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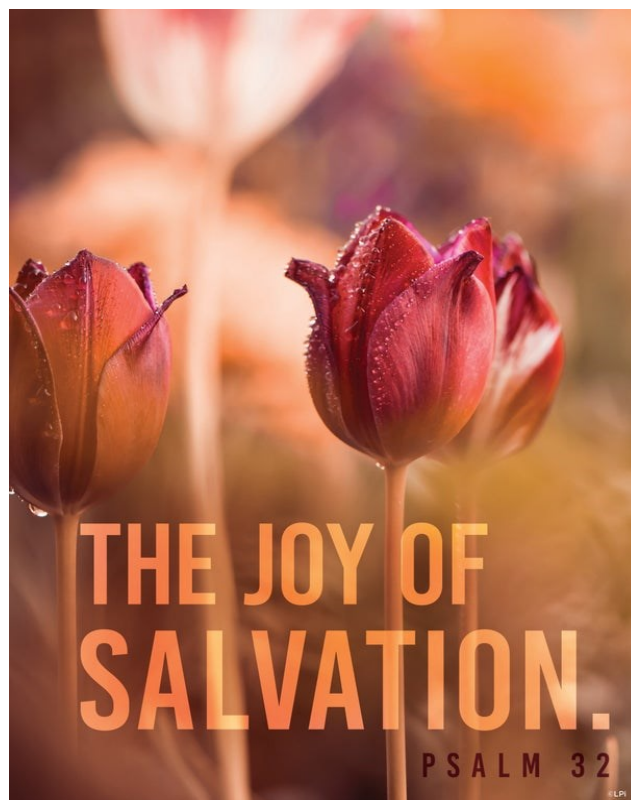
Our parish office is located at

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8 am - 12 noon and 1 - 5 pm

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MASS INTENTIONS
February 13 - 17, 2024

Monday, February 12

Adoration at Blessed Sacrament from 7 - 9 pm

Tuesday, February 13

8:00 am - St. Agnes

- ~ Gus Hunter ~ Maria Eugenio
- ~ Jose Maria Ascensão & Florinda da Rocha

Adoration ~ after Mass 8:00 am Mass concludes with prayers and Benediction at 4:15 pm

Confessions ~ St. Ursula ~ 6:00 - 6:30 pm

6:30 pm - St. Ursula

- ~ Tony Smeenck ~ Mariantonia DeVito
- ~ Maria Mastromarino
- ~ Lucilia Domingos Valadares
- ~ Carmela & Giovanni DeMattia

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday

8:00 am - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Maria Di Blasi ~ Deborah Miller
- ~ Joe & Eileen Thibault ~ Grant McAuley
- ~ Bobi Barron Pinsonneault
- ~ Intentions of John & Yvonne Boogaart

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Tony Follo ~ Trudy Eagleson
- ~ Leonard Jubenville ~ Jeffery Lee Taylor
- ~ Eddie & Diane Mariconda

Confessions ~ Our Lady of Victory ~ 6:30 pm (Polish)

7:00 pm - Our Lady of Victory (Polish)

- ~ Agata Kitowska ~ Maria Stefaniak
- ~ Ireneusz Trochim ~ Barbara Polewicz
- ~ Roman & Leonarda Koziolk

7:00 pm - St. Agnes

Thursday, February 15

9:30 am - St. Ursula

- ~ Omer Emery ~ Nicolo Maier
- ~ Mike Meriano ~ Diane Mariconda
- ~ Living & deceased members of the Heisler family
- ~ Deceased family members of Luciano & Grace Magliaro

6:30 pm - St. Agnes

- ~ Maria Eugenio ~ Arthur Eugenio
- ~ Wallace Young ~ Florinda da Rocha
- ~ Maria & Norberto DeCouto
- ~ Dominice Hanh Thai Nguyen

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, February 16

Confessions ~ St. Joseph ~ 11:15 - 11:45 am

12:00 noon - St. Joseph

- ~ Frank Sysel ~ Tom I. Reid
- ~ Marisa Sloan ~ Maria Qua Tran
- ~ Don L. McGregor
- ~ Maurice Formosa & Evelyn McGee

6:30 pm - Blessed Sacrament

- ~ Gilbert Reaume ~ Arcangelo Follo

Saturday, February 17 - St. Scholastica

9:00 am - Our Lady of Victory (English)

- ~ Vern Michaud
- ~ Intentions of Brad Miller
- ~ Intentions of Sister Carol Forhan
- ~ Intentions of Stanislaw Polewicz
- ~ Intentions of Michael & Diane Sawchuk
- ~ Living & deceased family members of Yvonne Couture Richie

Confessions ~ Our Lady of Victory ~ 9:45 - 10:30 am

Adoration ~ after Mass until 11:00 am

***Everything there is a season...
"a time to be healed..."***

Please pray for those who are currently sick in our parish family especially Donna Marie Boylan, Dorothy Maier, Matteo Bloome, Andre Paradis and Eva Beausejour.

If you or an immediate family member would like to add a name to the prayers for the sick please contact the parish office. The name will remain on the prayer list for three weeks.

"a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased relatives and parishioners especially Joan Turner.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES (February 14, 2024)

8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament (live-stream)

12:00 noon at St. Joseph

7:00 pm at Our Lady of Victory (Polish)

7:00 pm at St. Agnes

IGNITE THE MISSION: ONE STEP AT A TIME PART II

By: Fr. John Jasica

LAST WEEKEND'S NEWS CONTINUED....

Last weekend I shared an [article](#) regarding our IGNITE THE MISSION pastoral plan and discernment moving forward. If you missed it, I encourage you to read it first, before reading this article. I shared that we are not presently going to close any churches because none meet the threshold according to the Diocese of London closure policy.

Closure is a last resort and due to some positive financial gains in all our churches in 2023 (thank you so much for your support—for more details read the 2023 Financial Review included in this weekend's bulletin), St. Agnes Parish, which prior to Christmas was recommended for closure will for the time being remain open. This does not alleviate the financial concerns for all our churches—but most especially for St. Agnes, who has no capital reserve funds remaining. Without continued increasing financial support—it will close.

HOW DO WE MOVE FORWARD?

As the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes, we need to move forward keeping our main goal in mind—our overall pastoral plan as one united family is to **form disciples who reach out to all**. In order to do this most fully—we all need to see the bigger picture beyond our own church buildings. I know this is difficult to do but our mission is to transform the world so that future generations know and love Christ. How do we continue to unfold our pastoral plan as we move forward within our present circumstances?

(1) We are seeing positive trends in the family

There are three main contributing factors that I think has allowed us to see positive trends in our family of parishes. **First**—I think we have seen more people return to our churches following the pandemic. We saw a clear increase at Easter time in 2023. **Second**—we see more people moving to Chatham and with that, parish registrations to our churches. **Third**—I think the pastoral plan is taking root and growing which is attracting people to support the vision and get involved.

I am thankful to the staff, Pastoral Council and Finance Committee for their hard work, leadership and support. I am also thankful to our volunteer ministers who are serving in various ministries, programs and outreach that are making a difference. With your support—I hope and pray that these positive trends continue to grow. This can happen if

we all work together and spread the Good News!!

(2) We must use current resources creatively

There is no question that church closures will be necessary for us if we want pastoral care and outreach to be most effective in our world today. Maintenance of what we have is not the answer. Being missionaries like the first Apostles is what our world needs.



While we delay closure, we cannot reduce our operating expenditures—which means we do not have funds to hire more staff who can help form, train and support volunteers in our family (Co-Ordinator of Youth & Family Ministry and another Pastoral Minister). So we must adapt and use the current resources as creatively as possible to continue the positive momentum. In this way we can grow, serve and empower more volunteer ministers in our family to form disciples who reach out to all.

(3) Practical actions for our pastoral plan to grow

Reduced Weekday Mass Schedule

Pastoral Council has asked the Pastoral Team to review the weekday Masses and propose a reduced schedule that in particular, allows priests the time to visit our schools more regularly, support/train/form volunteers for ministries/programs and minister to those in our nursing homes and the homebound.

You may not realize how many demands the priests have in the family of parishes beyond celebrating Mass. We are regularly on call for the hospital & hospice, we average two funerals a week, we have school visits, Masses and confessions, business administration and church maintenance, deanery meetings, diocesan meetings & commitments, appointments with parishioners, homily preparation and so much more. We need to create some space and time during the week to offer pastoral care and leadership along with our amazing pastoral ministers (Colleen Keane and Ali Chinnick). Our present circumstances are overwhelming and not sustainable. A reduced weekday Mass schedule will take effect in the coming months.

Forming & Supporting Volunteer Ministry Leaders

As we implement our pastoral plan, we will continue to increase our efforts to recruit, train and empower volunteer ministers to take on leadership roles. This means that some ministries that took place prior to the pandemic that come back often need new leaders while also implementing new ministries/programs that require the right people in place.

I am very thankful to the staff who work so hard to create opportunities for parishioners to get involved and to our amazing parishioners who bring our various events, ministries and outreach to life.



FINANCIAL REVIEW 2023

By Fr. John Jasica

LOTS TO BE THANKFUL FOR!



I want to express my sincerest thanks to the people of the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes for their ongoing support and involvement at all five churches. I am

now approaching the three year mark of my time here and I must say—I truly feel blessed.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we are making some giant strides forward in our pastoral ministry, outreach and finances. I see that we are gaining some momentum as the pastoral plan unfolds and are slowly approaching full speed again. There are many different signs of grace that show us we are on the right path to form disciples reaching out to all.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to the family staff for their hard work, dedication and faithful service as they continue to offer us daily support so that we can live as disciples in our world. Over the last few years I have been able to connect more and more with them and am more and more impressed by their passion, commitment and willingness to serve with open and loving hearts. They really are amazing people doing amazing things. They are a huge support for all of us and without them, we could not be in the place we are today.

I also want to thank members of the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee for their support, wisdom and guidance. Guiding our family of parishes as one community of faith is a great gift but also requires a sense of seeing the bigger picture of our mission to change the world. I am thankful for their support of our new pastoral plan and their passion to be a sign of Christ in the city of Chatham not only for Catholics—but for everyone. They have been courageous in their leadership as we move from maintenance to mission.

IGNITE THE MISSION— CONTINUES

As we enter 2024, our IGNITE THE MISSION pastoral plan continues to take shape. We are taking steps to move from **maintenance** (trying to hang on to what we have) to **mission** (discovering creative ways to share the Gospel) rooted in the two main pillars of our plan—**(1) To form faithful disciples of Jesus (2) who reach out to all.**

This requires a change in what we do and how we do it—trying to translate the Good News for the people in our society today to hear and see clearly.

We are implementing our pastoral plan over four years that will include ministries, programs and outreach that forms us as disciples of Jesus and gives us opportunities to be Christ for others. The themes have an intentional structure and progression forming a strong fabric of ministry:

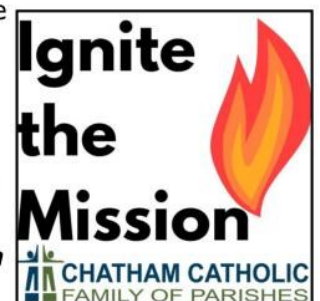
"WELCOME & FAMILY" - A chance to connect with one another and build a sense of community. We have introduced many different social events so that we can get to know one another on this pilgrimage to the kingdom—inviting others to join us along the way.

"PRAYER & CONVERSION" - A chance to encounter Jesus who transforms our hearts and our lives. If we are going to follow Jesus, we must know Him and fall in love with Him.

"GIFTS & CALL" - A chance to reflect and discern what gifts, talents and resources God has given us and how we are called to share them to help bring others to Jesus.

"WITNESS & SERVICE" - A chance to put our faith into action as we share our gifts, respond to God's call and become Christ for those who are in need, alone, lost or forgotten.

For more information about our plan go to our website:
www.chathamcatholic.ca



GENERAL FINANCIAL OBSERVATIONS



The financial results for 2023 can be found on page 3 of this report. You can see the totals for each individual church and in the last column, as a family. In this

review, I want to add some general observations while also reporting specifically on each church in our family. I hope to offer some insights and information that will be helpful. Here are some general comments:

(1) SURPRISED—IN A GOOD WAY!

The 2023 financial results for our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes were quite surprising—in a very good way. 2023 was another year of improvement in all major financial measures. The operating **deficit of \$55.7 thousand** was 62% better than the **\$147 thousand** deficit in 2022. Operating revenues increased by **14%** while expenses only increased by 6%, leading to the large deficit reduction.

If we put together the operating revenue (Sunday collections, Thanksgiving Appeal, Easter & Christmas) and the capital revenue (donations for building & maintenance) as a family of parishes, we moved from a **deficit of \$207.1 thousand** in 2022 to a small surplus of **\$27.8 thousand** in 2023. This is due to the generosity of parishioners and the fact that we did not spend much on capital projects. This is very good news and a huge shift in the right direction.

(2) TRENDING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

As a family of parishes we are clearly seeing things moving in the right direction. Here are three reasons that I think we are seeing positive growth and an upward trend that I hope continues:

(A) Throughout 2023 but most especially around Easter, we saw more and more people who returned following the pandemic. People have become more and more comfortable as things have subsided.

(B) People are moving to Chatham and Kent county at a higher rate. We are seeing a slight increase in registrations in our family of parishes as we welcome people to our wonderful city.

(C) Our pastoral plan is taking root and growing. We are offering different ministry opportunities and more and more people are getting involved. We are generating positive energy and excitement about being disciples.

My hope is that this trend will continue. The more we embrace and live out our pastoral plan the more people will be brought to the love of Christ within our family of parishes and beyond.

(3) REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

The 2023 financial summary chart on page 3 shows the general revenues and expenditures for each church in our family.



Virtually all of our

revenue is made up of the Sunday offertory, Christmas/Easter collections and the Thanksgiving Appeal. Total operating revenues for the year were **\$1.42 million—14% more than in 2022**. A big contributor to this growth were the Christmas and Thanksgiving special collections which totalled \$186.6 thousand in 2023, 24% more than 2022. These two collections made up 13% of total operating revenues. All churches reported double digit growth in total revenue over 2022.

Total expenses of \$1.5 million were 6% more than 2022. Facility costs increased by 11% in 2023 due in part to growing utility rates, required maintenance and activity for ministry. Compensation only increased by 2% in 2023 and there was no increase in the Diocesan Assessment (we pay a 15% assessment fee to the diocese for services they offer to support our ministry).

Please remember that even though we have an overall surplus as a family, three out of the five churches are still running deficits. We continue to lack a Business Manager, Family & Youth Ministry Coordinator and another Pastoral Minister to adequately serve our family of parishes. We are on the right path but we must continue moving forward together with your generous support.

(4) CONTINUING THE MOMENTUM



I want to thank all the parishioners once again for their leadership, involvement and financial support. All are needed if we are going to be relevant

and effective in changing the world—bringing the light, hope, joy and peace of Christ. I know that times are tough for many as utility costs, groceries, interest rates and almost everything else continues to soar. As I have always mentioned in my time here in Chatham—pray for our family of parishes, get involved where you can and continue to support us financially in whatever way possible.



TOTAL FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR 2023

	St. Ursula	St. Joseph	St. Agnes	Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady of Victory	Total Family
1) Operating Revenues	\$ 297,256	\$ 367,833	\$ 265,613	\$ 393,688	\$ 100,757	\$1,425,147
2) Operating Expenses	\$ 331,998	\$ 411,931	\$ 286,912	\$ 330,419	\$ 119,560	\$1,480,820
3) Operating Surplus (Deficit)	-\$ 34,742	-\$ 44,098	-\$ 21,299	\$ 63,269	-\$ 18,803	-\$ 55,673
4) Capital Revenues	\$ 18,435	\$ 57,934	\$ 4,792	\$ 17,761	\$ 9,020	\$ 107,942
5) Capital Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,382	\$ -	\$ 24,382
6) Capital Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 18,435	\$ 57,934	\$ 4,792	-\$ 6,621	\$ 9,020	\$ 83,560
7) Total Surplus (Deficit)	-\$ 16,307	\$ 13,836	-\$ 16,507	\$ 56,648	-\$ 9,783	\$ 27,887
8) Total Cash Resources	\$ 420,095	\$ 351,163	\$ 63,104	\$ 392,660	\$ 85,738	\$1,312,760

ST. URSULA CHURCH



As you can see in the chart above, St. Ursula Church had a total **deficit of (-\$16,307)** (line 7) in 2023. Total cash resources as of December 31, 2023 includes

\$37,001 in the general account, \$56,020 in the Spirit and Life Centre account and \$325,165 in the Capital Loan Fund with the diocese. Diocesan policy requires that funds in excess of current needs be invested in the Loan Fund. The parish receives interest on these funds. We did have to draw from the Capital Loan Fund twice to pay for operating expenses in 2023.

In 2023 St. Ursula Church received an upgraded fire alarm system that is now connected to the security system—So if an emergency occurred, emergency services would be contacted automatically. We repainted the parking lot lines increasing the number of handicapped parking spaces and had some minor repairs for the HVAC system. In general, the building is in good shape with no planned major maintenance.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

As you can see in the chart above, St. Joseph Church had a total surplus of **\$13,836** (line 7) As of December 31, 2023 the church had \$51,824 in the general bank account, \$166,816 in the Spirit



and Life Centre account (please note the mold and asbestos abatement on the second floor and basement took place in December 2022 but payment was made in 2023 for \$85,000), and \$139,982 in the Capital Loan Fund account with the diocese. We had to withdraw funds from the Capital Loan Fund to pay operating expenses twice in 2023.

In 2023 we installed a TV so that the choir and parishioners in the transept and along the wall could see what we project on the large video screen. We built a movable stage for the Spirit & Life Centre and 12 round tables were donated by a parishioner.

In 2024 we will repaint the parking lot lines around the property, install a TV for the other transept and look at inside moisture damage around the frames of a couple of stained glass windows. We are also replacing the stolen downspouts (insurance should cover most of the costs) and looking at ways to protect the entry ways on the property.

As a reminder, both towers require some masonry work, mortar joint repairs, new caulking and repairs to flashing. In 2018 the costs were around \$600,000 but in 2023 we were quoted a cost of around \$900,000.

ST. AGNES CHURCH



As you can see in the chart on page 3 (line 7), St. Agnes Church had a total **deficit of (-\$16,507)**. As of December 31, 2023 the church had \$67,807 in their general account and no funds left in the diocesan Capital Loan Fund.

Please note that St. Agnes Church has been running an overall deficit for the last seven years. There is no capital reserve money left. We have used all of it to cover operating expenses. We have taken \$185,000 from the Capital Loan Fund for operating expenses since July 2018. Despite the diminishing funds at St. Agnes, there has been a rally as of late. The 2023 Thanksgiving Appeal donations were up 14% and the Christmas collection was up 38% over 2022. The building itself is in good shape and there are no plans for renovations or upgrades.

As you may know, the process for the closure of St. Agnes Church has been paused until a review in the fall of 2024 due to the latest upward trend. We want to see if this positive momentum continues. This can only happen with your support.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH



The chart on page 3 shows Blessed Sacrament had a **surplus of \$56,648** (line 7). As of December 31, 2023 Blessed Sacrament had \$122,325 in their general account and \$277,101 in the diocesan Capital Loan Fund account.

In 2023 we installed a new boiler for the church (most of the cost was covered by insurance) we repainted the parking lot lines, repaired a bulging wall in the parish hall, added preventative moisture control around the parking lot side of the church, painted and installed new flooring in the sacristy and mounted two TVs in the hall to assist in viewing presentations. We also added a window air conditioning unit to the meeting room so it can be used easily in the summer. We do know that the second floor furnace in the rectory will likely need replacing in the very near future. We will also be painting the parish hall in 2024.

In general, the church, hall and rectory are in good shape with no major repairs or projects planned for the future.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY



As you see in the summary on page 3, Our Lady of Victory had a total **deficit of (-\$9,783)**. As of December 31, 2023, Our Lady of Victory had \$31,877 in their general account and \$60,700 in the diocesan Capital Loan Fund.

The church, hall and rectory are in good shape and do not need any major repairs. The hallway to the washrooms beside the hall/sacristy has been repaired and renovated in January of 2024.

IN CONCLUSION—ON THE RIGHT PATH

There is no question that we are on the right path. We are seeing more people at Mass, more people slowly getting involved in ministries, programs and outreach—more people embracing the pastoral plan. With all this we are also seeing our finances increase. This is good news and we want this trend to continue.

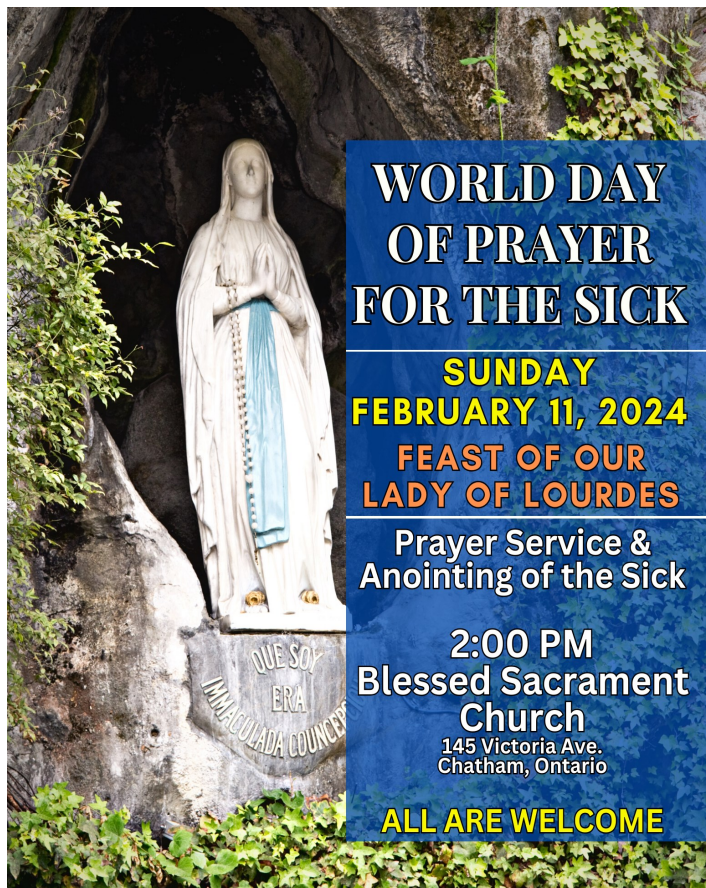


But in the midst of this optimism we need to remember that despite the increased finances, we still do not have enough funds to hire needed staff to most effectively offer ministry while also trying to maintain five buildings. We want all of our churches to remain open but in the long run this will not be possible if we want to share the gift of faith with future generations. Bishop Fabbro has decided that St. Joseph Church (which will not close) and the Spirit & Life Centre will play a key role in our family of parishes while the future of the other churches will need to follow diocesan policies for closure.

So where do we go from here? While current diocesan planning/policies do not fully embrace a sense of shifting from maintenance to mission—we will do the best we can with what we have. This requires us to be as creative as possible and leverage what we currently have for maximum effect.

One of the major shifts will be to give priests serving in our family of parishes more time to offer support, formation and training of volunteers for ministry while also having time to forge better connections with our Catholic schools. Priests, deacons and pastoral ministers will continue to empower parishioners to take on leadership roles in the many ministries we need to help bring Christ to a world that needs Him more than ever.

I am thankful, hopeful and inspired as we move forward. Let's ignite the mission together!!



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(97 min)

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Congratulations to
Victoria Verbeek, Penelope Renders-Dube,
Daxon Christian-Wright, Berkeley Corbin,
Kimber Knazook, Charli Zink, Mavis BanBeest-White
and Tobias Van Beest-White
who joined our parish family through the
Sacrament of Baptism during the month of January.



Congratulations to
Lennon Donais, Isla Rader and Naomi Enaholo
who celebrated the Sacrament of First Communion
during the month of January.

CAMP VINCENT IS AVAILABLE FOR GROUP RENTALS

Camp Vincent is now open for business. Camp Vincent has a 50 year legacy of serving and providing fun, fresh air and a future full of possibilities. Boasting 67 acres of beautiful woodland and green space for sports activities, 10 cabins, kitchen/dining facilities, gathering hall, saltwater pool, canoe pond and more ~ Camp Vincent has it all. Located on Highway 2, close to Bothwell, our camp welcomes all interested parties who want to lease this one-of-a-kind, beautiful camp. Summer camps, day camps, sports camps, church groups, youth groups, family gatherings and clubs are invited to contact ssvpchathamkent@gmail.com for more information. Book early and save your dates and make memories that share a legacy of love at Camp Vincent.

CHATHAM-KENT CURSILLO

Attention Chatham Kent Cursillo Members:
We have an upcoming Ultreya on Friday, February 16 at St. Joseph at 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm. Please come out and support Chatham-Kent Cursillo community.



Readings for the week of February 11

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/ Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

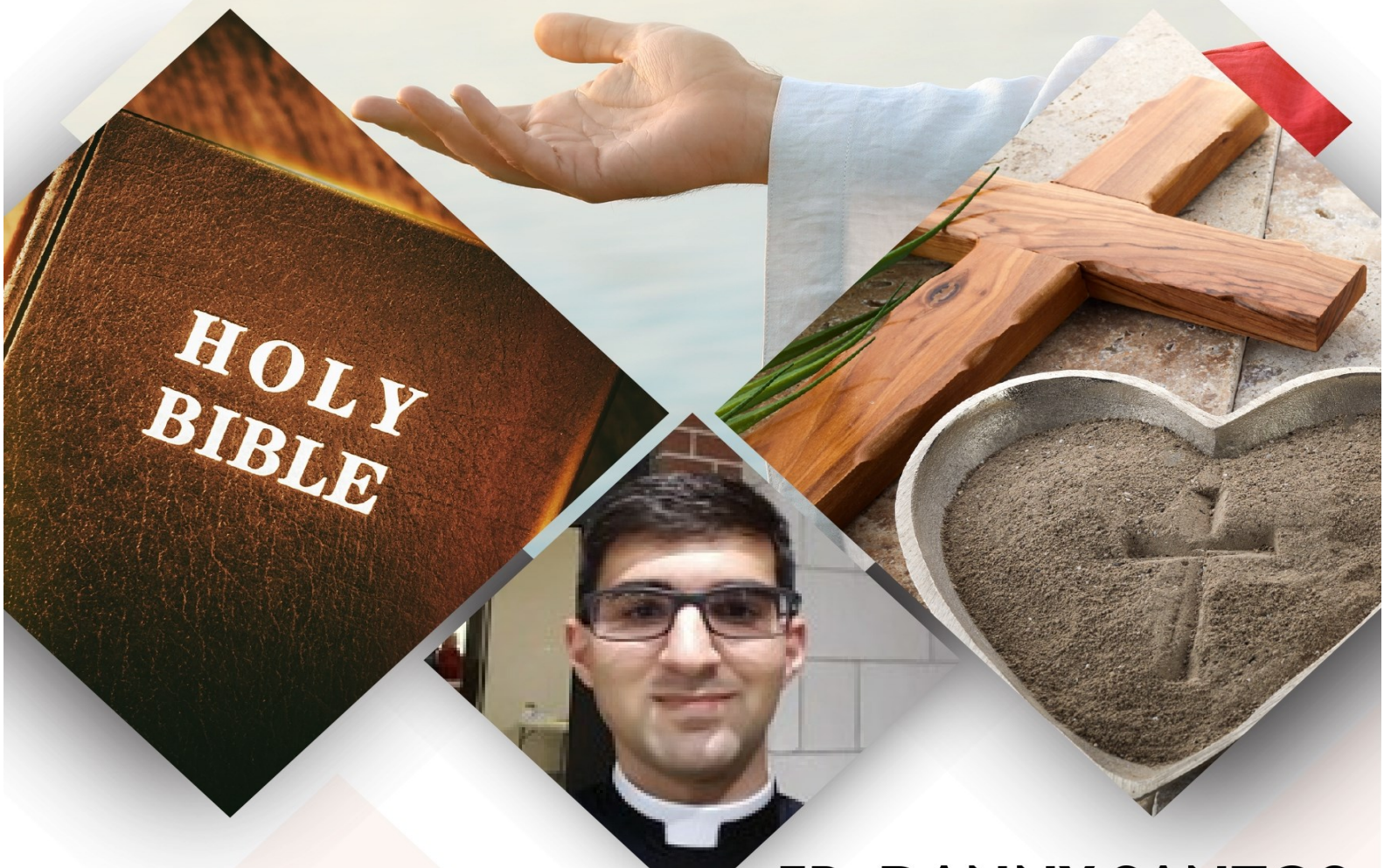
RIGHT TO LIFE

Right to Life Kent is excited to be hosting Alex Schadenberg from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) Wednesday, February 21 to speak about Euthanasia for mental illness. It will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. This is a free event. Goodwill donations to EPC will be gladly accepted. All are welcome.

RIGHT TO LIFE KENT

The historic overturning of Roe v. Wade in the United States has emboldened the pro-life movement the world over. Life seems to be winning. But could it ever "win" in a country like Canada? **Roe Canada: The True North in a Post-Roe World** follows two Canadian women working intently towards a similar triumph in their country. Could a country like Canada ever experience a day like the Americans did on June 24? Will we ever have a moment as significant as Roe's demise? Everyone is invited to attend a free screening of this film on Thursday, February 29 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul Congregational Church (450 Park Ave W). This a free event however donations of diapers size 3, 4 or 5 and/or baby food will be gladly accepted for Refuge Pregnancy Centre.





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MISSION SCHEDULE:

WEEKEND MASSES FEB. 24-25

5:00 PM - BLESSED SACRAMENT
9:00 AM - BLESSED SACRAMENT
11:00 AM - ST. AGNES

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2024

MISSION PRESENTATION #1

7:00 PM - BLESSED SACRAMENT
(RECEPTION IN HALL AFTER)

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2024

MORNING MASS & TALK

10:00 AM - ST. AGNES
10:45 AM - RECEPTION & TALK

MISSION PRESENTATION #2

7:00 PM - BLESSED SACRAMENT
(RECEPTION IN HALL AFTER)

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2024

MISSION PRESENTATION #3

7:00 PM - BLESSED SACRAMENT
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Join us at **Blessed Sacrament Church** each **Friday night during Lent** for Mass, a witness talk by one of our parishioners and the Stations of the Cross.

6:30 PM - Mass

7:15 PM - Witness Talk & Way of the Cross

SERIES SCHEDULE

Friday February 16, 2024

Friday February 23, 2024

Friday March 1, 2024

Friday March 8, 2024

Friday March 15, 2024

Friday March 22, 2024

Good Friday March 29, 2024*

(*Begins at 7 PM with no Mass)



9-DAY NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Everyone is invited for a nine-day novena to St. Joseph taking place at St. Joseph Church from Tuesday March 11 to March 19, 2024. This will be live-streamed.

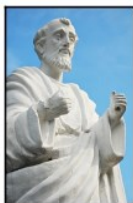
Monday March 11 to Monday March 18

6:30 PM - Daily Novena Prayers

Tuesday March 19

6:30 PM - Final Novena Prayers

7:00 PM - Mass



LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Saturdays - Our Lady of Victory

9:45 to 11:00 AM

February 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23

Tuesdays - St. Ursula

6:00 to 6:25 PM

February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26

Wednesdays - Our Lady of Victory

6:30 to 7:00 PM

February 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27

Fridays - St. Joseph Church

11:15 to 11:45 AM

February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

St. Joseph Church

Sunday March 24 - 3 PM



WAY OF THE CROSS

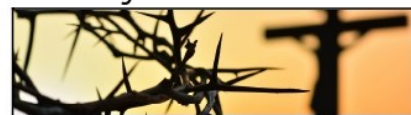
We have additional times to walk the Way of the Cross drawing close to the love and sacrifice of Christ for our salvation.

Tuesdays - St. Agnes Church - 8:45 AM

February 27, March 5, 19, 26

Wednesdays - Our Lady of Victory (Polish)

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ST. URSULA K OF C BREAKFAST

The next scheduled breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 18 from 9:30 am to 12 noon. The Cost is \$10 per person, \$6 for a child under 12 years of age. The menu will consist of scrambled and poached eggs, sausage and ham, pancakes, hash browns, tomatoes, toast, tea or coffee, juice. All proceeds will go to the community and church needs.

ST. URSULA CWL

The St. Ursula CWL is sponsoring a Mother's Day Vendor Extravaganza on Saturday, May 11 from 9 am until 1 pm. **Vendor's are needed for the event.** To reserve a table, please contact Jane Curry at 519-352-7175 or Yvette Waddick at 519-436-0738. Cost for the a table is \$30. Please book your table by March 17. Requests for tables made after March 17 will be \$35.

ST. URSULA CWL MEETING

A reminder there will be no General Meeting in February. The next General Meeting of the St. Ursula CWL will take place on Tuesday, March 12 after the 6:30 pm Mass.

ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



If you are looking for some volunteer hours, our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes is offering after school opportunities to help us prepare materials for sacramental prep and other youth and family events. You can receive volunteer hours

at St. Agnes Church on Wednesdays, February 14 & 28 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Those interested please email Ali Chinnick at achinnick@dol.ca to register.

PRAYER CHAIN

We have people who want to pray for whatever request comes to them. If you need prayers, please contact Maureen at the parish office at 519-352-8530 or 519-352-9483 or by email at mfoster@dol.ca.

CHURCH CHUCKLE

My nephew started playing hockey when he was five. I asked him one day what position he would like to play. He said, "I want to be the guy who blows the whistle and picks up the puck."



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament (live-streamed)
Sunday 8:00 am at St. Joseph (live-streamed)
9:00 am at Blessed Sacrament (live-streamed)
9:30 am at Our Lady of Victory (English)
10:00 am at St. Ursula (sign language)
11:00 am at St. Agnes
11:00 am at Our Lady of Victory (Polish)
Noon at St. Joseph

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 8:00 am at St. Agnes
6:30 pm at St. Ursula
Wednesday 8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament (live-streamed)
12 noon at St. Joseph
7:00 pm at Our Lady of Victory (Polish)
Thursday 9:30 am at St. Ursula
6:30 pm at St. Agnes
Friday 12 noon at St. Joseph
8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament (live-streamed)
Saturday 9:00 am at Our Lady of Victory (English)

LIVE-STREAMED MASS

Masses are live streamed on our YouTube channel (www.chathamcatholic.tv). Visit the parish website (www.chathamcatholic.ca) and click the live-stream link at the top of the page. See Mass schedule above for live-streamed Masses.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, we must receive submissions two Friday's prior to when you would like the announcement to appear.

Please also note that we have very limited space in the bulletin. Submissions may not always run as long as you would like and they may be edited to suit the location in the bulletin.

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