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ST. PETER
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ST. JOSEPH

WEEKEND MASSES

GODERICH

SATURDAY 5:00PM SUNDAY 9:00AM

GRAND BEND

SUNDAY 9:00AM

ZURICH

Saturday—5:00pm Sunday 8:30am

EXETER

SUNDAY 11:00AM

MOUNT CARMEL

SATURDAY-5:00PM SUNDAY 11:00AM

St. Joseph

SUNDAY 11:30AM

Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus

Sunday, April 2, 2023—Passion (Palm) Sunday Sunday, April 9, 2023—Easter Sunday Year a—Two Week Bulletin

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is Holy Week! This is what we have been preparing for during these 40 days of Lent. During this final week, we are invited to meditate on this last week of Jesus' life on earth.

On Holy Thursday, the Gospel of John invites us to listen patiently to Jesus as he offers us one more lesson about serving the needs of others, and the ultimate sacrifice of laying down one's life for a friend or even an enemy. Jesus tells his disciples that unless he washes their feet, they can have no "share" with him. What are we to make of this?

Anne Walsh from St. John's, Newfoundland writes,

In the inshore fishery of Newfoundland and Labrador, a crew was made up of four people, and every boat was understood to involve five shares – one for each crew member, and one for the boat itself. When the profits were tallied at the end of the fishing season, they were split five ways – one to pay each person, and one to cover the expenses of operating the boat. The four crew members and the boat itself shared equally in the profit made through the fishing season, and also in any loss.

In this context, "to have a share" expresses a way of being part of a community in which the success of one contributes to the success of all, and the struggle or trial of one is shared by all. It speaks of interdependence and reliance. It is a wonderful expression of what it means to be part of Jesus' crew. You and I have signed on to Jesus' crew. We have committed ourselves to foot-washing, to love expressed in practical, compassionate action.

As members of Jesus' crew, let us walk in the ways of Jesus as we commit ourselves to humbly serving our brothers and sisters because this is part of God's plan of redemption and salvation for all humanity. This is our share of God's work serving one another in love. This is indeed the joy of discovering that all hope is not lost and will never be lost!

May you have a prayerful and blessed Holy Week!

Fr. Antoine (Tony) Laforet Pastor for the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF April 2—April 8, 2023

TUESDAY: April 4

(We pray for Catholic Elementary School Teachers)

Blue Water Rest Home, Zurich

Nursing Home Mass—10:30am

Doreen Dietrich The Estate

St. Peter, St. Joseph

Adoration & Confessions—11am / Mass—12pm

Andy Woodcock Firlotte Family
Georgette & Desmond Firlotte Lorraine Sousa

WEDNESDAY: April 5

(We pray for Ms. Francine Visser, Pastoral Minister)

St. Peter, Goderich

Adoration—8am / Mass—9:15am

Robert Stephenson Mary Nyland

IHM, Grand Bend

Mass—9:15am / Rosary—9:45am

Ed Tighe Lyn & Ken Reidy

St. Boniface, Zurich

Adoration/Confessions—11:30am / Mass—12:30pm Stations of the Cross—St. Boniface School—1pm

Virginia DenommeMary Lou DenommePeter Bedard Sr.Clarence & Joan RegierTheresa RegierGeorge & Marg Suplat

HOLY THURSDAY: April 6

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Precious Blood, Exeter

St. Peter, Goderich

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Carmel Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend

Masses are at 7pm / Adoration until 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY: April 7

Passion Play

St. Peter, Goderich

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Carmel

Service—11am

St. Boniface, Zurich

St. Peter, Goderich

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Carmel Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend

Service—3pm

SATURDAY: April 8 – Easter Vigil

Mass of Resurrection

Precious Blood, Exeter

St. Peter, Goderich

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend

Easter Vigil Masses at 8:30pm

Note: no morning masses

SUNDAY: April 9 - Easter Sunday

Resurrection of the Lord

St. Boniface, Zurich Mass—8:30am

Precious Blood, Exeter Mass—9am

St. Peter, Goderich Mass—9am

IHM, Grand Bend Mass—10am St. Boniface, Zurich Mass—11am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Carmel Mass—11am

St. Peter, St. Joseph Mass—11:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF April 9—April 15, 2023

TUESDAY: April 11

(We pray for Rev. John Johnson)

Huronview, Clinton

Nursing Home Mass 10:30am

A Special Intention

St. Peter, St. Joseph

A Parishioner

Adoration & Company Mass—12pm

WEDNESDAY: April 12

(We pray for Catholic Health Care Workers in the Diocese of London)

St. Peter, Goderich

Adoration—8am / Mass—9:15am

Christa Weber Pat & Diane Weber

IHM, Grand Bend

Mass—9:15am / Rosary—9:45am

Michael Schiller Sharon Strong & Family
Ron Garinther Maureen Garinther

St. Boniface, Zurich

Adoration/Confessions—11:30am / Mass—12:30pm

Raymond HartmanSr. Mary RegierPaula DePaepeThe DePaepe FamilyTim InwardsKathryn Regier

THURSDAY: April 13

(We Pray for Deacon Joseph Ryu)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Mount Carmel

School Mass—9:30am

Phil Conlin Ambrose & Helen Koricina

St. Joseph's School, Clinton

School Mass—10:30am

Ernie Holton Huron Perth CDSB

FRIDAY: April 14

(We pray for Mrs. Delia Pardo-Herrera, Sacramental Coordinator)

IHM, Grand Bend

Mass—9:15am / Adoration—9:45am

Int. of Fr. Steve Marsh Jerry & Rose Vanbruaene

St. Peter, Goderich

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Adoration—11am / Mass—12:15pm

Karen Wade Finola & Paul MacGinty

Precious Blood, Exeter

Mass—12:45pm / Confessions—1:15pm

Lucy Gonsalves Judy Heffernan & Sr. Gabriella

SATURDAY: April 15

(We pray for Rev. Jose Seminati)

St. Peter, Goderich

Adoration—8am / Mass—9:15am / Confessions— 9:45am

Alice Brochu St. Peter C.W.L. Goderich

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Mount Carmel

Mass—9:15am / Adoration & Confessions—9:45am

Theresa Kester Francis & Doreen Hartman

Youth & Family Mass

Sunday, April 9th @ St. Boniface @11am Sunday, April 30th @ St. Boniface @ 8:30am

Please contact Kristyn if you're interested in volunteering (reading, singing, hospitality, etc.) kristynegli@gmail.com



Sacramental Information

Baptism: Please contact Fr. Tony at tlaforet@dol.ca if you wish to have your child baptized. Baptisms are now being celebrated during Saturday and Sunday Masses. The next Baptismal Prep class will be on Thursday, June 8th, at 6:30 p.m. in Zurich.

First Reconciliation/Communion: Our young children have completed their First Reconciliation two weeks ago and parents gathered this past week to begin preparation for First Communion. Please contact Fr. Steve at smarsh@dol.ca if you have any questions.

Confirmation: Parents should look for a letter coming through the schools after Easter. Please contact Fr. Tony or Fr. Steve for more information: tlaforet@dol.ca

Marriage: please contact Fr. Vince Gulikers one year in advance: vgulikers@dol.ca

Focus on the Sacraments

The seven sacraments are God's gift to each of us. They allow us to grow closer to Him and to deepen our faith and commitment to the Church. Preparations for each of the sacraments is very important and requires each person seeking a particular sacrament to make a firm commitment to its preparations. (This includes those helping in the preparations; educators, sponsors, godparents, and parents).

Engaged couples seeking the **Sacrament of Marriage** are required to contact the parish priest one year in advance of any plans for marriage. Booking a date for the church celebration can only be confirmed once the engaged couple has completed Form 1 with the parish priest. Besides the usual Marriage Prep Course and regular attendance of Sunday Eucharist, engaged couples are strongly encouraged to participate in an Alpha Course.

Parents seeking the **Sacrament of Baptism** for their first newborn child are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation class which is scheduled every three months. Parents seeking baptism for their second or third child, etc. are required to attend Baptismal Preparation class if they are not yet attending weekly Sunday Eucharist. All parents are encouraged to participate in an Alpha Course as well in the following years.

The sacraments are open to all people seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus, our Saviour which is why we are encouraging regular attendance of the Sunday Eucharist and the opportunity to encounter Jesus through the Alpha Course.

Assumption University Graduate Diploma in Catholic Studies - Spring 2023 Admission Now Open

The new Graduate Diploma in Catholic Studies is now accepting applications for the Spring 2023 semester. The diploma is considered a hiring asset by eight Catholic school boards in Ontario. Apply at https://assumptionu.ca/diploma-in-catholic-studies/ (the application form is at the bottom of the page). Please have a copy of your undergraduate transcripts sent to registrar@assumptionu.ca. Deadline for Spring 2023 admission is May 3, 2023.

Growing Friendship - Growing A Caring Community & Conflict Without Drama

Join Us **April 17 and April 24, 2023, at 7 pm to 9:30 pm** for **live** workshops at Holy Trinity Catholic High School, 128 Evergreen Hill Rd., Simcoe, **or Online**. *Register* at http://www.kofc4502.ca, Two workshops are designed for children aged 10 and older, teens, singles and couples to learn how to become good friends and to productively manage conflict. Based on the lessons from the masters of marriage & 50 years of research you will enrich your understanding of "Love your neighbour as yourself" as it applies to couples, families, teen relationships, and good friends.

Donations at the door or directly to https://www.norfolkhaldimandhospice.ca/ care for our dying. **Presenter:** Mike Fidler MSW RSW Certified Master Trainer Gottman Institute Seattle.

Regular Confession Times

Tuesday	11:00pm to 12:00pm	St. Joseph
Wednesday	11:30am to 12:15pm	Zurich [']
Friday	9:45am to 10:30am	Grand Bend
,	11:00am to 12:00pm	Goderich
	1:15pm to 1:45pm	Exeter
Saturday	9:45am to 10:15am	Goderich
•	9:45am to 10:30am	Mount Carmel

Confessions also available by appointment

Confession Heals The Soul

Catholics are encouraged to partake of the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) as much as possible, but especially during Lent, because confession is good for the soul. None of us is perfect, and all of us carry burdens that could be lightened through honest reflection and repentance. Other religions **include** a confessional practice as well, attesting to the universal need: Jews confess "We have sinned" in the Yom Kippur service. Confession is part of the Hindu *Prāyaścitta*. In Islam, the act of seeking forgiveness from God for sins is called *Istighfar*. Buddhist monks confess their sins to other monks. **Find a time for Confession that works for you, we are here to help and you'll feel better for it.**



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MARSH
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Musicians Needed



For Saturday and Sunday at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please contact Fr. Tony 1-877-450-6414 or email: tlaforet@dol.ca

Young Adult Lenten Retreat Invitation

On **Monday, April 3** Young Adults from our Diocese are invited to an afternoon of reflection, dinner and the Mass of Chrism to begin this most Holy Week of our Liturgical Year. The retreat day begins at 1:00 p.m. at St. George's in London. There will be time of prayer, scripture, reflection, discussion and a meal. After, as a group we will head to the Mass of Chrism at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica at 7:00 p.m. Registration is required, at this <u>link</u>. Once registered Christine Coyle will send you directions to the church and more details. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Christine at <u>ccoyle@dol.ca</u>.



Thank you to <u>Westland Greenhouses</u> for letting us borrow 2 palm trees for the Easter season!

Solidarity Webinar with Fr. Julius and Jenny Cafiso

Jesu Ashram: <u>Solidarity Webinar</u>, **April 18th** 9:00 a.m. (Pacific time) **12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**

Jesu Ashram, a health care facility in Darjeeling, India, continues to serve poor and marginalized people suffering from diseases such as leprosy, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and COVID -19. Join us on Tuesday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m. (PT) 12:00 p.m. (ET) as Fr Julius Kujur SJ, Director of Jesu Ashram, and Jenny Cafiso, Executive Director of Canadian Jesuits International, go live from Jesu Ashram. The event is being held to express gratitude to Canadians across the country, who are important links in solidarity, friendship and support to the community of Jesu Ashram, a ministry begun by Brother Robert Mittelholtz, of Zurich.

Annual Women's Seminar

Unique Mission, with Lisa Canning
Understanding and living out God's will for your life
Sat, April 15, 2023 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saint André Bessette Catholic Secondary School, London

\$40/person before Thu, April 13, 2023

Watch Lisa's Invite
Click here to register

Lisa Canning (HGTV, *The Possibility Mom*) invites you to come hear her speak at the Annual Women's Seminar! Lisa will be giving two workshop style presentations, "What Does God Want? Discovering Your Unique Mission and Mission In Action: How to Live Out Your Mission Without Sacrificing What Matters Most".

Volunteers Needed For St. Michael's Cemetery Annual Clean Up

Saturday, April 29th, 2023
(Rain Date Saturday, May 6th). Please bring rakes & shovels & Meet at the cemetery for 9am. Anyone needing Volunteer Hours - Please bring your Verification Sheet to be signed.



Also, volunteer hours can be earned by helping to paint some statues & fence posts, later, when the weather warms up. Call Gisele Kelly if interested. 519-525-9567.

FORMED

All parishioners of the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes have access to FORMED! FORMED provides the very best Catholic content to help families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. There are thousands of movies, children's programs, e-books, audio, parish programs and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device. Registration is easy and there is no cost to you. Directions to register are found on our website at: http://www.lhcfp.dol.ca/formed.

There is so much on the site we know it may be a bit overwhelming, so why not start with "This Week on Formed" which gives a few seasonal suggestions. Formed is an enjoyable way to grow in your faith. Why not give it a try!

Finance

Office Notice Regarding Cheques & E-Transfers

Please ensure that all cheques are made payable to your parish and NOT to Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes. For etransfers please use the email address for your parish found below, under "4 Ways to Donate to Our Family of Parishes". Please be sure to include your first and last name as well as your email address in the notes section of e-transfer. This is important for tax receipt purposes. Mass stipends follow the same rules as donations. Thank you for your time and consideration.

4 Ways to Donate to Our Family of Parishes

E-Transfers: simply send funds from your account to your parish site:

St. Peter, Goderich -stpetersgh@dol.ca

St. Boniface - stboniface@dol.ca

St. Peter, St. Joseph - stpeter@dol.ca

IHM - ihmgrandbend@dol.ca

Precious Blood - preciousblood@dol.ca

OLMC - ourladvmc@dol.ca

PAD: sign-up and donate from your account. Please contact Lori Laporte-x–241 or Karen Kester–x-242: 1-877-450-6414 or email: lhcfp@dol.ca for more information.

Envelopes: please contact the office for a box of offertory envelopes.

Pllenty: Donate with your credit card via our Pllenty link at the parish website under **DONATE.** https://lhcfp.dol.ca/donate

Did you know there can be tax advantages when donating shares? Find out more <u>here</u>. If you would like to donate shares to your parish please contact Lori or Karen. Please consider your parish in your Estate planning.

LAKE HURON CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES TRIDUUM SCHEDULE - 2023

HOLY THURSDAY – THURS, APRIL 6 th , 7 PM	EASTER VIGIL – SAT,	APRIL 8th – 8:30 PM
EXETER GODERICH MT. CARMEL GRAND BEND	EXETER GODERICH GRAND BEND	
GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY – APRIL 7 th , 11 AM	EASTER MORNING -	SUN, APRIL 9th
GODERICH MT CARMEL * GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – APRIL 7 th , 3PM ZURICH	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	ZURICH EXETER GODERICH GRAND BEND MT. CARMEL
GODERICH MT. CARMEL GRAND BEND	11:00 AM 11:30 AM	ZURICH ST. JOSPEH

* Good Friday Services - Why only at 3pm?

Traditionally, the Good Friday Services have always been at 3pm, the hour of the Lord's Passion. For this reason, there has always been the directive that any other services that are *not* at 3pm, are to be distinguished as something different, so that the lay faithful do not confuse it or think of it as the Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion. While this has not always been as clearly differentiated in the past, it has always been the case. This means regardless of what parishes offer, if you wish to attend the Good Friday Service, it is at 3pm, and any other services are something different. But since not everyone can make it at that time, and since typically 11am services have been focused for the children, this year we are having the schools that wish to organize a Passion play or some similar service, for those who would like to attend. This is also why Holy Communion will not be offered at these services, and only at 3pm.

Please also know that while we have an obligation to attend the Easter Vigil or the Easter Sunday Mass, this does not include Holy Thursday or Good Friday. It is most certainly wonderful to attend, and we encourage you to do so, but you are not committing a sin if you cannot make it.

Easter Flower Memorials

We invite parishioners to participate in our Family of Parishes Easter tradition of making a donation toward the purchase of flowers in memory of their deceased loved ones. As a special way to honour your deceased family and friends, these flowers will decorate all our churches during the entire Easter season as we celebrate and place our hope in the Resurrection. Please complete the form below or write the information on an envelope. Envelopes may be placed into the collection basket at one of the churches. **Please clearly mark the envelope "Easter Flower Donation" and have donations to the office by April 4th to ensure the names of your loved ones will be published on the website. Donations will still be accepted after this date.**

cut and place in envelope or include this information on your envelope					
Please print clearly – the	ank you)				
Name:		Donation:\$			
Telephone #:	Address:				
Parish:	In Memory of:				

Financial Overview

Period Ending February 28, 2023



Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus

	St Peter, Goderich					
	Feb 2023 2023 YTD Budget YTD PrvYTD (2022)*					
Operating Receipts	\$21,672	\$40,794	\$35,000	\$25,218		
Operating Expenses	\$25,587	\$43,522	\$37,100	\$41,543		
Surplus (Loss)	(\$3,915)	(\$2,728)	(\$2,100)	(\$14,795)		

Immaculate Heart of Mary					
Feb 2023 2023 YTD Budget YTD PrvYTD (2022)*					
\$6,223	\$13,916	\$15,690	\$10,300		
\$6,929	\$14,751	\$16,510	\$18,214		
(\$706)	(\$835)	(\$820)	(\$7,248)		

	Precious Blood				
	Feb 2023 2023 YTD Budget YTD PrvYTD (2022)*				
Operating Receipts	\$12,140	\$20,934	\$16,850	\$16,812	
Operating Expenses	\$14,694	\$24,771	\$21,100	\$23,021	
Surplus (Loss)	(\$2,554) (\$3,837) (\$4,250) (\$5,450)				

Our Lady of Mount Carmel						
Feb 2023 2023 YTD Budget YTD PrvYTD (2022)*						
\$7,873	\$16,499	\$15,510	\$15,099			
\$7,727	\$16,126	\$17,300	\$19,831			
\$145	\$372	(\$1,790)	(\$4,015)			

	St. Peter, St. Joseph				
	Feb 2023 2023 YTD Budget YTD PrvYTD (2022)*				
Operating Receipts	\$5,935	\$18,141	\$12,850	\$10,074	
Operating Expenses	\$6,793	\$14,394	\$13,500	\$13,875	
Surplus (Loss)	(\$858)	\$3,748	(\$650)	(\$3,312)	

St Boniface					
Feb 2023 2023 YTD Budget YTD PrvYTD (
\$10,357	\$23,204	\$18,050	\$16,840		
\$11,286	\$25,678	\$22,630	\$24,849		
(\$929)	(\$2,474)	(\$4,580)	(\$7,119)		

	Lake Huron Family of Parishes					
	Feb 2023	Feb 2023 2023 YTD Budget YTD PrvYTD (2022)*				
Operating Receipts	\$64,199	\$133,488	\$113,950	\$94,342		
Operating Expenses	\$73,017 \$139,242 \$128,140 \$1					
Surplus (Loss)	(\$8,817) (\$5,754) (\$14,190) (\$41					

* 2022 has effects of Covid shutdowns & subsidies

<< This section is for information purposes only It is simply our 6 parishes added together.

PrvYTD is for Comparision over last year.

We thank you all for your prayerful and financial support. Thank you for your generosity.

Father Antoine (Tony) Laforet and your Finance Committee members

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YTD = Year to Date

 Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes Finance Committee Members

 St. Peter, Goderich - Paul Scholten
 Immaculate Heart of Mary - Jim Karry

 St. Boniface - Ted Soudant
 Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Pauline Insley

 St. Peter, St. Joseph - Michael Jardine
 Precious Blood - Jake Sweeny

 Pastor - Fr. Antoine (Tony) Laforet
 Business Manager - Jim Van Lanen

Shared Expenses(shared staff salaries, office expenses etc.) split as follows as of 1 Jan 2023)

St. Peter, Goderich - 29%

St. Boniface - 16%

St. Peter, St. Joseph - 10%

Immaculate Heart of Mary - 13% Our Lady of Mount Carmel - 15% Precious Blood - 16%

Based on Parish Donations (Sunday Offering, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving)

Commentary

>We are early in the year and all Parish are not far from budgeted deficit numbers and all better than last year at this time.

>Utility Bills, especially Natural Gas were higher than expected, cost increases of \sim 50% higher than last year.

>St. Peter, Goderich. ~ \$1,300 expense/refurbishing Sacred Vessels, all covered by generous donation from parishoner.

>Precious Blood. ~\$4,700 expense/refurbishing Sacred Vessels & tabernacle all covered by generous donation from parishoner.

"The happiest people on earth are the people who have discovered the joy of giving."

Irish Pilgrimage with Fr. Vince

Sept.28 - Oct. 7, 2023

Spiritual Director - Fr. Vincent Gulikers (limited seating at 25)

Join us for a pilgrimage and tour of the sites of Ireland. We arrive in Dublin and for 10 days we will see the sites of Trinity College, the Book of Kells, Christ Church Cathedral, Wicklow, Knock, House of Waterford Crystal, Kilkenny, Cashel, County Cork and Blarney, Killarney Park, Adare, Glenstal Abbey, St. Brigids in Clare, the Cliffs of Moher, Croagh Patrick, Clonmacnoise on River Shannon, and with it the traditional songs, libations, and dance of Ireland. If interested speak to Fr. Vincent (519-384-3366, vgulikers@dol.ca), or Tour Co-ordinator: Irene Koh (519-464-2044, kohirene88@gmail.com)



Social Justice Initiative



Results of Monday's Soup Suppers During Lent: A big thank you to all who contributed to and / or attended the Soup Suppers which were held at St. Boniface Church during Lent. We are grateful for your support. You'll be happy to know that \$1,020.00 was raised for the works of Development and Peace in Syria and Turkey. Thank you! ~ Social Justice Committee

Coming Soon!

What's next after Alpha? And when will the next Alpha be held? Stay Tuned!



The Knights of Columbus Council 8480

Serving Grand Bend, Mt. Carmel, Exeter, Zurich and St Joseph. We invite you to a showing of **THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST** on **Friday, April 7th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Grand Bend at 7:30 pm**. Admittance is by Free Will Offering with the proceeds going to the Blessings Food Bank.

Next General Meeting will be held at Precious Blood Church, Exeter, **April 12th @7pm**. Everyone welcome!

Precious Blood, Exeter Food Drive

In preparing for the Easter season Precious Blood Parish will be participating in a food drive. The food requirement for the month of April is Canned Food (vegetables and fruit) for example peas, carrots, mixed vegetables corn, mixed fruits, peaches, pears, pineapple etc. The food donation will be collected until **April 2nd**. Boxes for donations will be kept in the Narthex of the church. *Thank you, parishioners, for your kind generosity*.

Precious Blood, Exeter CWL

Precious Blood CWL will be hosting **CARD MAKING** following our next General Meeting on **April 11, 2023**. Meeting **@ 7 pm, card making @ 7:30 pm**. This event is open to **all parishioners**, come join us for a little fun and sisterhood! We will be led by a Stampin' Up consultant, who will provide instructions, kits and all things needed to make a one-of-a-kind greeting card. Cost is \$6. Please let Caroline (226-374-9145) know if you plan to attend so we have enough supplies for everyone.

Don't forget to deposit your Hansen's Independent grocery receipts in the box in the church entrance or at the grocery store. Thanks for your support!

St. Peter, Goderich CWL

Next Executive Meeting, **April 11th, 7pm** at Columbus Centre Lounge.

Dr. Simone Collection: Members and parishioners are encouraged to donate to this worthy cause. Donations will be accepted on **Saturday, June 3 from 10 am until 12 noon** at St. Peter's church basement. A list will be provided in the coming days and will be available at the entrance of the church.

CWL Pin Ribbon: Showcase your League pins with this ribbon! Cost is \$15. Pay by **Interac e-Transfer**, email stpeterscwlgoderich@gmail.com. State it's for CWL Pin Ribbon. **Enclose a \$15 cheque or cash** in a CWL blue envelope (record of payment), write "CWL Pin Ribbon" and put in CWL drop box at church.

St. Peter, St. Joseph CWL

Potluck Dinner & General Meeting

Ladies, please join us Tuesday, April 11. Social begins at 6:00pm. Service Pins will be awarded, and the new executive installed. All are welcome. Share the Wealth. Registration will be available for our Spring Retreat & Tail Gate Yard Sale.

Easter/Spring Food Drive

Please remember our local food bank, Blessings, in Zurich. We're collecting needed items, such as canned meats and stews, vegetable and fruit juices, sugar, condiments, oatmeal, soda crackers, and instant coffee. Items can be dropped off at the church entrance. Thank you for your continued support.

Spring Retreat to honour Mother Mary, Queen of Angels – **May 6, 2023**, in the Parish Hall. Open to all ladies of Our Family of Parishes. Bring your rosary as we'll be exploring the multi-facets of prayer. **Mass at 8:15am. Retreat 8:45am – 3:00pm**. \$20.00 Includes lunch, snacks, and a welcome gift bag. Must pre-register. Contact Dianne Tschirhart at 519.565.5275 or cocirescue@gmail.com.

Tail Gate Yard Sale – Saturday, May 20, 2023, in the parish parking lot. Sell your treasures from the back of your vehicle. Bring your own table, if needed. \$15.00 per vehicle, and you keep all sales proceeds. Book your spot now! Contact Susan Regier at 519.851.9994 or susan@susanregier.com.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend CWL

The next monthly General Meeting of IHM CWL will be held on **Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 at 1pm**, in Fr. Beck Aud. Remember to bring your toonie for the missions. Lunch Group C is on duty.

Immaculate Heart of Mary's CWL will be sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive for Blessings Food Bank from now **until Good Friday (Apr. 7th)**. Current requests from the Food Bank include: Soda Crackers, Canned Meat & Fruit, Condiments, Instant Coffee, Peanut Butter, Cleaning Supplies and Sugar. If you wish to make a monetary donation by cheque, please make the cheque payable to "BLESSINGS FOOD BANK" and put it into an envelope and deposit it into the container provided near the food collection box. Cash can also be put into an envelope and added to the container. Thank you for your continued support.

SAVE THESE DATES...for 2 **Huron Country Playhouse** shows! **Thursday, June 22, 2023**, 2 pm - "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" and **Wednesday, July 12, 2023**, 2 pm - "The Crooner" (starring Michael Vanhevel!) More details to come in April. For show information, check <u>www.draytonentertainment.com</u>

School Play

There will be a school play at St. Boniface School, called "Frozen", to be held in the school gym, on Wednesday, April 26th at 1pm and again at 7pm. Also, Thursday and Friday (27th and 28th) at 7pm only. Please join us.



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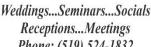


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