

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

July 23 SAT	4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Zelma Vigneau by Ed & Louise Mathews
July 24 SUN	8:30 AM - For healing & good health of Aline Lehouiller by St. Thomas K of C
MON	8:00 AM - For the intentions of Rene Desany & Fam.
TUE	6:30 PM - For the intentions of Mike & Elise Marinelli
WED	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's
THURS	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary's
FRI	8:00 AM - For the intentions of Jeff, Danielle & Braydan Michael
July 30 SAT	4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Leonard Bean by St. Thomas Knights of Columbus
July 31 SUN	8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Kathryn Eisenbacher by Leo & Wanda Gardner

Message from Fr. Rick

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Over the past two weeks, St. Matthew's Gospel has presented to us a series of parables on the Kingdom.

In these parables, we learn that the Kingdom of Heaven is a mysterious reality that grows where it is welcomed, accepted, and acted upon (the Parable of the Sower), that the Kingdom of Heaven is very much "a work in progress" - there are weeds among the wheat. The Kingdom of Heaven is found in this world a very small, humble thing but, when full grown it will be big enough to shelter and receive all who come to it (the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds).

And now this weekend.

We learn that the Kingdom is "hidden", we have to look for it and when we find it, we must not let anything come between us and that Kingdom. For, as St. Paul tells us in the 2nd Reading, we must be "conformed to the image of His Son....." Jesus Himself tells us: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Fr. Rick Away:

I will be away on vacation beginning Tuesday, August 2nd. I will return to the rectory on Sunday, August 7th. Fr. Luke Austin will cover for me the weekend of August 6th and 7th. Please make him welcome.

In case of emergency, please contact Deacon Peter Brooks at 899-3674 or Fr. Richard Tinney (St. Pius X) at 878-5997.

(Please note: Fr. Rick WILL celebrate 8:00 A.M. Mass on Mon., Aug. 1st. This is a change to the July/August calendar insert to the bulletin.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - July 30 & 31, 2011

Mass	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Altar Servers
4:30 PM Sat.	S May J Burke	T May	C Haupt
8:30 AM Sun.	Deacon Peter L Lynch Wells N Scott	W Gardner B Surprenant	H Kessler M Reinfurt

THE PRAYER CHAIN? If you have a need for prayers for any reason, a group of parishioners have agreed to pray for your intention/s. You may give as much or as little information as you wish. Please contact Sandy Gosselin at 899-2060 or e-mail her at SfThomasPrayers@aol.com.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY - If you need help with transportation, minor repairs (not electrical, mechanical, plumbing or any requiring licensure), shopping, are suffering from a loss or would like a visit (not nursing care), please call the parish office at 899-4632. We will contact a volunteer from our Helping Hands Ministry. *All requests held in strict confidence.*

DISASTER ASSISTANCE INFORMATION - A representative from FEMA came to the parish office recently and wanted us to spread the word on how you should register if you or your business suffered damage from the recent flooding in Chittenden County. Apply at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). You may also go to Mallet Bay Fire Station, 844 Church Rd., Colchester between 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. to discuss your damage with a FEMA representative. Also if you receive information via mail from SBA (US Small Business Administration), this will have important info you should not ignore, even if you are a home owner. Don't delay - there is an August deadline.

Stewardship - July 16 & 17, 2011

(Weekly Offertory Goal = \$2,850.00)

67 Envelopes = \$2,310.00; Loose Currency = \$566.66

TOTAL = \$2,876.66

YTD Actual = \$7,754.66

Please remember to make up your contributions if you are away on vacation. Thanks.

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	7/24	Have a blessed day. (Please NO Yard Sale donations on Sundays.)
Monday	7/25	9:30 AM-5:00 PM Rectory garage open for Yard Sale donations, Monday through Friday; please call ahead. Rummage Sale donations should be brought to the Parish Hall
Tuesday	7/26	6:00 PM 7:00 PM Confessions Exposition o/t Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	7/27	6:00 PM 7:00 PM Confessions at St. Mary's Exposition at St. Mary's
Saturday	7/30	9:30 AM-4:00 PM Rectory garage open for your Yard Sale Donations Parish Hall open for your donations to the Rummage Sale 3:45 PM Confessions
Sunday	7/31	Have a blessed day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

We are looking for a teacher for Grade 1 in the Religious Education Program. We invite you to come and share the grace of your Baptism and exercise the mission Christ has given to pass on our wonderful Catholic faith to our dear children in the 1st Grade. If you hear God's call on your heart, respond to this call by contacting Laura Lynch Wells at (W) 899-4770, (H) 899-1120 or by email: rel.ed@stthomas.com.

BISHOP'S FUND 2011:

Our parish has already raised a total of \$17,350.00 towards its goal of \$22,400.00. Our parish has been extremely supportive through commitments from 80 families. Our grateful thanks goes out to all who have responded so generously to this year's appeal. Please respond as quickly as possible by picking up a pledge card (*available in the pews and near the exits*), pledging online at www.vermontcatholic.org/pledge, or calling the Bishop's Fund office at 802-658-6110.

Note from Fr. Rick

Although we are doing very well with our Bishop's Fund Appeal thanks to your generous response, I ask that if possible we reach our parish goal of \$22,400.00 within the next few weeks.

Each weekend we include in the bulletin an item detailing one or another of the many worthwhile and necessary programs funded by this annual appeal. The work of Christ's Church really does depend on our generous response.

Thank you to all who have contributed. To those who have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider what you might contribute.

Did You Know:

The Safe Environments Office provides daily assurance of the safety of our children by conducting background checks, implementing Child Safety Programs, education, policy development and adherence, and provides other resources. The safety of our children is a commitment by our priests and laity.

This event is subsidized by the Bishop's Fund.

ST. THOMAS YARD SALE/RUMMAGE SALE INFO:

Thank you to all who have already donated items for our annual Yard Sale/Rummage Sale. The rectory garage will continue to be open during *most weekdays*, from 9:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. On Saturdays, the garage will be open from 9:30 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. *You may wish to call ahead to be sure Fr. Rick is home or Donna is in the office.*

Please, NO donations or Yard Sale calls on Sunday.

We are NOT accepting text books, large appliances, any TV's, luggage, computers/accessories (printers, etc.) or exercise equipment. We ask that your donated items be cleaned and in good working order. For more information, call Louise Mathews at 899-4793 or Kit Wheatley at 899-2839, co-chairs of the Yard Sale. The Rummage Sale will be set up in the Parish Hall in conjunction with the Yard Sale and is seeking clean fall/winter clothing in good condition. Clothing items should be brought to the Parish Hall and placed in the back corner near the piano (no clothes in the garage, please). For information regarding the Rummage Sale, please call Sharon Leonard, chair, at 899-2513.

Help will be needed for Yard/Rummage/Bake Sales, so please give this some thought—there's lots of different ways you can help before, during and after. More details soon.



SANCTUARY CANDLE DEDICATION

Please call the parish office at 899-4632 to schedule a week in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. \$10 suggested donation.

DATE CHANGE:

PARISH PICNIC - SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH

AFTER MASS: We are trying a new date, a new time and a new location for our annual Parish Picnic. Due to the Sunday Mass time change, it makes more sense to gather on Saturday evening directly after the 4:30 P.M. Mass and enjoy a delicious cook-out sponsored by the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus. The picnic will be held on the grounds across the street from the rectory. As the Yard Sale tents (from the previous weekend) will still be set up, having the picnic in the same location will eliminate the need to break down the tents and put them back up in the meadow.

The Knights of Columbus will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks. Flyers will be in the pews starting August 6th and 7th to sign-up for the picnic and also to indicate what dish you will bring to share and how you can help. Please bring your own lawn chairs. Hope to see you there!!!

HOST A CATHOLIC EXCHANGE STUDENT:

Open your heart and home to a Catholic exchange student from Germany or France for the coming 2011/2012 school year. Caring host families (with or without children) are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for one or two semesters starting in late August. EMF students are 15 to 18 years old, have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life with an American host family. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. Interested host families are encouraged to apply and select a student as soon as possible. For more information on EMF students, please contact Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org. *The student's pictures and bios are posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the church.*

SUMMER FOOD SHELF NEEDS will focus on children's lunchbox items—jam, jelly, peanut butter, granola & snack bars and cereal, etc. All donations gratefully accepted. Thanks!

WE PRAY FOR

SICK: For all our sick: Jay Tisbert, Viola Esterino, Maria & Tom Sweeney, Roland Boisjoli, Gasper Tavormina, Elizabeth Grant, Lorraine Bruns, Stan Koniuto, Jill Akerley, Anthony Minadeo, Nancy Guaman, Fran Morrisseau, Hilde Rivadeneira, Carmela Cardenas, Conlan Shaw, Mark Archambault, Shirley Dorcy, Darlene Klatke, Arvind Benkataraman, Don Beaulieu, Patricia Meagher, Frank Livingstone, Cindy Ryan, Kathy Blair, Roger Nadeau, Paul Keeler, Harriette Carson, Ann Kelly, Yvonne Cross, Arthur Frazer, Bret Johnson, Riley McLaughlin, Agnes Ghioni, Dina Remillard, Michael Chandler, Marlene Fitzgibbons, Pam Tierney, Emerson Royer, Cathryn Rotando, Yuriy Bihun, Silvio Desjardins, Madeline Lamb, Rachel McKnight, Mary Sevcik, Lynn McLaughlin, Olivia Pierce, Martha Wagner, Abby Wintersteen, Donald Potvin, Gary Strait, Richard Masse, Kathryn Devlin, Erin Barch, Anna Tavormina, Janis Peyser, Kyle Riley, Maureen Reynolds, Mathaniel Reed, Ray Mathieu, Eileen Haupt, Jim Mcgonagle and July Couillard.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially all deceased members of St. Thomas and St. Mary's parishes.

Other Intentions: Matt C., Jen G., Mike A., and Matt A.



Readings
For the Week

Mon., July 25
Feast of Saint James, apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
Mt 20:20-28

Tues., July 26
Memorial of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28
Mt 13:36-43

Wed., July 27
Ex 34:29-35
Mt 13:44-46

Thurs., July 28
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38
Mt 13:47-53

Fri., July 29
Memorial of Saint Martha
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37
Jn 11:19-27

Sat., July 30
Lv 25:1, 8-17
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, July 31
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1-3
Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8:30 AM - Mass NO Coffee Hour today 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's	4 NO 8:00 AM Mass Music Ministry Practice moved to July 7th	5 NO Confessions NO Mass NO Exposition Fr. Rick Away	6 St. Mary's: NO Confessions NO Mass NO Exposition	7 St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM-Music Practice No Liturgy Meeting until September	8 8:00 AM - Mass	9 9:30 AM-4 PM: Garage open for Yard Sale donations 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's
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