, February 22

8:00am – Alice Wey by Ray and Carolyn Smith

Saturday, February 23

5:30pm – Joseph Dell by wife, Louise and Family

Sunday, February 24

8:00am – Ken Capriola by Paul Capriola
10:00am – Julie Michaels by the Ferrarin Family

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mary Anne Bearor, Michelle DeCosmo,
James Porter Jankowski, Abe and Mark Madkour, Louise
Martin, Stephanie McGinnis,
and Lorraine Monaco

Dear All,

I never stop being surprised that people who are having problems being or staying married want as spiritual advisers people who have the same problems. Wouldn't priests be more insightful and sympathetic to the stresses on married folk and families if they were married, too?

There is no doubt about it. Priests would be more sympathetic. Whether they would be more insightful would depend on whether they had found a successful strategy for dealing with whatever particular problem or stress is under consideration. But ...

If people want sympathy, they should go to those who are experts at self-pity; if they want insight, they should buy one of those magazines at the check-out.

But let me tell you what forty-plus years of marriage preparations, marriage counseling, marriage retreat work, marriage tribunal work and dealing with children of divorce – some of whom were in their fifties! – have taught me.

Marriages fail because the love in them has ceased to be – or never was -- heroic. That seems harsh, it is not meant to be so. Anyone who has survived a marital crisis will tell you that it took heroic effort; total self-sacrifice. And those who have to deal with life after a failed marriage will tell you that only heroism makes it possible to live alone in fidelity to vows now shattered and for children who now have only a single parent.

And celibate priests are supposed to know how to live heroic love when living for others without a partner! Who then can be more sympathetic and insightful? When is the need more real?

And there is no one who better understands the plight of children who have to learn how to live with only half the love they have known to date; no one who is better able to offer advice on living alone, becoming a caring adult when one is victimized by adults who do not care. Have you ever wondered why Jesus was celibate? How many married men with children could willingly face death if it meant leaving the family without them? How many wives or children would willingly sacrifice their husband and father? Even if it meant salvation for the world!

The 'ties that bind' grow stronger with each day of heroic loving. But heroic love bent to that end, cannot easily be redirected to another goal.

But Protestant clergy are married and still minister! True enough. But I know lots of clergy couples and the stresses of caring at home and on the job are nearly devastating to the clergy person and almost as much so for the spouse and children. They tell me this freely and without prompting. I suppose that this makes the successfully married effective protestant minister a more heroic lover than I – actually, anyone is more so than I – but the Catholic route is otherwise.

I am still working out the intricacies of celibacy for myself – it is for life after all; but I am in no doubt about the value of my celibacy for you. As the skinny young 'server' says when they serve up your burger: Enjoy!

Really and truly and celibately yours,
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Disciple Maker Index Survey

Measuring *Spiritual Growth* and *Parish Engagement*
among disciples

We are very excited to announce that we will be participating in a parish-wide survey about discipleship conducted by the **Catholic Leadership Institute**, a non-profit apostolate that does leadership training and development.

We want as many parishioners as possible to complete a 10-15 minute survey. The survey opens electronically on **Saturday, February 23**, and we will have paper copies available to fill out in the parish hall after each Mass **next weekend, February 23-24**. We will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what our parish is doing to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

For more information: www.catholicleaders.org and/or www.disciplemakerindex.com

February 17, 2019

TODAY'S 2nd collection is for the **FUEL FUND**. Envelopes for this collection are available on the tables at the entrances to the church as well as in the boxed set of envelopes for this calendar year.

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe will be the focus of next week's **2nd collection, February 23-24**. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide food, shelter, medical care, catechesis, and companionship for the lonely in a region still struggling in the aftermath of atheistic Soviet rule. Our donations help to restore the strength of the Church in the region. Please give generously to this cause!
Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more.

Help us Host the Sunday Morning Fellowship!

The Parish Life Committee will be hosting its monthly fellowship, next **Sunday, February 24** after the 10:00 AM Mass. Individuals or families are asked to bring some fruit, brunch or dessert item to share. The goods may be either home-made or store bought. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will be most appreciated. Those who will be bringing something to the buffet table may drop it off in the Parish Kitchen before Mass.

The Annual Parish Baby Shower, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, to benefit local area pregnancy centers, will be held this weekend, **February 16-17**. Parishioners are asked to please open their hearts this Valentine season to help those women who choose not to undergo an abortion. Baskets will be at the entrances church into which gifts may be placed. Diapers, baby bottles, onesies, sleepers, outfits, socks for boys and girls are needed and appreciated. Items do not need to be wrapped. In advance, the generosity of our parishioners is most appreciated!

COMMONWEAL LOCAL COMMUNITY MEETING ON SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

"**Just War & Nonviolence: When Should Catholics Support Military Action?**" is the subject of the next Commonweal Local Community discussion on Sunday, March 3rd. To access the readings, contact Sue Washburn, sswashburn@gmail.com or (802) 325-3525. The CLC meets monthly in the parish hall at 11 a.m. after the 10 a.m. Mass.