



# CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

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OR: Visit our website at [www.ccfp.dol.ca](http://www.ccfp.dol.ca) and our Facebook page at <https://facebook.com/bssasusj>

**SUNDAY MASSES**  
**Blessed Sacrament Parish**  
Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 9:00 am

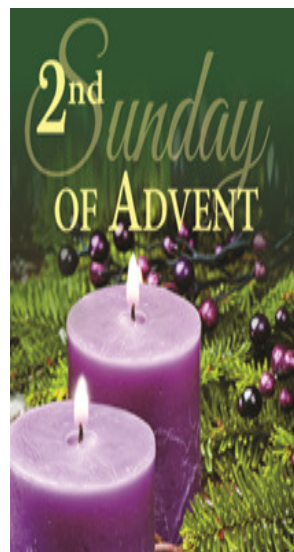
**St. Agnes Parish**  
Sunday 11:00 am

**St. Joseph Parish**  
Sunday 8:00 am and 12 noon

**St. Ursula Parish**  
Sunday at 10:00 am

**Our Lady of Victory**  
**Parafia Matki Boskiej Zwycieskiej**  
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:30 am  
Sunday 11:00 am (Polish)

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
**Monday**  
8:00 am at Our Lady of Victory  
**Tuesday**  
8:00 am at St. Agnes  
7:00 pm at St. Ursula  
**Wednesday**  
8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament  
12:00 noon at St. Joseph  
7:00 pm at Our Lady of Victory (Polish)  
**Thursday**  
8:00 am at St. Agnes  
9:30 am at St. Ursula  
**Friday**  
8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament  
12:00 noon at St. Joseph  
**Saturday**  
9:00 am at Our Lady of Victory



God of power and mercy  
open our hearts in  
welcome. Remove the  
things that hinder us  
from receiving Christ  
with joy so that we may  
share his wisdom and  
become one with him when  
he comes in glory, for he  
lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, forever and ever.  
~AMEN.

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**Readings for December 15**  
Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10. James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11.

**DECEMBER 8, 2019**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



From time to time as your Pastor I make decisions that affect the entire Parish Family. In the two and a half years that we have been a Family we have endured through changes that has altered our way of being that is radically different from the past. These changes have been necessary for our being a cooperative and functioning Parish Family.

The most recent decision that I have made affects our Sunday Mass Schedule. When Our Lady of Victory came on board as part of the Family in July, I had been asked to wait for six months to change the Mass schedule and also to retain the Mass for the Polish speaking parishioners. After reviewing the opportunities for parishioners to attend Mass in the various churches in our Family I have come to decide that a Saturday evening Mass be cancelled from our schedule. Our Lady of Victory will lose the Saturday evening Mass at 5 pm. There is available space at the Saturday 5 pm Mass at Blessed Sacrament. Also I have changed the Mass for the Polish speaking parishioners at Our Lady of Victory to 9 am and the English Mass will be at 11 am. This change will allow Father Peter to celebrate at the later Masses in the Family that he has not been able to so far.

These changes, as difficult as they are, bring all of our churches to a somewhat equal footing. Blessed Sacrament and St. Joseph have two Sunday Masses, St. Agnes and St. Ursula have one Sunday Mass and Our Lady of Victory has one English Sunday Mass and one Polish speaking Mass.

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. The appearance of John the Baptist is central to the theme of our celebration. As the forerunner to the Messiah we are called to see our responsibility in being the announcers of the Lord's coming. There are many distractions in the world today - from Black Friday to Shopping Bonanzas - and we are to be the heralds that bring the awareness of His coming to those who will listen. Tomorrow we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and we ask the intercession of our Blessed Mother to fill us as intentional disciples. Come and celebrate the Mass on Monday at Our Lady of Victory at 8 am.

#### DID YOU RECEIVE OUR CHRISTMAS CARD?

We recently sent out our Advent Mailout, which included our Christmas schedule in a Christmas card. If you did not receive this card, that means we do not have your current address or you are not registered with the family of parishes. Please contact Cathy Zimmer at 519-352-9483 or by email at [czimmer@dol.ca](mailto:czimmer@dol.ca) and let her know if you did not receive it. Also, if your address or phone number has changed (maybe you no longer have a home phone?), please let Cathy know as well. (Note: we have corrected the days in this bulletin Christmas schedule).

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Our need to change

Reading I	Isaiah 11: 1-10 (the rule of Emmanuel)
Reading II	Romans 15: 4-9 (prayer of encouragement)
Gospel	Matthew 3: 1-12 (John the Baptist)

Key Passage: This is the only [John the Baptist] of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. (Matthew 3: 3)

Adult: What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

Child: What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?



### MASSSES DECEMBER 14 & 15

Next weekend December 14 and 15 we will be celebrating Confirmation with ninety of our grade eight students. These young parishioners and their families will be joining us in groups across the city at masses at all five churches. To accommodate the increase in numbers this will cause we will be setting up seating in the hall at St. Ursula for the 10 am Mass. We you to be patient and kind with seating and parking as we welcome and celebrate with these families.

### KENT DEANEARY COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

The Communal Penance Service will be held on Sunday, December 15 at St. Joseph Church at 3 pm. The afternoon will begin with a brief penitential service. A number of priests from the Kent Deanery will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is an excellent way in which to continue to prepare well to celebrate the Birth of Jesus at Christmas.



### 2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



The Family of Parishes have the 2020 offertory envelopes out now for pick up. Blessed Sacrament and St. Agnes will have their envelopes available in the parish halls. St. Joseph envelopes are found at the back of the church and St. Ursula envelopes are out in the Meeting Room. Our Lady of Victory will also have their envelopes available. Please stop by and pick up your new envelopes. Please **do not** use your 2020 envelopes until the new year. And please discard any 2019 envelopes that were not used in 2019 before using your new ones. Everyone at all parishes will now have **NEW Envelope numbers for 2020.**

**Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes  
Mass Intentions  
December 9 - 14**

**Monday, Dec 9 - 8:00 am - Our Lady of Victory**

~ For the conversion of the world  
~ Rosaire Nadeau & Int. of Teresa Nadeau & Family  
~ Zdenek Machala

**Tuesday, Dec 10 - 8:00 am - St. Agnes**

~ Anthony & Helena Seso ~ Norma Corrente  
~ Marcello Lucente & Lauren Ledonne

**Tuesday, Dec 10 - 7:00 pm - St. Ursula**

~ All devout & faithful souls ~ Andrea Carpanzano  
~ Assunta Benetti ~ Cathy Stevenson Brooks  
~ Evelyn Johns ~ Int. of Deacon Morgan & Lin Treacy

**Wednesday, Dec 11- 8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament**

~ Don McGregor ~ Jim Bolton  
~ Maria Qua Tran ~ Bob Martin

**Wednesday, Dec 11 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph**

~ Leonard Eagen ~ Mike Matteis ~ Viloano Generoso

**Wednesday, Dec 11 - 7:00 pm - Our Lady of Victory**

~ ś.p. Stanisława Madrę

**Thursday, Dec 12 - 8:00 am - St. Agnes**

~ Jerry & Myles Vink ~ Rosa & Amedeo Colaizzi  
~ Vern Jubenville (30th ann)

**Thursday, Dec 12 - 9:30 am - St. Ursula**

~ Dec. family members of Lucianno & Grace Magliaro  
~ Gerardo & Maria Grazia Matteis  
~ Intentions of Nga & Dat Phan  
~ Mariantonia Carlone Palotta

**Friday, Dec 13 - 8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament**

~ Licia Dodok ~ Peter & Karolina Mrnik  
~ Valerie Pumputis & Int. of Donald Joseph Pumputis

**Friday, Dec 13 - 12:00 noon - St. Joseph**

~ Albert McGowan ~ Mr. Joseph Matteis  
~ Don Doyle ~ In thanksgiving to the Holy Family

**Saturday, Dec 14 - 9:00 am - Our Lady of Victory**

~ Intentions of the Praill Family  
~ Jan Bilski (8th ann) ~ Jean Miller

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

Dec 9 Genesis 3: 9-15, 20. Luke 1: 26-38  
Dec 10 Isaiah 40: 1-11. Matthew 18: 12-14  
Dec 11 Isaiah 40: 25-31. Matthew 11: 28-30  
Dec 12 Zechariah 2: 14-17 or Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab. Luke 1: 26-38 or 39-47  
Dec 13 Isaiah 48: 17-19. Matthew 11: 16-19  
Dec 14 Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11. Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13

**FLOWERS FOR THE TABERACLE**

The flowers for the tabernacle today at Blessed Sacrament are placed there to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Helen Vajdik's birthday (December 1).



The flowers for the tabernacle today at St. Agnes are placed there to the glory of God by Betty Vink in memory of Jerry & Myles Vink.

The flowers for the tabernacle today at St. Joseph are placed there to the glory of God in memory of Mike Matteis from his family.

The flowers for the tabernacle today at St. Ursula are placed there to the glory of God by Gladys Charbonneau in memory Stan Charbonneau (5 Anniversary).



*To Everything there is a Season...  
"a time to be healed..."*

**Please pray for the sick of our parish family**

Dan Attewell, Gordon (Jim) Baillargeon,  
Eva Beausejour, Deb Carr, Esther Chari,  
Larry De Smit, Lisa-Rae Desnoyers,  
Mario DeVito, Dario Dodich,  
Olivia Formosa, Fran Gazarek,  
Kathy Harkner, Marilyn Jarczak,  
Francis Kaufman, Clarita Litschko,  
Jerry McDonnell, Robert Wemigwans Kelly,  
Bob Kornacker, Iris Labadie, Bill Lessard,  
Shirley Mailloux, Evelyn Marentette, Genesio Matteis,  
Emma Matteis, Jocelyn McGlynn, Nicholas Medeiros,  
Patrick Myers, Ruth Nagle, Gail Nicolai,  
Ivon Pinsonneault, Patricia Pinsonneault,  
Bill Reaume, Jen Rumble, Verna Southgate,  
Eileen Thibault, George Woodall  
and Genny Wrotkowska.



*God, grant them your peace.*

*"a time to die..."*

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners, especially Adelaide Simao, Joyce Gavin and June Smith.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

**DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR**

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Rev. Bernard Pinsonneault, C.S.B.; Mrs. Colleen Keane, Pastoral Minister; Mrs. Christine Coyle, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Steve Wlusek; Ms. Suzanne Walton, Pastoral Minister; Mrs. Jean Beneteau, Pastoral Minister; Mrs. Marguerite Hewer, Pastoral Minister.

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2019

Communal Penance

Sunday, December 15 - 3:00 pm - St. Joseph

### Christmas Masses (Holy Day of Obligation)

**Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

4:30 pm ~ St. Ursula and Blessed Sacrament

6:00 pm ~ Our Lady of Victory

7:00 pm ~ St. Joseph

8:00 pm ~ St. Agnes

### Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

9:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament

9:30 am (Polish) ~ Our Lady of Victory

10:00 am ~ St. Ursula

11:00 am ~ St. Agnes

12:00 noon ~ St. Joseph



### New Years Masses (Holy Day of Obligation)

**Tuesday, December 31 (New Years Eve)**

5:00 pm ~ Blessed Sacrament and St. Joseph

### Wednesday, January 1, 2020

9:00 am ~ St. Ursula

9:30 am (Polish) ~ Our Lady of Victory

10:00 am ~ St. Agnes

*Let us go rejoicing  
to the house of the Lord*

*~ Psalm 122 ~*



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STORE

80 King St. E, Chatham

The store is filled to the brim with so many Christmas items, just in time for your decorating fun and holiday celebrations.

New hours:

Monday - Friday from 10 am - 5 pm

Saturday from 10 am - 2 pm

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Come and celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at Immaculate Conception Parish in Pain Court on Monday, December 9 beginning with Mass at 7 pm. Refreshments and social will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome!

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, SACRISTANS and VOCATION CROSS

The new schedules for all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Sacristans and Vocation Cross will be prepared in the next couple of weeks. They will cover January to April 2020. If you are going to be away for more than 2 weeks at one time, please contact Cathy Zimmer at [czimmer@dol.ca](mailto:czimmer@dol.ca) or call the office by Tuesday, December 10.

In order to save on the cost of printing and paper, the schedules are emailed to all those that have provided an email address. For anyone that does not use email, I will have a printed copy with their name on it. If you wish to begin receiving the schedule by email, contact Cathy Zimmer by calling either office or email [czimmer@dol.ca](mailto:czimmer@dol.ca).



## CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES SECOND ANNUAL HAYRIDE ON THE AVENUE AND ADVENT FAMILY PARTY ~ DECEMBER 13

Join us on Friday, December 13 at Blessed Sacrament in the hall, 6:00 - 8:00 pm wearing your ugliest Christmas sweater. Then join in with some special guest musicians singing some favorite Christmas Carols. There will be a Santa's workshop for the children and a visit from St. Nick.

There will be warm drinks, hot dogs and some tasty treats served by St. Nick's helpers. There will be a free will offering with all proceeds going to Chatham Catholic Refugee Committee.

Please enter the hall by the double oak doors at the back of the church found between the church and rectory.

Cookie donations are gratefully accepted between 1 - 4 pm on December 13 at Blessed Sacrament hall.



*Prepare the way of the Lord,  
Make his paths straight.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Dec 9	Bridge/Pepper	12:45 pm	St. Ursula Meeting Room
Dec 10	Confirmation Rehearsal	6:00 pm	St. Joseph Church
Dec 12	BS CWL Potluck	6:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament Hall



### BAPTISMS

Celebrated during Saturday or Sunday Eucharist  
Two months notice & preparation is required

### MARRIAGE

One year notice & preparation course is required

### CONFIRMATION

December 14/15, 2019 at all Sunday Masses

### RECONCILIATION

Monday - 7:30 to 7:55 am at Our Lady of Victory  
Tuesday - 6:00 to 6:45 pm at St. Ursula  
Wednesday - 11:00 to 11:45 am at St. Joseph  
Thursday - 7:30 to 7:55 am at St. Agnes  
Saturday - 11:00 am to 12 noon at Blessed Sacrament

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of sick will take place the First Friday of February & October at Blessed Sacrament Church and the third Tuesday of October and February at St. Ursula Church.

### ADORATION (Oct - June)

First Friday	8:30am-4:00pm	Blessed Sacrament
(Year round)	9:30pm-9:00am	Our Lady of Victory
2nd Wed	9:00am-11:30am	St. Joseph
3rd Tues	1:30-6:30pm	St. Ursula
4th Thurs	8:30am-noon	St. Agnes

### MESSAGE FROM RODGER LUXTON

Greetings to all. Just a note to inform all those that use envelopes. In previous years two Parishes had specific envelopes for the Spirit and Life Centre. We have now included the envelope for other parishes to make specific donations. Discussions with the Diocese and architects regarding the project will be presented. A meeting is being planned towards the end of January 2020 for parishioner information regarding the Spirit and Life Centre.

My wish and prayer for all is to have a Merry Christmas and that we continue to recognize the true meaning is "Jesus is the Reason for the Season".

### CHURCH CHUCKLE



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



### ST. URSULA BREAKFAST

St. Ursula Knights of Columbus will be holding a breakfast Sunday, December 15 from 9:30 - 11:30 am in the Meeting Room (St. Ursula site). The cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 years of age and \$20 for a family (immediate family only). Proceeds are donated to local charities and/or needs.

### MASS FOR HEALING

The Catholic Parishes of Tilbury, St. Francis Xavier and St. Peter's on the Thames will be having a St. Joseph Mass for Healing on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Parish, 32 Canal Street, Tilbury. An invitation to all who are in need of physical, emotional and/or spiritual healing. St. Andre Bessette recommended to all in distress to pray to Saint Joseph in whom he had full confidence. *"Pray to Saint Joseph all the time....some people pray when they get sick, yes, but that's not enough; pray to him all the time."* Devotional prayers to St. Joseph will take place before and after Mass. Blest Oil from the Oratory of St. Joseph, used by Br. Andre as a sacramental, will be available as well.

### ANNOINTING THE SICK



The Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing, not only for our physical healing; but also for spiritual health, and for the strength, peace, and courage to bear the burden of illness.

As Catholics we are asked to see our sufferings as a way of being united with the suffering of Christ. The Sacrament also imparts the forgiveness of sins, and therefore, can only be administered by a priest or bishop.

If you, or someone you know, are in need of special support and strength in facing a health challenge and would like to receive the sacrament, please call the parish office at 519-352-9483 or 519-352-8530 to arrange for a pastoral visit.

### CHATHAM-KENT CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Cursillo is a powerful instrument of evangelization and spiritual renewal in the Catholic Church. This three-day weekend experience will give you a better understanding of the Christian truth of our Catholic faith.

Men's Weekend - January 23 - 26, 2020

Women's Weekend - February 6 - 9, 2020

Contact Sue McMath at 519-351-4366  
for further details.

Application forms are available on the bulletin boards at each of our churches.

## BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



St. Vincent de Paul Society of Blessed Sacrament issued nine (one new) vouchers which supported 10 adults, and four children during the month of November for purchase of food, clothing and furniture. This is possible through the generosity of Blessed Sacrament parishioners. Thank you!

### WINTER APPAREL FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN

As in the past years our Soup Kitchen committee will be collecting winter apparel to be distributed to our patrons at the Christmas dinner on December 19. We would be very appreciative if when you look into your closets and perhaps find a surplus of winter hats, scarves, gloves or mittens and consider donating these items to our friends so they too will stay warm during this winter season.



If you should find a few extra medium sized Christmas gift bags that you will not be using, we would be very grateful for this donation as well.

There will be a drop off box marked "Soup Kitchen" located in the entry of St. Agnes Church for your donations, or drop them off at the office at St. Agnes. Once again we thank you in advance for your generosity. God bless from the Soup Kitchen Committee.



### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Come share Christmas with us!

When: December 25  
from 11 am to 2 pm

Where: Spirit and Life Centre

If you need a ride please call 519-354-0091  
after 10:30 am on Christmas Day.

Sponsored by Community Volunteers who want to  
make a difference.

## OPŁATEK/ŚWIĘTY MIKOŁAJ

Kolędy, obiad i wizyta Świętego Mikołaja!  
Carols, Lunch & a visit from Santa Clause!

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> - 2PM**

**\$15 per person**

**Kids enter FREE (10 & under)**

**Polish Canadian Club**

281 Inshes Ave, Chatham, ON



Register kids for a gift from Santa by Dec. 10th  
Ben Kaminski 519-355-8842 or Joe Kaminski 519-351-6231

## Immaculate Conception - Paul Turner

"The Immaculate Conception" is a title for Mary, the mother of Jesus. The expression means that Mary was conceived without sin. The conviction that Jesus was born of a virgin is a distinct belief, even though many Catholics erroneously think that the Immaculate Conception refers to Jesus.

Contributing to the confusion is the celebration of the Immaculate Conception during the season of Advent. While the faithful are preparing to honor the birth of Jesus, we commemorate the conception of Mary. The choice of Dec. 8 for the Immaculate Conception does not directly relate to Advent; it corresponds more to the traditional date for the feast of the birth of Mary, Sept. 8, which coincides with the dedication of a Jerusalem church in honor of the mother of Mary. The feast for the conception of Mary is backed up from that day nine months. In a similar way we celebrate the Annunciation on March 25, nine months before the birth of Jesus.

Belief in the Immaculate Conception asserts that God preserved Mary from all sin from the moment of her conception, thus preparing a pure vessel for the incarnation of the Son. This belief is not expressly contained in the Scriptures, but it enjoys a widespread following in the church's tradition. Although the Immaculate Conception of Mary has been affirmed since the earliest centuries of Christianity, it was not formally proclaimed a dogma of the church until 1854. Dec. 8 is now a holy day of obligation in the United States, which is placed under Mary's patronage with this title.

When Mary is depicted as the Immaculate Conception, she is often shown wearing a crown of stars as the woman in Revelation 12 and standing on a snake, reversing the temptation of Eve. Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is the exalted queen of heaven who manifests God's power over sin.

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## NEW YEARS EVE DINNER & DANCE

**Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - 6PM**

**\$35 per person**

**Includes dinner, midnight  
buffet & glass of champagne!**

**Polish Canadian Club**

281 Inshes Ave, Chatham, ON



*Formal attire*



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

### CWL MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

2020 CWL memberships are now due and are \$25.00. Each council will hold a draw for a free membership but you must pay your membership prior to the following dates to be eligible.

St. Ursula CWL - December 12, 2019

Blessed Sacrament CWL - January General Meeting

You may place your membership fee in the collection basket but please be sure to indicate which council you are from, as well as your name and address.

### ST. URSULA CWL

St. Ursula CWL are holding their Christmas gathering of Wine & Cheese on Thursday, December 12 at 7 pm in the Meeting room. Please come and join in an evening of fellowship during this festive season. NO gift exchange BUT please bring a shoe box, a gift bag of toiletries or a gift card for the H.U.G. Project benefitting Women's shelters. Please RSVP to Sandi Mailloux at 519-354-1062.

### PENNY SALE THANK YOU!



We would like to thank the men who did the calling for the evening, all the volunteers who helped on Sunday afternoon and the night of the Penny Sale. A special thanks to all who donated Penny Prizes, they were lovely this year. Thanks to Bondy's Cleaners and Hinnegean-Peskeski Funeral Home for paying for the printing of the grand prize tickets and Screenkraft for providing the sign. All proceeds from the Penny Sale are donated back to our community of Chatham. The winner of the 50/50 draw was Yvette Stawarz for \$1,115.00



### BLESSED SACRAMENT CWL

In honour of the CWL directive for this year—"Care for our Common Home", we'll be having a "green" Christmas this year at our Christmas party, trying to recycle, reduce and re-use as much as possible. This year's party will be held in the Blessed Sacrament hall on December 12 at a special time, 6 pm. We will be having a Wine and Appetizer Social. Please bring a finger food or dessert to share. We're asking that you bring your own plate, silverware and your favorite wine glass in order to avoid any paper products.

Canadian Food For Children is in desperate need of funds to send their donations to where they are needed. We will be accepting monetary donations on their behalf at the Christmas party.

As has been our tradition for the past several years, we extend an invitation to those former members of St. Agnes to join us. We ask everyone attending to RSVP Patti at patti27@live.ca or 519-352-7958



We'll also be "recycling" our entertainment. Have a talent that you are willing to share with your sisters? Like to sing? Play an instrument? Do a skit? Read a poem? Juggle? Think outside the box! Any talent that you would be willing to share with your sisters! Please contact Lesli Jeffrey at leslijeffrey@outlook.com or 519-351-7105 to secure a spot in the show.

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