
KENT LAMBTON ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES



Thrive

KLRCFP YOUTH MINISTRY

April
Easter

Thrive Family Kits

Our aim is to bring families a couple activities each month that will help build up our faith in the home and encourage families to grow together. In other words, to THRIVE!

*We are an Easter people, and
Hallelujah is our song!*

Happy Easter everyone! From our parish family to your families; we wish you God's grace and blessings!

Sincerely,

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Season of Easter

Easter isn't just a day, it's actually 50! The season of Easter runs until the feast of Pentecost (which means 50 days). We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and new life during this season, so leave those Easter decorations up!

Keep celebrating! Have a special "Easter meal" each Sunday, do a family Easter activity together, or jam out to Easter music on the weekends (search "Thrive Easter!" on Spotify). Jesus is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!



How to draw an Easter Cross
<https://youtu.be/3K6CmaNqCCA>

Easter Dinner Discussion Eggs

If you have lots of those plastic eggs floating around cut up the Easter discussion page and place one question into each egg. Or you can just use a jar or a basket! At each meal pull out a new discussion question. Feel free to add in more as you go!

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11th

Maybe you've seen this image in your parish, at school or at a friend's house? It's called the "Divine Mercy" and has an exciting story behind it!

Sister Faustina was a nun in Poland in the mid 1900s. One night she had a vision of Jesus standing in front of her wearing all white, with red and blue rays of light coming from Him. He asked her to paint a picture of Him with the words, "Jesus, I trust in You!"

When she told a priest friend and other nuns that she had been talking to Jesus, they thought she was crazy but eventually believed her. She began to keep a diary of her conversations with Jesus which you can read today, called "The Diary of St. Faustina."



The blue/white ray symbolizes water, which purifies us, like in Baptism.

The red ray symbolizes blood, which is a symbol of life.

Together they symbolize Jesus' Divine Mercy, the grace that He has given His life so that we may receive it!

Divine Mercy Sunday is the day we celebrate God's unfailing love and mercy for us. It is always the first Sunday after Easter.

For adults and older kids: Lump by Rob Bell

Divine Mercy Window Sticker

Since the beginning of the pandemic many Catholics have been placing an image of the Divine Mercy on their doors and windows. It is a reminder that Jesus will protect us; not just physically, but that His love has saved our souls.

Supplies: Divine Mercy Window Cling
credit card, gift card or reward card

-Find a window to put your sticker. We recommend one you come in and out of frequently so that you'll be reminded of your trust in Jesus.

-Test it in different spots until you find a position you like

-Remove the paper backing (if any pieces stick to the paper, place the paper back on and gently scrape over the paper with the credit card until it sticks to the plastic backing).

-Stick it onto the window, and rub each piece of the black sticker with the credit card to get it to adhere to the window. Gently remove the plastic. Stick down any pieces that may have shifted.

*"But as for you, fear nothing;
I am always with you."
from the diary of Saint Faustina*

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

April 17th

Kateri was born in the 1600s to a Mohawk chief father and Algonquin mother in modern-day New York state.

When she was 4 a smallpox epidemic orphaned her, and left her face scarred and her eyesight damaged. When she was 6 settlers destroyed her village, she and the survivors were forced to flee.

Her new village had a group of Jesuit priests who had set-up a small chapel. They taught Kateri about the love of Jesus. When she was 20 she was baptized!

She travelled to a Christian-Iroquois community which is now the Kahanawake Reserve outside of Montreal.

With her new community she joined a group of women who devoted themselves to prayer, discipline, fasting and a life of purity.

She fell ill again at the age of 24, and soon died surrounded by her friends. Her last words were "Jesus, Mary, I love you."

Her friends around her reported that minutes after she died her smallpox scars disappeared! A miracle!



Family Nature Walk

Saint Kateri was canonized
(declared a saint) in 2012.



She has been decreed the patron saint of the environment and ecology. She is the first Indigenous North American person to be declared a saint!

In honour of Kateri being the patron saint of the environment, go for a family nature walk! We've included a nature scavenger hunt for you too!

Wallaceburg

Story Walk Trail in Crother's Park

Paw Paw Woods

Peers Wetland

Dresden - Trillium Trail

St. Clair Township - Brander Park

Chatham - Rotary Eco Preserve (formerly Paxton's Bush)

Mitchell's Bay - South Lakeshore Trail

Walpole Island -contact Walpole Island Heritage Centre
at 519-627-1475 to book a tour.



Saint George & the Dragon

April 23rd

A city called Silene had a large lake where a fire-breathing dragon lived. To please the dragon and keep their city safe, the people sacrificed a sheep to the dragon every day. When they ran out of sheep, they began to sacrifice their children.



One day, a princess was chosen. The girl was sent out to the lake to be a fine meal for the dragon. Saint George was riding past the lake and saw the princess, terrified and trembling! She tried to send him away but he said he would protect her.

Suddenly, the dragon appeared! Saint George made the sign of the cross, jumped on his horse and speared the dragon! He rescued the princess, saved the city and all the people became Christians!

[Story of St. George](#) (YouTube)

[Saint George and the Dragon](#) - Margaret Hodges (CKPL)

[The Book of Saints and Heroes](#) (Formed.org)

[Young George and the Dragon](#) - ebook (Formed.org)

[The Fantasy Makers](#) (Formed.org)

[The Reluctant Dragon](#) short story (Spotify or CKPL)

Toilet Paper Tube Dragons

What you need: toilet paper or paper towel tube

Paint the tube green or cover it in green paper. Draw eyes and a nose onto the tube.

Cut strips of orange, red, yellow tissue paper and glue around the inside of the tube.

Blow!



St. George's Day Swords

What you need: wrapping paper tubes

That's it, just let the kids chase each other with the tubes!

Maybe outside is best.

Good Shepherd Sunday

April 25th

Sunday's readings tell us about Jesus as the Good Shepherd, "*I lay down my life for my sheep.*" We are the sheep and He is our shepherd!



PomPom Sheep Craft

(www.redtedart.com/how-to-make-pom-pom-sheep/)

Supplies: yarn, googly eyes, pipe cleaner, paper, glue

Make a large pompom by wrapping the yarn around your hand many, many times. Not too tightly or it won't come off! Gently slide off the circle of yarn. Tie a new piece of yarn around the middle of your yarn.

Cut the loops off at the top and the bottom. Fluff it up! Draw and cut out a face for your sheep. Glue googly eyes on. Glue the face to the pompom.

Make some pipe cleaner feet and glue or tie them on!

[PomPom Tutorial on YouTube](#)

Take Your Flock for a Picnic!

Head outdoors to your nearest meadow (or backyard or a park from the St. Kateri list!) after Mass on Sunday! Bring a blanket or chairs and spread out with your family!



Activity Suggestions

Play hide a seek as a family - tie it back to the Gospel verse - *"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and they know me."* Shepherd and Sheep - partner up, and blindfold one member of each partner (the sheep). Put all the sheep in one spot and have them spin around 5 times. Have the shepherds call out to their sheep! The first set to reunite wins! You can also do it as an obstacle course!

Clean up your space and everyone grab a few extra pieces of trash to clean-up

Food Suggestions

Ancient shepherd's normally couldn't afford meat for all their meals, so their outdoor lunches would consist of vegetables, fruits, olives, hardboiled eggs, etc.

Mini-Shepherd's Pie (you can make them in a muffin tin!)
Anything with whipped cream = sheep fluff!

Resources for Catholic Families

Kent Lambton Roman Catholic Family of Parishes has a subscription to Formed.org! This subscription allows anyone in our parishes to access thousands of Catholic resources!

Movies, documentaries, prayer resources, podcasts, ebooks, kids' series, music and audio books!

You can use formed on a desktop, use their app on your phone or on your smartTV!

Some favourite resources are the "Catholicism" series, *Symbolon*, *Benjamin Cello*, and the *Poco a Poco Podcast*. There is something for everyone in your family!



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