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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023 - HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY • JOSEPH JANUARY 7, 2024 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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### WEEKEND MASSES

GODERICH  
SATURDAY 5PM  
SUNDAY 9AM

MOUNT CARMEL  
SATURDAY 5PM  
SUNDAY 11AM

GRAND BEND  
SUNDAY 9AM

ZURICH  
SATURDAY 5PM  
SUNDAY 8:30AM

EXETER  
SUNDAY 11AM

ST. JOSEPH  
SUNDAY 11:30AM

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Corrie ten Boom (1892–1983), author and Holocaust survivor who helped many Jews escape the Nazis during World War II wrote these words:

*He brought peace on earth and wants to bring it also into your soul - that peace which the world cannot give. He is the One who would save His people from their sins.*

From the domestic home to places such as the Ukraine and Holy Land, where there exists the constant threat of war, conflict and violence, the birth of Jesus, which we celebrate this Christmas, it is our great hope that all God's people will strive together to pray for the peace which only Jesus, our Saviour, can bring to this world.

Jesus was born among us, through the Virgin Mary, to conquer sin and death. It was not an easy task, but Jesus paid the price with His very life so that you and I would one day know and celebrate this amazing gift of eternal peace in God's Kingdom.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas, let us hope that each of us may be a sign of God's peaceful reign on earth. Let us hope that we will open our hearts to those who live in poverty and let us be a sign of God's peace each day of our lives on this earth. Let us reject sin and despair so that we may allow Christ's peace to reign in our hearts and minds all the days of our lives.

Please accept our Christmas gift to you, this book called, Beautiful Eucharist. May you discover the power and joy of Christ's Real Presence and share this book with others. Thank you to all our donors who made this gift possible through their generous donations.

On behalf of Fr. Vince, Fr. Steve and myself, and our entire staff and team of leaders and volunteers, we wish you and your family a peaceful Christmas Season filled with the abundant joy of Christ's birth.

May Jesus, the Prince of Peace, reign in your soul forever!

Fr. Antoine (Tony) Laforet

Pastor for the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF  
December 24th - December 30th, 2023**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF  
December 31st - January 6th, 2024**

Nursing Home Masses					
Tue, Dec 26, 2023			Tue, Jan 02, 2024		
No Mass / Office Closed			10:30am—Mass	Blue Water Rest Home, Zurich For Vocations to the Priesthood Bernard MacDonald	K of C Council 8480 Son of Virginia MacDonald
St. Peter, St. Joseph					
Tue, Dec 26, 2023			Tue, Jan 02, 2024		
No Mass / Office Closed			No Mass / Office Closed		
St. Boniface, Zurich					
Thu, Dec 28, 2023			Thu, Jan 04, 2024		
11:30am— Adoration & Confession 12:30pm—Mass	A Special Intention Beulah & Raymond Rivard Darren Creces George Suplat Louis Masse	Mary Lou Denomme Estate Paul Bedard Margaret Suplat Kathryn Regier	11:30am— Adoration & Confessions 12:30pm—Mass	Sr. Mary Regier For Vocations to the Priesthood Carolyn Rau Leo & Cecilia Meidinger Kevin McKinnon	Warren & Helen Regier K of C Council 8480 Joe & Marilyn Kenda Family Mary Ducharme & Family
St. Peter, Goderich					
Wed, Dec 27, 2023			Wed, Jan 03, 2024		
No Mass / Office Closed			No Mass / Office Re-opens		
Thu, Dec 28, 2023			Thu, Jan 04, 2024		
No Mass / Office Closed			No Mass		
Fri, Dec 29, 2023			Fri, Jan 05, 2024		
11am—Adoration & Confession 12:15pm—Mass	William Van Osch	Diane & Mark Lalonde	11am—Adoration & Confession 12:15pm—Mass	Int. of Ida Ziebart	Barb Moerbeek
Sat, Dec 30, 2023			Sat, Jan 06, 2024		
9am—Mass 9:30am Adoration & Confession	Richard Meier	Margarit Meier	9am—Mass 9:30am Adoration & Confession	For Vocations to the Priesthood	K of C Council 8480
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend					
Wed, Dec 27, 2023			Wed, Jan 03, 2024		
9:15am—Mass	Christine Hodgson Joanne Dowswell Theo & Elizabeth Vink	Huron Perth Catholic DSB IHM CWL Francis & Doreen Hartman	9:15am—Mass	Paul Zavitz Int. of Deacon Jim Van Lanen For Vocations to the Priesthood	Fay Dutka-Zavitz Andy & Cathy Vrolyk K of C Council 8480
Fri, Dec 29, 2023			Fri, Jan 05, 2024		
9:15am—Mass 9:45am—Adoration & Confession	Anny Michielsens Pauline de Jeu	IHM CWL Andy & Cathy Vrolyk	9:15am—Mass 9:45am—Adoration & Confession	For Vocations to the Priesthood Louisa Mezenberg	K of C Council 8480 IHM CWL
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Carmel					
Thu, Dec 28, 2023			Thu, Jan 04, 2024		
9:15am—Mass	Mike Hartman	Jason Hartman	No Mass		
Sat, Dec 30, 2023			Sat, Jan 06, 2024		
9:15am—Mass 9:45am—Adoration & Confession	Carlos Wagner	Luciana daSilva	9:15am—Mass 9:45am—Adoration & Confession	Souls in Purgatory	
Precious Blood, Exeter					
Fri, Dec 29, 2023			Fri, Jan 05, 2024		
12:45pm—Mass 1:15pm—Confession	Harry Winters	Rita Winters	12:45pm—Mass 1:15pm—Confession	Beulah & Raymond Rivard	Estate



## “That’s what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.”

Luke 2:8-14 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were so afraid. And the angel said unto them, “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**January 7th - January 13th, 2024**

**Nursing Home Masses**

**Tue, Jan 09, 2024**

**Huronview Home for the Aged, Clinton**

10:30am—Mass **For Vocations to the Priesthood** K of C Council 8480

**St. Peter, St. Joseph**

**Tue, Jan 09, 2024**

11am—Adoration & Confession **Int. of Martha Mungar** Pat & Elaine Jeffrey  
**Febby Van Praet** Lynn Ferwerda  
 12pm—Mass **James Feely** Diane Feeley & Family  
**Int. of Tony LaPorte** Phil & Patty LaPorte

**St. Boniface, Zurich**

**Wed, Jan 10, 2024**

11:30am—Adoration & Confession **Peter Bedard Sr.** Theresa Bedard  
**Theresa Regier** Karl & Mary Regier  
 12:30pm—Mass **Virginia Denomme** Janice Hartman  
**Lottie Grenier** Estate  
**Int. of Deacon Jim & Bonnie** Francis & Doreen Hartman

**St. Peter, Goderich**

**Wed, Jan 10, 2024**

8am—Adoration **Pauline Dean** Jane & Christine  
 9:15am—Mass

**Thu, Jan 11, 2024**

12pm—Mass **John Paul Rau** K of C, Goderich

**Fri, Jan 12, 2024**

11am—Adoration & Confession **David Quinlan** Anna Smith  
 12:15pm—Mass

**Sat, Jan 13, 2024**

9am—Mass **For Vocations to the Priesthood** K of C Council 8480  
 9:30am Adoration & Confession

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend**

**Wed, Jan 10, 2024**

9:15am—Mass **For Vocations to the Priesthood** K of C Council 8480  
**Pauline de Jeu** IHM CWL

**Fri, Jan 12, 2024**

9:15am—Mass **Bertha Baltessen** Martin & Lia Vandenberg  
 9:45am—Adoration & Confession **Henry & Mary Dutka** Fay Dutka-Zavitz

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Carmel**

**Thu, Jan 11, 2024**

9:15am—Mass **For Vocations to the Priesthood** K of C Council 8480

**Sat, Jan 13, 2024**

9:15am—Mass **A Special Intention** A Parishioner  
 9:45am—Adoration & Confession

**Precious Blood, Exeter**

**Fri, Jan 12, 2024**

12:45pm—Mass **For Vocations to the Priesthood** K of C Council 8480  
 1:15pm—Confession



**December Office Notation**

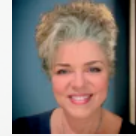
The Parish Office will be closed for the holidays from noon on December 22nd and will reopen on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024.

*Merry Christmas*

May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the joy of family and friends. With warm wishes from the Office Staff and our Pastoral Team.



**Deacon Jim**



**Rachael**



**Karen**



**Lori**



**From left to right:**

**Pastor Rev. Antoine (Tony) Laforet Ext-222**  
**Associate Pastor Rev. Vince Gulikers Ext-223**  
**Associate Pastor Rev. Steve Marsh Ext-226**



**Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar**

**Please Keep In Your Prayers**

<b>T</b>	<b>26-Dec-2023</b>	<b>Feast of St. Stephen</b> Rev. Seejo John
<b>W</b>	<b>27-Dec-2023</b>	<b>Feast of St. John the Evangelist</b> Mrs. Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister
<b>T</b>	<b>28-Dec-2023</b>	<b>Feast of the Holy Innocents</b> Rev. Joseph Onome Oghenejabor
<b>F</b>	<b>29-Dec-2023</b>	Deacon Tim Raaymakers
<b>S</b>	<b>30-Dec-2023</b>	Rev. James Roche
<b>T</b>	<b>2-Jan-2024</b>	<b>Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen</b> Deacon Rudy Pflanzner
<b>W</b>	<b>3-Jan-2024</b>	Rev. Canon Mitchell Kaminski
<b>T</b>	<b>4-Jan-2024</b>	Rev. Frank Leslie
<b>F</b>	<b>5-Jan-2024</b>	Deacon Gason Mabaya
<b>S</b>	<b>6-Jan-2024</b>	Deacon Gary Flewelling
<b>T</b>	<b>9-Jan-2023</b>	Lucia Costa, Pastoral Minister
<b>W</b>	<b>10-Jan-2023</b>	Rev. Josef Denys
<b>T</b>	<b>11-Jan-2023</b>	Rev. Francis Thekkumkattil, C.S.T.
<b>F</b>	<b>12-Jan-2023</b>	<b>Memorial of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</b> Ms. Cathryn Hall
<b>S</b>	<b>13-Jan-2023</b>	Rev. Michael Parent

# Christmas Schedule

	Sunday Vigil Mass	Sunday Mass	Christmas Eve Mass	Christmas Day Mass	Sunday Vigil Mass	Sunday Mass	Mary Mother of God Mass	Mary Mother of God Mass
	12/23/2023	12/24/2023	12/24/2023	12/25/2023	12/30/2023	12/31/2023	12/31/2023	1/1/2024
St. Boniface, Zurich	5:00pm	8:30am	5:00pm *	10:00am	5:00pm	8:30am	5:00pm	
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend		9:00am	5:00pm	10:00am		9:00am	5:00pm	
St. Peter, Goderich	5:00pm	9:00am	5:00pm	10:00am	5:00pm	9:00am	5:00pm	10:00am ***
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Carmel	5:00pm	11:00am	5:00pm **	10:00am	5:00pm	11:00am		10:00am
Precious Blood, Exeter		11:00am	5:00pm	10:00am		11:00am		10:00am
St. Peter, St. Joseph		11:30am	5:30pm	10:00am		11:30am		10:00am

\* St. Boniface Christmas Eve 5pm is a Youth and Family Mass

\*\* Mt. Carmel Christmas Eve 5pm is a Youth and Family Mass

\*\*\* Mass added

## January Special Dates

- Baptism of the Lord: Jan 8th**
  - Last day of the Christmas Season
- Alpha Reunion: Jan 10th**
  - Precious Blood, Exeter at 5:30pm
- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Jan 11th**
  - St. Peter Hall, St. Joseph's at 7pm
- 1st Communion Parent Meeting: Jan 16th**
  - St. Boniface, Zurich at 7pm
- R.C.I.A.: Jan 17th, 24th, 31st**
  - St. Boniface, Zurich at 7pm
- Liturgy Meeting: Jan 18th**
  - St. Boniface, Zurich at 7pm
- Confirmation Preparation: Jan 25th**
  - St. Boniface, Zurich at 7pm



## Blessing the Family Christmas Tree

You may bless the tree as soon as you put it up, or you can wait until after you have decorated it. When you are ready to do the blessing, gather everyone around the tree and designate someone to lead the following prayer.

You will need water or holy water (if available) to celebrate this blessing.

Leader: Loving God, we stand before you once again. We stand here ready to celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus.

(Have everyone extend a hand in a gesture of blessing. Sprinkle water or holy water on the tree while praying the following prayer.)

Leader: Bless this tree, this sign of life and freshness and perseverance in our midst. It stands as a reminder that you are born anew in us each day. Bless our family and friends as we celebrate this joyous season. Keep us safe in our travels, kind in our conversations, and gracious in our giving and receiving. We ask you this in confidence, because we know you love us.

All: Amen.

(Join in singing a favorite Christmas carol, such as "O Christmas Tree" or "Joy to the World.")

~ Loyola Press

## Alpha Reunion January 10th

For all those who have participated in an Alpha course, either in person or online, please join us for a potluck dinner at Precious Blood Hall from 5:30pm to 9pm. Please RSVP to Brian Westlaken: brwest@tcc.on.ca.



## Sacramental Information

### Baptism

Please contact Fr. Tony at [tlaforet@dol.ca](mailto:tlaforet@dol.ca) if you wish to have your child baptized. Baptisms are now being celebrated during Saturday and Sunday Masses.

### Confirmation

All students and parents are invited to register online and to join us for our **first meeting on Thursday, January 25th at 7pm**, at St. Boniface. Any students in grade 8 and in high school who missed the opportunity to celebrate confirmation are also welcome to register for classes through our website at [lakehuroncatholic@dol.ca/sacraments](mailto:lakehuroncatholic@dol.ca/sacraments).

### Marriage

Please contact Fr. Vince at least one year in advance: [vgulikers@dol.ca](mailto:vgulikers@dol.ca)

## Youth & Family Mass



### St. Boniface Church, Zurich

Christmas Eve, December 24th, 2023 at 5pm

Contact Kristyn Egli if you're interested in volunteering (reading, singing, hospitality, etc.) [kristynegli@gmail.com](mailto:kristynegli@gmail.com)

### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mt. Carmel

Christmas Eve, December 24th, 2023 at 5pm

Contact Janet Roelands if you have any questions, [dj.roelands@gmail.com](mailto:dj.roelands@gmail.com)

### Precious Blood Church, Exeter

January 21st, 2024 at 11am

Contact Kate Dobson if you have any questions, [kdobson@huronperthcatholic.ca](mailto:kdobson@huronperthcatholic.ca)

# Family of Parishes Updates and Events

## *Bishop Fabbro's Christmas Message*

2023 is available for download in [English](#) and [French](#)

### Calling all Catholic post-secondary students! Canadian Catholic Students' Association Conference at King's

The Canadian Catholic Students' Association (CCSA) is the official student-led national organization supported by the Canadian bishops. King's students and Campus Ministry at both King's and St. Michael's College will host the CCSA Central Region Conference at King's University College in London, Ontario from January 19 to 21, 2024. Dr. Leonard DeLorenzo ([www.leonardjdelorenzo.com](http://www.leonardjdelorenzo.com)) from the University of Notre Dame is the keynote speaker and will join us to discuss WITNESS - why and how we witness to Christ. Through service and dialogue we will learn to give witness to our faith on campus and in our local communities. Post-secondary students in Ontario and Quebec are invited to join this gathering of faith, fun and fellowship. To find out details or to register, please click here.

### Are you available December 24th?



We are looking for volunteers to help with decorating the Christmas trees at each of our churches. Please contact Fr. Tony at [tlaforet@dol.ca](mailto:tlaforet@dol.ca)

### Growing in knowledge of the Catholic Faith?

Courses at St. Peter's Seminary are open for those interested to audit or take for credit. Unless otherwise indicated, all courses are taught in person. A couple of the courses being offered during the Winter Semester are:

- Johannine Literature (5202B) with Dr. Nick Meyer (Tuesdays, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.)
- Mission and Ministry (5571B) with Dr. Bernardine Ketelaars (Wednesdays, (9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)
- Theology of Suffering (5219B) with Dr. John Dool (Fridays 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Of particular interest to those working in parish ministry, Canon Law II (5551B) with Father Paul Baillargeon, will be offered on Thursdays (9:30 – 11:30 a.m.). Please note that Canon Law I is not a pre-requisite to this course. Also offered online is Introduction to Catholic Liturgy (5141B) with Father Pierre Robitaille; synchronously each Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., via Zoom. Particulars related to these and other courses which may be of interest, class times, and instructors are available at this [link](#). Further information and registration details can also be obtained by contacting Dr. Bernardine Ketelaars by email at [bgketela@uwo.ca](mailto:bgketela@uwo.ca) or by calling 519-646-7152.

### Plenary Indulgence at Franciscan Churches

To celebrate the 8th centennial of the world's first crib/nativity scene (1223-2023) by St. Francis of Assisi, in Greccio, Italy, Pope Francis has approved a Plenary Indulgence. The faithful are being offered the opportunity to receive a Plenary Indulgence, **from December 8, 2023 to February 2, 2024**, at our Franciscan churches where the Nativity Scenes will be available. All the details, including a list of participating churches, are on the poster at this [link](#).

### Join Us!

**Monday, January 8**, we are planning a pilgrimage to gain the plenary indulgence. Meet us at Mt. Carmel Church at 9:30am on the Monday so to caravan to St. Andrew Church in London Ontario. Mass will be celebrated at 11am and we will pray the Creed before the nativity scene. You may go to confession from the week before to the week after in order to receive the indulgence. However, visiting the Franciscan church and praying before the nativity scene is key. **All are welcome!**

### Simple Solutions for Everyday Problems Webinars to make your life easier

Meetings take so much of our time, and they can and should be effective parts of our day. Whether you chair meetings or actively contribute to them, this webinar you will equip you with practical tools for that ensure your meetings matter. Join us on Thursday, January 18, from 1:30-2:30 as we dive into techniques that will help make meetings a meaningful and productive part of your work routines. Details and registration link can be found at <https://dol.ca/simple-solutions>.

### Cursillo! Interested?

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning 'a little course'. Cursillo, which begins a Thursday night through to Sunday afternoon, helps us to look at ourselves and our relationships with others and God, through a series of talks by others who have made a previous weekend.

**Day one:** we look at ourselves;

**Day two:** we consider God's love for us;

**Day three:** we consider the world around us and how we can be a Godly influence to those around us. All who make the weekend find a deeper joy in their faith, their Church, and their community.

Needing something to boost your faith and spirit. Consider joining us on **February 1-4 2024 for the men's weekend or Feb. 8-11, 2024 for the women's weekend**. You can find a brochure at the entry of the church or call Eileen and David Sleightholm, our parish contact at 519-524-9400



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### News Briefs

from December 2023  
[Blue Water Rest Home](#)  
[Board Meeting](#)

**NEW: Clicking on the CWL names below will take you to our website for more information.**

#### **Knights of Columbus Council 8480**

- See website for details...

#### **St. Peter, St. Joseph's CWL**

- See website for details...

#### **St. Peter, Goderich CWL**

- General Meeting will be January 9th at 7pm at the Columbus Club Lounge...
- Mint Smoothie Christmas Fundraiser!...
- Bakeless Bake Sale...THANK YOU!

#### **Precious Blood, Exeter CWL**

- Collect and save Hansen's Independent receipts...

#### **Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend CWL**

- Our CWL monthly meeting will be held on January 2, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Note the change in date. Group "C" is on duty.
- No coffee Sunday in December...

#### **St. Boniface, Zurich CWL**

- See website for details...



### CWL 2024 Memberships Due!

Please see [website](#) and scroll down for more information on how to pay or who to contact for each CWL. Thank you!



## MONEY MATTERS

### Cheques & E-Transfers



Please ensure that all cheques are made payable to your parish and NOT to Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes. For e-transfers 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: send funds from your account to your parish site:

- St. Peter, Goderich — [stpetersgh@dol.ca](mailto:stpetersgh@dol.ca)
- St. Boniface — [stboniface@dol.ca](mailto:stboniface@dol.ca)
- St. Peter, St. Joseph — [stpeter@dol.ca](mailto:stpeter@dol.ca)
- IHM — [ihmgrandbend@dol.ca](mailto:ihmgrandbend@dol.ca)
- Precious Blood — [preciousblood@dol.ca](mailto:preciousblood@dol.ca)
- OLMC — [ourladymc@dol.ca](mailto:ourladymc@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: [lakehuroncatholic@dol.ca](mailto:lakehuroncatholic@dol.ca) for more information.

Envelopes: 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.  
[lakehuroncatholic.ca/donate](https://lakehuroncatholic.ca/donate)

Have you considering donating to your parish as part of Estate planning? Did you know there can be tax advantages when donating shares? Find out more [here](#). If you would like to donate shares to your parish please contact Lori Laporte-x-241 or Karen Kester-x-242: 1-877-450-6414 or email: [lakehuroncatholic@dol.ca](mailto:lakehuroncatholic@dol.ca)

## Work being done at Mount Carmel

A couple of capital projects have started and will continue over the next few weeks. The flat roof over the ramp to the sacristy is being replaced (is leaking) and the Hydro service is being relocated to the Bronson line as it currently passes over private property. Weather permitting, they will be done before Christmas. Donations toward these necessary projects would be greatly appreciated. Please indicate it is a capital donation. Thank you for your generosity.

## Preauthorized Donations

This method helps the mission of the parish. It streamlines the work of counting, depositing, and recording the offertory gifts, and helps with our budgeting and cashflow.

We are now preparing our records for next year. If you are not already signed up and would like to switch to this convenient method of giving through automatic monthly bank withdrawal, please contact Lori (x241) or Karen (x242) at the parish office. Preauthorized Donation Forms for 2024 can be found in the entrance of the Church and on our website under "Donate".

Please send completed forms to the Zurich office by December 1, 2023 to ensure automatic withdrawal can begin January 2024. Thank-you to those who already use preauthorized bank deductions.



# Christmas Flower's and Decorations 2023

**Dedicated to those who are dear to us. In loving memory of:**

Smith & Bedard Families	Mary Inwards	Hickey Family
Fr. John Pluta	Timothy Inwards	Ed & Ellen Jeffrey
Uleen Calaghan	Monica Bedard	Edward & Mary Campbell
Matthew Ducharme	Cody Ducharme	Bernie Denomme
Daniel Lalonde	Jean Paul Lalonde	Joel Regier
Mark & Rae Mathers	Gordon & Helen Blake	Ron Moran
Vi Cundari	Lou Cundari	Ivan Lajeunesse
Cheryle Schmidt	Carl Schmidt	Raymond & Gertrude Leddy
Barbara & Peter Santandrea	Bernice & Walter UI	Ken Leddy
Raphael Spaleta	Marc Pfeiffer	Len Baird
Raphael & Augusta Verhoeven-Dupon	Robert & Marjorie Aarsen-Dupon	Sharp Family
Marcel LaPorte	Angela Kuntz	Poelman Family
van Diepen Family	Catherine Van Roestel	Nowicki Family
Tania Crawford	Annie Reymer	Marcel Verlinde
Miroslaw Kozlowski	Josefa Rozbicka	Verlinde & Verduyn Families
Ivan Topolovec	Branko Blazon	Wayne Sheardown
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## Financial Overview

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St Peter, Goderich					Immaculate Heart of Mary				
	Nov 2023	2023 YTD	Budget YTD	PrvYTD (2022)*	Nov 2023	2023 YTD	Budget YTD	PrvYTD (2022)*	
Operating Receipts	\$20,013	\$211,837	\$216,030	\$192,568	\$7,765	\$120,964	\$85,730	\$97,703	
Operating Expenses	\$22,348	\$234,464	\$227,580	\$220,374	\$9,793	\$89,442	\$87,180	\$86,340	
Surplus (Loss)	(\$2,335)	(\$22,627)	(\$11,550)	(\$27,805)	(\$2,028)	\$31,523	(\$1,450)	\$11,362	

Precious Blood					Our Lady of Mount Carmel				
	Nov 2023	2023 YTD	Budget YTD	PrvYTD (2022)*	Nov 2023	2023 YTD	Budget YTD	PrvYTD (2022)*	
Operating Receipts	\$7,869	\$92,325	\$108,750	\$99,526	\$10,873	\$94,846	\$104,520	\$96,059	
Operating Expenses	\$12,135	\$111,133	\$112,620	\$104,050	\$10,305	\$107,101	\$108,320	\$116,100	
Surplus (Loss)	(\$4,265)	(\$18,809)	(\$3,870)	(\$4,524)	\$568	(\$12,255)	(\$3,800)	(\$20,041)	

St. Peter, St. Joseph					St Boniface				
	Nov 2023	2023 YTD	Budget YTD	PrvYTD (2022)*	Nov 2023	2023 YTD	Budget YTD	PrvYTD (2022)*	
Operating Receipts	\$6,971	\$98,629	\$77,820	\$93,423	\$11,237	\$135,949	\$124,270	\$146,940	
Operating Expenses	\$6,916	\$91,657	\$78,910	\$83,315	\$11,834	\$134,244	\$124,270	\$136,862	
Surplus (Loss)	\$55	\$6,972	(\$1,090)	\$10,108	(\$597)	\$1,705	\$0	\$10,078	

Lake Huron Family of Parishes									
	Nov 2023	2023 YTD	Budget YTD	PrvYTD (2022)*					
Operating Receipts	\$64,728	\$754,549	\$717,120	\$726,219					
Operating Expenses	\$73,330	\$768,041	\$738,880	\$747,042					
Surplus (Loss)	(\$8,602)	(\$13,491)	(\$21,760)	(\$20,823)					

PrvYTD is for Comparison over last year.

\* 2022 has effects of Covid shutdowns & subsidies

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**St. Peter, Goderich** - Paul Scholten  
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**Our Lady of Mount Carmel** - Tom McCann  
**Precious Blood** - Jake Sweeny  
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### Shared Expenses(shared staff salaries, office expenses etc.) split as follows as of January 1, 2023)

**St. Peter, Goderich** - 29%  
**St. Boniface** - 16%  
**St. Peter, St. Joseph** - 11%

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

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

## Commentary

**Thank you in advance for your Christmas offerings, especially in those parishes in a deficit position, every donation helps.**

- >Utility Bills, ALL Natural Gas were higher than expected, cost increases of ~ 50% higher than last year.
- > Insurance ALL FYI All Parish have significant Insurance payment due in December.
- >St Peter Goderich Large in and out YTD Share Lent at \$9,100, / \$6,600 more than budgeted, Thank you.  
~ \$1,300 expense/refurbishing Sacred Vessels, all covered by generous donation from parishioner.
- >Precious Blood. ~ \$4,700 expense/refurbishing Sacred Vessels & tabernacle all covered by generous donation from parishioner.
- > St. Peter St Joseph ~\$5,100 non budgeted expense to add electrical outlets to hall and new Stove for Kitchen  
~ \$2,600 non budgeted expense for patching of parking lot and line painting. (not in budget)
- > St. Boniface. Blessed by some large onetime donations into Operations YTD ~\$15,000  
Expenses include some larger in and outs I.E. Jesuit+Aplha .



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