



# Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes

St. Mary's | Sacred Heart | St. Michael's

**Our Mission is to proclaim and give witness to the Good News**

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## December 4th, 2022— Second Sunday of Advent



### Spirit of the Season

A season of renewal: During Advent, God our Father invites us to prepare and wait.

Prepare the way of the Lord. We open our hearts to Jesus in prayer, and show by our actions each day that we are his. We try to love other people more, and to be more patient and understanding. We pray for others, especially those who are close to us, and ask God to help them to grow in love.

A time to change. During Advent God is inviting us to change our lives and our hearts. God wants us to prepare for his coming by doing good. Each day we should look at our faults and weaknesses and ask our Father to help us to follow Jesus more closely.

A season of hope: Advent brings hope, because Jesus is always ready to help us to grow. He has conquered sin and selfishness by his obedient death and by his rising; he can help us to change our lives for the better. If we want to grow closer to him, and pray and work to improve, Jesus will help us to change for him.

A season of joy: Advent brings joy. We are followers of Jesus, who is the king of glory. We are happy because he is our king, and we are his brothers and sisters. We rejoice because God is our dear Father and because the Holy Spirit lives in our hearts. We are happy because Jesus wants to give us his peace and let us share his joy now and in heaven forever.

Advent is a season of renewal, when God invites us to let Jesus come into our hearts and make us more like him. It is a season of quiet expectation; we live it in the expectation of the fullness of joy to come.

Source: Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (ccc.ca)



*Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best version of ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.*

Welcome to our Family! If you are new to our parish communities or wish to get involved please connect with us. You can contact us through our website, or by email, or call the Parish Office.

**Fr. Seejo John**  
Administrator, ext. 222

**Fr. Thomas Kuriacko**  
Associate Pastor, ext. 223

**Deacon Brian Hanley**  
ext. 234

**Deacon Andre DeDecker**  
ext. 235

**Deacon Jack Grim (Retired)**  
ext. 236

**Colleen Hanley**  
Pastoral Minister, ext. 225

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Business Administrator,  
ext. 240

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Langton, ON N0E 1G0

**Office Hours**  
St. Mary's Office  
Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday & Friday  
9am - 4pm  
(Closed from 12- 1)

Sacred Heart's Office  
Thursday 9am - 4pm  
(Closed from 12- 1)

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## WEEKEND MASS INFORMATION

St. Mary's, Tillsonburg

Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 9 am;  
Sunday 11 am

Sacred Heart, Langton

Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 10:30 am

St. Michael's, Walsh

Sunday 8:30 am

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St Mary's Tillsonburg

Friday during Adoration from 8:45  
am to 9:15 am

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm  
Or by appointment

Sacred Heart, Langton

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm  
Or by appointment

## ADORATION & BENEDICTION

St Mary's Tillsonburg

Friday 8:30 am to 9:15 am

## Second Week of Advent



Traditionally, the Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen branches. Both the evergreen branches and the circular shape symbolize the passing of time and eternal life. The shape of the wreath, with no beginning or end, reflects the complete and endless love that Jesus has for us.

**Candle Name:** the Bethlehem Candle

**Color:** Purple

**The 2nd Week of Advent Represents:** Peace

**Remind us:** To prepare the way of the Lord

## Days of Confession for Advent

St. Mary's, Tillsonburg

Wed, December 14th, 10 am—12 pm, 2 -4 pm, &  
6-8 pm

Sacred Heart, Langton

Friday, December 16th, 3-4 pm & 6-8pm

The children preparing for their First Reconciliation will be celebrating their confession during the evening slot, from 6 to 8 pm, at both, St. Mary's and Sacred Heart.



# CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE



## ST MARY'S, TILLSONBURG

**December 24th**

5 pm | 7:30 pm | 10 pm

**December 25th**

10 am

**December 31st**

5 pm

**January 1st**

9 am | 11 am

## SACRED HEART, LANGTON

**December 24th**

5 pm | 9 pm

**December 25th**

10:30 am

**December 31st**

5 pm

**January 1st**

10:30 am

## ST. MICHAEL'S, WALSH

**December 25th**

8:30 am

**January 1st**

8:30 am



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## Stewardship Corner

### Offertory - November 26 & 27, 2022

Category	St. Mary	Sacred Heart	St. Michael
Sunday Envelope	\$ 5,720.00	1,450.00	\$ 295.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	95.00	60.00	-
Building Fund	200.00	120.00	-
Loose	316.50	77.00	95.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,331.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,707.00</b>	<b>\$ 390.00</b>

### From St. Mary's Finance and Building Committees

We are pleased to announce that St. Mary's Parish will be receiving a donation of \$225,000.00 from The BMI Group, the Company that purchased the parking lot across the street. The donation will be made between December 2022 to March 2023. In exchange, they have asked for three weeks to dig up the existing parking lot for construction purposes. Hence, beginning Monday December 5, 2022 we ask for your patience for this short period. The lot will be resurfaced with recycled asphalt asap. As well, we will have access to the lot until the end of August 2023 instead of June 2023. Thanks to the Finance and Building Committees for all their assistance in the matter. If you have any questions, you may reach out to Dave Devlin, Chair of Finance Committee or Eric VanMoerkerke, Chair of Building Committee.

### Offertory Envelopes 2023



The Offertory Envelopes for 2023 are available in the Annex at St. Mary's, Tillsonburg, in the entrance of the church at Sacred Heart, Langton and in the entrance of the church at St. Michael's, Walsh. Please pick up your box after Mass! If you can't find your box of envelopes, or would like a box for 2023, please contact the Office.

### Message of appreciation

*Thank You!*

A heart felt thank you from Deacon Jack and Linda Grim for your many best wishes, cards and gifts helping us to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We are truly blessed to be in such a generous, faith filled and loving Family of Parishes. God bless all of you.

### St. Mary's Bible Study

Bible Study for December 5th: "The Eucharist: The Lamb of God". We meet in the Fr. Langan Parish Center Mondays from 1:30 to 3:00pm.

*"Since the Bible came from the Spirit-led community of faith, it should always be read and interpreted within the context of the Church."*

### Langton CWL Christmas Events



The Langton CWL will be holding a **Christmas Bake Sale** at the entrance of Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, December 10th. The bake sale features homemade apple, blueberry, cherry, and pumpkin pies at \$14.00 each, as well a variety of homemade baking available for purchase. Sale time is between 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

The Langton CWL **Christmas party** will be this year on December 6th at the Carriage House in Tillsonburg. Tickets are \$30 dollars each. Contact Cindy Ederlac at 519-875-2840. Hope to see you there!

## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue, Dec 6 9:30 am St. Michael's  
✠Andrew Slagmulder

Tue, Dec 6 6:30 pm St. Mary's  
✠Adrian & Nellie Rockx  
✠Eleanor Jesson  
✠Jozsef Bogнар  
✠Deceased members of the Than Family  
✠Dan Kelly

Wed, Dec 7 9:30 am St. Mary's  
Special Intention for Bernie & Pam Phillips & Family  
✠Judith Tamcsu  
✠Eleanor Jesson  
✠Agnes Nagy  
✠Sean Ketchabaw

Thu, Dec 8 9:30 am Sacred Heart  
✠Roger Vantygheem  
✠Astrid Heye

Fri, Dec 9 9:30 am St. Mary's  
Special Intention for Tom Dapplehopser & Family  
✠Bill Willson  
✠Madeline Franssens  
✠Eleanor Jesson  
✠Fr Mike Langan



### Please pray for

**John Brian Van Daele**

"Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:26)

### Family Catechism at St. Mary's

December 4th

December 18th

Contact the office 519-842-3224 or etcfp@dol.ca for details.



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## ABOUT FORMED

The Second Week of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting, celebrate the birth of Jesus, and ready ourselves for his second coming.

This week, your mission is to watch, share and comment with your friends or with us on our Facebook, @erietricountyfop, the second video of the series *Adore*, where Fr. John Burns journeys deeper into the theme for week two: preparation.

If you are new to FORMED and want to sign up please visit the FORMED website at [formed.org](https://formed.org), select the button SIGN UP, and then select the "Sign as a Parishioner" option. Then find our parish by typing "Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes" or our postal code. Follow the prompts to create your own username. Then, you will be able to access all of the great content that FORMED has to offer.

This week at Formed:



<https://watch.formed.org/advent-week-2/videos/adore-second-week-of-advent>

Attention: Bulletin submissions must be received by 4:00 on Tuesdays at [etcfp@dol.ca](mailto:etcfp@dol.ca). Thank you for your cooperation!

## Church Teaching on the Treatment of the Body of the Deceased

The CCCB's Commission for Doctrine has released *Burying the Dead, Grieving Well: A Guide for Catholics on Bodily Disposition and Grief*. This presentation is about the Church's teaching regarding the treatment of the body of the deceased (i.e., "bodily disposition") from the perspective of bereavement ministry. This resource is now available for free download on the CCCB website in this [link](https://bit.ly/cccb_buryingthedead) [bit.ly/cccb\_buryingthedead]. The document is addressed to the faithful at large and all people of good will, the Guide reflects on how we treat the bodies of the deceased and how we live out our grief when faced with the death of a loved one.

## Journey Through Advent Video Reflections with Bishop Dabrowski

On this Second Sunday of Advent, Bishop Dabrowski provides concrete ways in which we can prepare our lives for Jesus. The video can be found at this [link](https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/) [https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/].

## Advent Stories from Development and Peace

Development and Peace continues its yuletide tradition of sharing Advent stories that showcase the real-world impact of the solidarity and generosity of the Canadian Catholic community. They have published their first Advent story, with three more to come over the next three Sundays. You can read about it in this [link](https://www.devp.org/en/blog/an-advent-of-dignity-the-story-of-zahoor-alam/) [https://www.devp.org/en/blog/an-advent-of-dignity-the-story-of-zahoor-alam/]

## St. Mary's K of C "We All Win 2021-2022" Campaign



### November Winners

Kim	Husted
Marianne	Wilson
Dan	Sanders
Leslie	Wilcox

## **You're Invited to the**

### **Grade 8 Orientation Day on**

**December 7, 2022** (Holy Family, St. Michael's, St. Patrick's, Public Schools)

**December 15, 2022** (St. Jude's, Monsignor J.H. O'Neil)

**Open House, January 18, 2023, 6:00-7:30 pm**

(Inclement weather date January 25, 2023)

**at**

**St. Mary's Catholic High School**

## **"Experience Life as a WARRIOR!"**

Our FOCUS is:

### **Building Character**

through a faith-centered and supportive community environment

### **Building Friendships**

involving interactive social opportunities, arts and athletics

### **Building a Strong Foundation**

through academic excellence

### **Building YOUR Future**

starts at St. Mary's Catholic High School

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