



Elgin Roman Catholic Family of Parishes Bulletin

St. Anne's | Holy Angels' | Our Lady of Sorrows | St. Mary's | St. Helen's

November 27th 2023 - December 10th 2023

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Our Mission: Jesus said, "Go make disciples ... I am with you always."

Our Vision: Strengthened by the Eucharist, we are moved to bring healing to a wounded world.

Mass Times

Monday: 8:00 AM - Holy Angels' & Livestream	Tuesday: 8:00 AM - St. Anne's & Live Stream 10:00 AM - OLOS 10:00 AM - Holy Angels' (Every First Tuesday)
Wednesday: 8:00 AM - St. Anne's & Live Stream 12:00 PM - Holy Angels'	Thursday: 8:00 AM - St. Joseph's HS 9:15 AM - St. Anne's & Live Stream 10:00 AM - St. Mary's
Friday: 8:00 AM - St. Anne's & Live Stream 12:00 PM - Holy Angels'	First Saturday: 8:00 AM - OLOS 4:30 PM - St. Anne's
Second Saturday: 8:00 AM - Holy Angels' 4:30 PM - St. Anne's	Sunday: 8:30 AM St. Helen's 9:00 AM Holy Angels' 9:30 AM OLOS 10:00 AM St. Mary's 11:00 AM St. Anne's 12:30 PM Latin Mass HA

Upcoming Events

Saturday November 25th

Schnitzel Dinner at St. Mary's Hall - 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Sunday November 26th

The Feast of Christ the King

Saturday December 2nd

First Saturday. Learn more about the First Saturdays Devotion at this link:

<https://elginrcparishes.ca/five-first-saturdays-devotion>

Wednesday December 6th

Men's Evening of Reflection at St. Anne's Church - 6:30pm Confession. 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Saturday December 9th

Jesus: The Reason for the Season Nativity Creches at The Columbus Club - 10:30am

Sunday December 10th

Aylmer K of C Brunch at the Columbus Club of Aylmer - 9am

Wednesday December 13th to Friday December 15th

40 Hours of Adoration at St. Anne's Church - 8:00am December 13th to 8:00am December 15th

Clergy

Fr. Peter Keller
Pastor

Fr. John Johnson
Associate Pastor

Fr. Anthony Eboh
Associate Pastor

Dan O'Connor
Permanent Deacon

Confession Times

Tuesday 6 PM to 7 PM at St. Anne's

Thursday 9 AM to 10 AM at St. Mary's

OLOS, 1st Saturday 8 AM, Mass
Adoration and Confession

St. Mary's, 3rd Saturday 9 AM, Mass
Adoration and Confession

New to our Family of Parishes?

Register online:
<https://elginrcparishes.ca/parish-registration>

Leave a Legacy of Faith by
remembering the church in your will.

Go to
elginrcparishes.ca/legacy
to learn more

Deceased Parishioners

Please keep them in your prayers:

- Betty Davis

Something to add? Do you have an event or announcement you would like to share with our Family of Parishes?

Send an email to Rob (Communications Coordinator) by Tuesday December 5th at Noon. rgrossiedol.ca

Our Lady of Sorrows CWL - News

- **Christmas Party/Dinner** - Tuesday December 12 @ 5:30 in the church hall. Tickets are \$20 on sale at the coffee break December 3rd or call Jackie Van Ryswyk @519-773-3570 to reserve your tickets before December 5. We ask that those attending this event remember those in our community who may need some help. Please bring items such as soap, laundry detergent, dish soap, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo etc. (No food items please.) We will be sharing these items with the Corner Cupboard and the Family Central.
- **Memberships** - Annual membership fee of \$35 is due now. We will be collecting memberships at the Coffee Break on December 3.

St. Anne's CWL - News

- St. Anne's C.W.L is now collecting new and renewal memberships for 2024. Dues may be dropped off at the Church Office or placed in the collection basket marked: St. Anne's C.W.L. Membership. Dues for 2024 are \$35.
- **Christmas Care Tree** - Remembering the Reason for the Holy Season, our St. Anne's CWL are happy to announce the return of the Christmas Care Tree. Please consider taking a tag from the tree, purchase a gift of \$20-\$35, include batteries if required, return unwrapped gift in a gift bag with the tag attached. For 12-15 year olds, gift cards are requested. Place gift bags on the Altar steps. Last day will be Dec. 3rd. Gifts will be collected and taken to Christmas Care in a timely manner. Thank you for helping make Christmas special for others.
- All Ladies of the Elgin Family of Parishes are invited and welcome to join us for **St. Anne's C.W.L. Annual Potluck on Tuesday November 28, 2023 at the Centre**. You do not need to be a C.W.L. member to attend. Bring your favourite dish to share with friends. Cost: non-perishable donation to St. Thomas Elgin Foodbank. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. For Centre table set-up please register by November 23, 2023. Registrations may be dropped off at the church office or placed in the collection basket after Mass. Please mark "St. Anne's C.W.L. Potluck" on the envelope and include your name and phone #. For further details or to register by phone, please call Melinda at 519-631-1033 or LouAnne at 519-633-4043.
- **A sincere thank you to all those who came out to support St. Anne's CWL Holly Berry Bazaar**. Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered in any way - we appreciate your time, generosity and dedication. With your help, we have had a very successful bazaar and will be able to direct proceeds to many organizations within our community who turn to us for support. We are truly blessed to have such supportive and caring parishioners.

Congratulations to the Raffle Prize Winners:

- 1st Prize** - \$400 RCSS gift card - Karma Vas Rodrigues
2nd Prize - \$300 Metro gift card - Jon Lucas
3rd Prize - \$200 Food Basic gift card - Ann Marie Loebach
4th Prize - Familifood/Dean Kitts - N.Y. Strip Steaks - Betty Anne Kilmer

St. Helen's Angel Tree

St. Helen's Angel Tree is up and running! Last date of collection is December 3rd. All gifts stay local.

Thank you for your generosity!



Pastoral Council for the Family of Parishes

Invitation for discernment: Fr. Peter Keller is gathering a Pastoral Council to commence immediately and will be responsible for assisting in the development of a Parish Pastoral Plan to move our parishes forward in our Mission.... "Go make Disciples." For more information, please visit: <https://elginrcparishes.ca/parish-pastoral-council>

Holy Angels' CWL - News

Holy Angels' CWL is now accepting membership for the year 2024. Dues are \$35.00. Envelopes can be found at the back of the church or in your box of envelopes. Please complete the front of the envelope and return in the collection basket or at the church office. If you have any questions call 519-637-1584.

Men's Evening of Reflection

The next Men's Evenings of Reflection with Father John will be **December 6th at St Anne's Church**. Please mark your calendars. Confession starts at 6:30pm. Program starts at 7:00pm. All men are welcome from the entire family of parishes, come out and enjoy an evening of prayer, reflection, adoration and the opportunity to go to Confession. Hope to see you there, and bring a friend.

Women's Evening of Reflection

The next women's Evening of Reflection with Father John will be **Wednesday, December 20th at St Anne's Church from 7 - 8pm with confession available at 6:30pm**. Please mark your calendars. All women are welcome from the entire family of parishes. Come out for a peaceful evening of prayer, reflection, adoration and the opportunity to go to Confession during advent. Hope to see you there and bring a friend.

Calling All Apostles

To help our existing Apostles, we are calling upon all parishioners to prayerfully consider where Our Lord may be calling you to step forward, especially for the following ministries: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Hospitality/Ushers. Please complete an Apostle information sheet at the Welcome table, or online at <https://elginrcparishes.ca/volunteer-roles-with-openings>

PAP Letters

If you support your Parish through Pre-Authorized contributions, you will soon receive communication thanking you for your support, and an invitation to review your plans for 2024. Thank you.

Aylmer K of C Brunch

Aylmer Knights of Columbus All-You-Can-Eat Brunch - every second Sunday of the month. 9:00am to 1:00pm. At the Columbus Club of Aylmer (58 Beech Street, Aylmer).

Children 6 to 12 - \$5. Adults - \$10. Under 6 - FREE.

2024 Missals

The Missals for the upcoming liturgical year are at your Parish. The cost per copy has been kept the same as last year at **\$5.00**. Thank you.

Young Adult Advent Retreat

Are you eager to make this Advent season more spiritually enriching? Do you wish to strengthen your connection with the Lord but struggle to do so amidst the hustle and bustle of daily life or feelings of discouragement? Join us for an extraordinary Advent Retreat designed for young adults and families with a focus on "Joyful Anticipation." **Date: Friday, December 1 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, December 3 at 1 p.m. Location: Holy Family Retreat House in Oxley.** This retreat is open to young adults aged 18-35. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in faith and find renewed joy in anticipation of the Advent season. To reserve your spot, please visit <https://dol.ca/advent-retreat-for-young-adults>. Join us for a weekend of spiritual growth and joyful anticipation!

JESUS

THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

OVER 80 NATIVITY CRECHES ON DISPLAY

DECEMBER 9TH 10:30 TO 3:30

FREE ADMISSION

FREE HOT CHOCOLATE AND POPCORN



DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK ACCEPTED



QUALITY CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

COLUMBUS CLUB

265 WELLINGTON STREET

Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus - Annual Christmas Dinner

Sunday December 3, 2023, Cocktails at 5pm and Dinner at 6pm. At the Columbus Club on Wellington Rd, St Thomas. Any member of the Knights of Columbus as well as their spouses (and spouses of deceased members) are welcome. Christmas dinner with all the trimmings is catered by the Back Alley. **Cost is 30.00 per person.** Tickets can be purchased at the Columbus club or by contacting Sandi Hoffer 519-317-1468 or Lorraine Fleming 519-859-0409



Christmas is a Time for Sharing

Many people feel alone and isolated at Christmas time, or experience difficulty making ends meet due to financial hardships or limited income. We would like to share the joy of Christmas with you.

We invite you to join us for a **Complimentary Christmas Dinner for those in need. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023 at St. Anne's Centre, 20 Morrison Drive from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

Since this dinner began in 2001, we have asked for 3 things: people, pies and prayers. We are looking for volunteers to help serve and for cleanup. If you are able to help on Saturday, December 16, please email stannescommunityfestival@gmail.com or call **Miriam at 519-631-5556**. Also, we are looking for donations of pies to serve for dessert. Donations of pies can be dropped off at the St. Anne's Centre on December 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lastly, we ask for your prayers for the success of this dinner and that the guests who attend will experience the love of Christ this Christmas season.

This event is sponsored by St. Anne's Community Festival and the parishioners of St. Anne's Church. **THANK YOU!**

2023 Offerings

A reminder that to receive a tax receipt for the 2023 year, please have your donation into the collection at the regular morning Masses on **December 31 or to the office on Friday December 29 by 12 Noon.** Any donations received in the New Years Eve collections or after will be recorded as a 2024 donation. This is a CRA requirement. Thank you for your continued support.

Our Lady of Sorrows Coffee Social Group

Please join us at Our Lady of Sorrows, **every third Thursday of the month, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm** (next one, December 21st 2023) to enjoy conversation, coffee and company! All welcome! Hosted by Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Team: Contact , Liz McConnell - 519-773-5773

CHRIST THE KING

by Malcolm Guite

*Our King is calling from the hungry furrows
Whilst we are cruising through the aisles of plenty,
Our hoardings screen us from the man of sorrows,
Our soundtracks drown his murmur: 'I am thirsty'.
He stands in line to sign in as a stranger
And seek a welcome from the world he made,
We see him only as a threat, a danger,
He asks for clothes, we strip-search him instead.
And if he should fall sick then we take care
That he does not infect our private health,
We lock him in the prisons of our fear
Lest he unlock the prison of our wealth.
But still on Sunday we shall stand and sing
The praises of our hidden Lord and King.*

From the Pastor's Study :

As we return to a new normal it is a good time to renew our community life and our liturgical life. One small practice that has fallen by the wayside that is important to be renewed is the Sunday offering. The eucharistic offering is twofold; we make a thanksgiving offer to God in the form of the bread and wine offered at the altar and Christ offers himself to us in communion. While many donate to the Church through direct giving the gift of your presence is offered up in the collection that is taken up and offered to God. You provide the bread that nourishes and the wine that gives joy to the community and Jesus transforms this into his divine presence which nourishes and his healing which is poured out for us.

While many have concerns about taking up a collection again, there is little chance of spreading Covid by passing the basket. Therefore, I ask that we renew the offertory throughout Advent so that we can welcome back those who may begin to give of themselves again at Christmas.

<p>Monday November 27th 8 a.m. Holy Angels' (IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM) Natalia Pacheco - Estate of Natalia Pacheco Marcella Kuntz - Finnigan Family</p>
<p>Tuesday November 28th 8 a.m. St Anne's (IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM) George Novacich - The Family Intentions of Joan Sibley - Cheryl Muma Intentions of Margaret Smith - Cheryl Muma 10 a.m. OLOS Frank Klachan - The Klachan Family Stan Klachan - The Klachan Family Intentions of Loretta Bray - Jerry & Rosemarie Vandenbrink Natalia Pacheco - The Walcarius Family Deceased members of the Bray family - Loretta Bray 6 p.m. St Anne's Adoration & Reconciliation</p>
<p>Wednesday November 29th 8 a.m. St Anne's (IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM) John Loehndorf - Case & Joyce Terpstra Anita May - Carl & Barb Kroeplin Intentions of Bob & Linda Sibley - St Anne's Supper Club 12 p.m. Holy Angels' Intentions of Fr Graham Keep - Bob & Loretta Bray Deceased members of the Volcjak Family - Olga</p>
<p>Thursday November 30th 8 a.m. - St Joe's High School Chapel 9:15 a.m.- St. Anne's (IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM) John Loehndorf - Bill & Mary Ressler Richard Schmitt - Kristina Schmitt Intentions of Gord & Karen Ryan (50th Anniversary) - The Family 9 a.m. St Mary's (Exposition and Reconciliation) 10 a.m. - St. Mary's Matlid Racz - Elizabeth Racz Frank Swoboda - Seven Sisters Apostolate Mr George Pfeifer - Susan Schadenberg Poor souls in Purgatory - Joe & Ann Knapp</p>
<p>Friday December 1st 8 a.m. - St. Anne's (IN PERSON & LIVE STREAM) John Loehndorf - Nancy Butler Poor souls in Purgatory - Barb & Carl Kroeplin Kroeplin & Naklusi Families - Barb & Carl Kroeplin 12 p.m. Holy Angels' Irene Richardson - Vallerie Macdonald Deceased Members of the Lesnika Family - Olga</p>
<p>Saturday December 2nd 1st Saturday - 8 a.m. OLOS Walter Caers - George & Jean Caers Natalia Pacheco - Estate of Natalia Pacheco William Leclair - Joan Dykstra Brandin Vaterlaus - Catherine Regier 4:30 p.m. - St Anne's John Loehndorf - Cathy & Alan Taylor Barb Daley - Gord & Karen Ryan Anita May - Dan & Katie Kelly & Family</p>
<p>Sunday December 3rd St. Helen's - 8:30 am - Intentions of All Parishioners Holy Angels' - 9:00 am - Intentions of All Parishioners (Live Stream) - 12:30 pm - Latin Mass - Intentions of Latin Community Our Lady of Sorrows - 9:30 am - Intentions of All Parishioners St. Mary's - 10:00 am - Intentions of All Parishioners St. Anne's - 11:00 am - Intentions of All Parishioners</p>

<p>Monday December 4th 8 a.m. Holy Angels' (IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM) Intentions of Hazel Oberas</p>
<p>Tuesday December 5th 8 a.m. St Anne's (IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM) John Loehndorf - Carl & Barb Kroeplin Intentions of Mureen Avery - St Anne's Supper Club Special intention - Myriam & Julian Calleja 10 a.m. Holy Angels' Intentions of all parishioners 10 a.m. OLOS Natalia Pacheco - Heather Johnson Deceased members of the Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Woman's League - OLOS CWL Walter Caers - Greg Caers Daniel Swaenepoel - Mariette 6 p.m. St Anne's Adoration & Reconciliation</p>
<p>Wednesday December 6th 8 a.m. St Anne's (IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM) Joshua Babcock - Aunt Sue & Uncle Art John Loehndorf - Kathleen Saunders Anita May - Cheryl Muma 12 p.m. Holy Angels' Jack Bass - Tony Bass</p>
<p>Thursday December 7th 8 a.m. - St Joe's High School Chapel 9:15 a.m.- St. Anne's (IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM) Jack Karn - Annita Molinaro & Family 9 a.m. St Mary's (Exposition and Reconciliation) 10 a.m. - St. Mary's Kelly Langstaff - Anonymous Peter Hentz - Knights of Columbus Frank Swoboda - Jerry & Rosemarie Vandenbrink</p>
<p>Friday December 8th 8 a.m. - St. Anne's (IN PERSON & LIVE STREAM) John Loehndorf - 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus Souls in Purgatory - Carl & Barb Kroeplin Naklusi & Kroeplin Families - Carl & Barb Kroeplin 12 p.m. Holy Angels' Paul Richardson - Vallerie Macdonald</p>
<p>Saturday December 9th 2nd Saturday - 8 a.m. Holy Angels' Holy souls in Purgatory - Gio Pierinelli 4:30 p.m. - St Anne's Intentions of the Pope and his advisors - Gert Tremblay Deceased members of the Tremblay Family - Gert Tremblay</p>
<p>Sunday December 10th St. Helen's - 8:30 am - Intentions of All Parishioners Holy Angels' - 9:00 am - Intentions of All Parishioners (Live Stream) - 12:30 pm - Latin Mass - Intentions of Latin Community Our Lady of Sorrows - 9:30 am - Intentions of All Parishioners St. Mary's - 10:00 am - Intentions of All Parishioners St. Anne's - 11:00 am - Intentions of All Parishioners</p>