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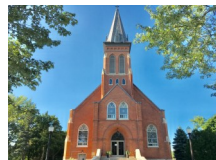
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HOLY NAME OF JESUS



ST. JOHN THE  
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## **1st Sunday of Lent in Ordinary Time** **February 26, 2023**

### ***What should I give up for Lent?***

Focus on sacrificing something meaningful that will help you draw closer to God. Better yet, focus on what you can take on, what small acts you can do that God calls us to share.

### ***Why don't Catholics eat meat on Fridays during Lent?***

Abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent is a sacrifice and a small act of self-discipline that dates back to the early Church.

### ***What is the colour of Lent?***

Purple is the colour of Lent. On Laetare Sunday priests will wear pink as a small break from the solemn purple and a reminder that Easter is drawing near. During Palm Sunday and Good Friday, priests will wear red vestments. The colour of Easter is white.



### **On Friday, March 3rd**

There will be a Prayer Service  
at Belle River United Church  
at 11 am with a lunch to follow.  
Free will offering appreciated.  
*Everyone is welcome to attend.*

## **WEEK DAY MASSES**

**Tuesday, February 28th at 7 pm**

**At St. Clement Confessions 6:15-6:45 pm**

**Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm**

Ints. of Stuart & Lorenza Thompson - John &  
Lynne Martin

Ints. of Lina Manibo - Gertrude Suva

+Charlotte Bellamy - John & Lynne Martin

+Billy Lebert - Len & Mary Ellen Collins

+Bradiha Kanterjion - Chris & Rita Carreira

**Wednesday, March 1st at 8:30 am**

**At St. John the Evangelist**

Special Intention - J. Paul Rivest

+Tina Bendig - Paul & Jen Rivest

+Daniella Byrne - Dad & Mom

+Linda Bracken - Louis & Veronica Benoit

+Donat & Mae Tremblay - Estate

**Thursday, March 2nd at 8:30 am**

**At St. Mary's Confessions 9 am**

+Ron Barrette - Friend

+Dec. Mem. of McCloskey Family - Friend

+Matilde Facca - Randy & Debbie Flood

+Leona Jobin-Newman - Butch & Judy Jobin

+Richard Gravel - Ron & Trudy

**Friday, March 3rd at 8:30 am**

**At Holy Name of Jesus Adoration 9 - 10am**

**Stations of the Cross at 8 am**

Ints. of the Market Family - Bill & Kathy

+Edna Brockman (1A) - Alfons

+Helen Beaudette - Lorraine Stiers

+Walter Szpak - Family

+Jackie Pouget - Jim & Joan Curry

**Saturday, March 4th at 8:30 am**

**At Holy Name of Jesus Confessions at 9 am**

Ints. for Ukraine - Bill & Kathy Market

+Carl Bodnar (42A) - Dad & Mom

+Jackie Pouget - Holy Name of Jesus CWL

+Norm Cartier - Gerry & Jen O'Neil

## **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, Woodslee**

Saturday at 4:30 pm Confessions 3:45-4:15 pm

**HOLY NAME OF JESUS, Essex**

Saturday at 6 pm

Sunday at 11 am

**And on Sunday, March 26th at 6 pm**

**ST. MARY'S, Maidstone**

Sunday at 8:30 am

**ST. CLEMENT, McGregor**

Sunday at 9:45 am

## **SACRAMENTAL & YOUTH MINISTRY**



**TONIGHT February 26th at 7pm**

Open to all high school aged teens.

At Holy Name of Jesus Parish hall.



**Wednesday, March 8th at 7 pm**

Open to all kids in Grades 6 to 8

At Holy Name of Jesus Parish hall.



**Wednesday, March 1st at 7 pm**

Open to all kids in Grades 3 to 5

At Holy Name of Jesus Parish hall.

## **YOUTH CONFERENCE IN STEUBENVILLE, OHIO**

If you are a teen or know of any teens who are interested in attending Steubenville in Ohio potentially from July 7-9 please contact Lucia at [lcosta@dol.ca](mailto:lcosta@dol.ca). We are currently trying to see who is all interested.

Let us know!

## **COME AND SEE WEEKEND**

For men 17 years old and older considering the call to the priesthood.

An *In House Experience* will held be on

**March 17th to 19th** at St. Peter's Seminary.

For more info or to register please contact

Fr. Danny Santos at [vocations@dol.ca](mailto:vocations@dol.ca)

*Let us pray for an increase in the Priesthood.*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

For children ages 3-10 every Sunday at St. Mary's & at Holy Name of Jesus Church.

## **.COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion and is not able to come to Mass please contact the office and arrangements will be made.

## LOOK AT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES .....

### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

*Create Hope: Stand for the Land*

This Lenten campaign focuses on people's defence of their territories in Colombia and Honduras. Pick up their calendar, prayer card and mini magazine at the back of the church. To donate please go online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give)  
Please support and pray for our brothers and sisters in the Global South.

### HOPE FOR MARYAM REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROJECT

Please read about this special outreach initiative on our website. Any donation over \$20 will receive a tax receipt. You must include your name and address. Cheques are payable to Sisters of Holy Names (Windsor) and please put "Hope for Refugees" on the memo line.  
*Thank you for your support and prayers.*

### LENTEN EUCHRE CARD PARTY

During Lent every Sunday starting on **Sunday, February 26th** at 7 pm at St. Mary's Hall in Maidstone \$7/person. Come out and have fun!

### ROLL UP THE RIM FOR LENT

During Lent, Holy Name of Jesus CWL will be collecting gift cards for coffee (from Tim Horton's, McDonalds, Wendy's, etc.) for the homeless. Please drop off in the designated box in the Gather Space at Holy Name of Jesus Church.

### ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

**Wednesday, March 29th**

From 10 am to 8 pm  
At Holy Name of Jesus Church

### CWL LENTEN RETREAT DAY

**Saturday, March 25th**

Mass at 8:30 am Retreat at 10 am  
Guest Speaker is Fr. Mike Ryan  
At Holy Name of Jesus parish hall.  
Lunch will be provided for a free will offering.  
You must register **before March 20th** at [lapain.cwl@gmail.com](mailto:lapain.cwl@gmail.com)  
Hosted by Holy Name of Jesus CWL.

### LENTEN LUNCH SERIES

Wednesday, March 1st at Noon  
at Bethel Maidstone United Church  
with Rev. Steve Van Dyk.  
Service at Noon with lunch to follow.  
Free will offering appreciated. All welcome.  
Sponsored by the Essex Ministerial.

### CEMETERY CLEAN UP

We ask that all winter decorations be removed from your loved ones graves at St. Mary's, St. John's and St. Clement's Cemeteries by the end of March.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

During Lent please drop off non-perishable can goods to the designated box at the back of your church. Please remember also, to donate gently used clothing in all sizes. There is a collection bin at each church in our Family of Parishes in their parking lot. Thank you!

### EYE GLASS COLLECTION

Please drop off any unused eye glasses to the designated box at the Fairview Ave. entrance of Holy Name of Jesus church. They will be donated to Third World countries.

### COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES

St. John's CWL is selling plaques in honour of deceased children and grandchildren. The plaques will be displayed at the foot of the Pieta statue on the lawn of the Church. \$90/plaque.  
Contact Sue Rock at 519-817-5959.

### ST. CLEMENT'S CWL

The next CWL meeting will be on March 6th at 1 pm at the McGregor Community room.

### SACRAMENTS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK, BAPTISM, MARRIAGE:

Please notify our Parish Office. For Baptism please register online. For Marriage at least 1 year in advance.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome! Registrations forms are found on our website or church entrance.

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