

## Elgin Roman Catholic Family of Parishes Bulletin

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

January 29th - February 11th 2024

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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 - 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 8:00 AM - St. Joseph's HS

12:00 PM - Holy Angels'

9:15 AM - St. Anne's & Live Stream
10:00 AM - St. Mary's

## **Friday:**8:00 AM - St. Anne's & Live Stream 9:30 12:00 PM - Holy Angels' 4:30

## First Saturday:

9:30 AM - OLOS 4:30 PM - St. Anne's 9:00 AM - St. Mary's 4:30 PM - St. Anne's

Third Saturday:

## 2nd, 4th, 5th 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**

#### Sunday January 28th

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Breakfast at St. Mary's Hall – 10:30am

#### Wednesday January 31st

First Reconciliation and First Communion registration **CLOSES at Noon**. Register online at: https://elginrcparishes.ca/first-communion

#### Friday February 2nd

Pulled Pork Dinner at the Knights Hall in St. Thomas - 5:30pm

#### Saturday February 3rd

First Saturday. Learn more about the First Saturdays Devotion at this link: https://elginrcparishes.ca/five-first-saturdays-devotion

#### Monday February 5th

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

#### Saturday February 10th

Valentine's Day Dance at St. Mary's Hall - 7pm to 12 Midnight.

#### Sunday February 11th

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

#### Tuesday February 13th

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Holy Angels - 4:30-6:30pm

### Clergy

Fr. Peter Keller

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/parishregistration

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

Go to elginroparishes.ca/legacy to learn more

#### **Deceased Parishioners**

#### Please keep them in your prayers:

- Peggy Lopez-Delgado
- Antonio Brasil
- Anna Kerkvliet
- Roger Depoorter
- Jane Babiac
- Mary Lou Mc.Cullough
- Anna McLaughlin

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#### Men's Faith Series

The first session with Dr. John Dool went very well. The topic was 'Hope: Staying Focused in our Troubled World'. All are welcome to attend our remaining 2 sessions. For more information, and to register, visit: https://elginrcparishes.ca/mens-faith-series



#### St. Anne's CWL - News

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.

#### **Pulled Pork Dinner**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus are hosting a pulled pork dinner at the **Knights Hall in St. Thomas on February 2 at 5:30**. Doors open at 4:00. Dinner includes pulled pork on a bun, salads, dessert, tea & coffee. Cash bar available. Cost at the door: \$15.00

## 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** to enjoy conversation, coffee and company! All welcome!

Hosted by Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Team: Contact , Liz McConnell - 519-773-5773

#### **Gospel Encounter Group**

Who is Jesus to you? A picture or a statue? Is He flesh and blood to you? We are a group who gather to meditate on the Gospels, to develop a personal relationship with the Living Word Himself. To share our experience of the Word, to apply it in a concrete way to our daily lives, and to provide spiritual support to one another. In short, to "know" Jesus intimately through prayer according to Catholic Tradition and the Doctors of the Church. Interested? Contact Angie Haasen 519–378–8344 or Cheryl Muma 519–868–9270

"Come and see."

#### St. Mary's Ladies Group - News

St. Mary's Ladies Group will be having a meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 1:30 pm in St. Mary's Church Hall.

#### 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.

#### 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

- This Lent, please join the Holy Angels' CWL using the version
   Mary's Way of the Cross, in the Sanctuary, FEB 26th at 1
   pm followed by refreshments and our General Meeting in
   the Assembly Hall. All are welcome. Please enter using the
   elevator.
- All are welcome to join us in the Holy Angels' Assembly Hall to watch the video (58 mins. long) of the 2024 World Day of Prayer Service on Friday MARCH 1 @ 1 pm. Written this year by Palestinian Christian Women; followed by fellowship & refreshments featuring Palestine Sesame Cookies. Please enter using the elevator.
- Please join in our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper:
   February 13, 4:30-6:30. Pancakes, sausage, ham, fruit salad plus coffee, tea or juice. Adults \$10, children under 12 \$5, children under 5 free. All are welcome!
- Holy Angels CWL is taking orders for Heart Shaped Shortbread Cookies as a sweet treat for that special person in your life. The price is \$6.00 per dozen. Preorders only. Deadline to order is Mon, Feb 5th. Sign up sheets in the church hall or you can order by phoning Mary at 519-637-2935.
- Holy Angels' CWL will be selling Apple Crisp and Assorted Pies after 9 o'clock mass on Sunday. For more information or additional pick up times call Eleanor at 519– 633–2766. Thank you for your support.

#### St. Mary's K of C Breakfast

The St. Mary's K of C is planning a breakfast at St. Mary's Hall on **January 28th from 10:30-12:00**. Everyone is welcome! A free will offering is appreciated.

#### Men's Evening of Reflection

**Monday February 5th**, Confession at 6:30pm. Beginning at 7pm at St. Anne's Church.

#### Valentine's Day Dance

Put on your dancing shoes! Together, St Mary's Knights of Colombus and the St Mary's/St Helen's Youth Group are hosting a Valentine's Day Dance at the St Mary's parish hall on February 10th from 7-12. Bring the whole family! Music provided by DJ, cash bar and late snack provided. Tickets are \$5 a person and children 6 and under free. Tickets will be available to purchase after mass and at West Lorne Home Hardware and Marg's Variety. Hope to see you all there!



Registration closes January 31st at Noon. Register online at: https://elginrcparishes.ca/first-communion

#### Outreach Opportunities

As we have entered into 2024 the needs of many in our community continue to be great. The Outreach programme has numerous opportunities for people to serve in this Ministry. All are welcome to help – single people, married couples, drivers, cooks, those who like to help prepare food bags, shoppers, those needing volunteer hours, retirees. From 20 minutes a week to several hours a month, if you have some time to help, we would be happy to have you join the hard-working volunteers of our family of parishes. If this message touches you give me a call or email and we can discuss how you can help feed the hungry. Jennifer 226-268-7524, jpod2153@gmail.com

#### Anointing of the Sick

On Wednesday February 21st, in commemoration of the World Day of the Sick, Anointing of the Sick will be available at Holy Angels' during the 12pm Mass.

In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hopedfor effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.



Monday January 29th 8 a.m. Holy Angels' (IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM) Intentions of the Roman Catholic residents of Royal Oak - ERCFP

Linda Holland Keogh - The Keogh Family

Healing for mothers and fathers who have aborted babies - Denise Carew

Tuesday January 30th 8 a.m. St Anne's (IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM) Walter Fronczak – Jolanta Politowicz

Intentions of Fr Anthony Eboh – Jerry & Rosemarie Vandenbrink Intentions of Randy Brown – Joan Sibley Anna McLaughlin – Ronnie & Len Parkins

10 a.m. OLOS

Joanne Oostrom – Anne DeRyk Daniel DeCloet – Linda & Ron Kingswood Barry Preston – Ron & Linda Kingswood

Cecil Dykstra (18th Anniversary) – Joan Dykstra 6 p.m. St Anne's Adoration & Reconciliation

## Wednesday January 31st 8 a.m. St Anne's (IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM)

Dave O'Grady - Lucille Nicli

Peggy Delgado - St Anne's Catholic Woman's League

Anita May - Brenda Sagriff & Family 12 p.m. Holy Angels'

Intentions of the Roman Catholic Residents of Seasons - ERCFP

Vincent & Maria Vu - The Vu Family

Roger Depoorter - 4th Degree Knights of Columbus

#### Thursday February 1st

8 a.m. - St'Joe's High School Chapel

9:15 a.m.- St. Anne's

Gerrie Kingswood – Ron & Linda Kingswood Peggy Delgado – Bill & Deirdre Walker

Sylvester Prince - Audrey & Gary Neville

9 a.m. St Mary's (Exposition and Reconciliation)

10 a.m. - St. Mary's

Intentions of Fr Graham Keep - Jerry & Rosemarie Vandenbrink

Intentions of Margaret Vandenbrink – Jerry & Rosemarie Vandenbrink Ms. Darlene Emerson – San & Anne Beaulieu

Jose Brasil - Angela & Kelly Brasil

Friday February 2nd 8 a.m. - St. Anne's (IN PERSON & LIVE STREAM)

John Loehndorf – 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus

Souls in Purgatory – A Parishioner Anna McLaughlin – St Anne's Choir

12 p.m. Holy Angels'

Filomena Maselli - Family

Intentions of Ellen Jones - Holy Angels' Traditional Choir

Intentions of Joan Vachon - Holy Angels Traditional Choir

Saturday February 3rd 1st Saturday - 8 a.m. Our Lady of Sorrows

Natalia Pacheco – Estate of Natalia Pacheco

Intentions of Suzanne Drake - Kathleen Saunders

Alvin Jones & Family - Catherine Jones

Peter Geraci - Vince & Fran Diaco

4:30 p.m. - St Anne's

Intentions of Dc Dan O'Connor - Jerry & Rosemarie Vandenbrink

Peggy Delgado – Cathy & Alan Taylor

Andrew Murphy - Bill & Deirdre Walker

#### Sunday February 4th

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

#### Monday February 5th

8 a.m. Holy Angels' (IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM)

Natalia Pacheco - Estate of Natalia Pacheco

Michael Somerville - Cheryl Muma

Dr Jane Babiak - 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus

#### Tuesday February 6th

8 a.m. St Ánne's (IN PÉRSON AND LIVE STREAM)

Anita May - Cheryl Muma

Poor souls in Purgatory - Carl & Barb Kroeplin

In Thanksgiving - Carl & Barb Kroeplin

10 a.m. Holy Angels'

Bob Richardson - Monsignor Morrison Community

#### 10 a.m. OLOS

Deceased members of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Woman's League -OLOS CWL

Mary & Charles Uzas - The Walcarius Family

Edgar Walcarius - The Walcarius Family

6 p.m. St Anne's Adoration & Reconciliation

#### Wednesday February 7th

8 a.m. St Anne's (IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM)

Intentions of Fr John Johnson - Jerry & Rosemaire Vandenbrink

Sylvester Prince - Wayne & Mary Elliott

William Bain - Art & Sue Beaudry

12 p.m. Holy Angels

Holy souls in Purgatory – Gio Pierinelli Joseph Jung Pham – The Vu Family

Anna Kerkvliet - Wendy & Carmel

#### Thursday February 8th

8 a.m. - St Joe's High School Chapel

9:15 a.m.- St. Anne's

Rene DiCristophoro (Birthday Remembrance) - Rose & Family

Johan Radelja – Milena Bukich

Vojislav Bukich (Birthday Remembrance) – His Wife

#### 9 a.m. St Mary's (Exposition and Reconciliation) 10 a.m. - St. Mary's

Intentions of Fr Clare Coleman - Jerry & Rosemarie Vandenbrink

Intentions of Frieda Goncalves - Jerry & Rosemarie Vandenbrink

Frank & Mary Kairns - The Family

Anny Dewild – Joe & Ann Knapp

#### Friday February 9th

8 a.m. - St. Anne's (IN PERSON & LIVE STREAM)

Intentions of Fr Peter Keller – Jerry & Rosemarie Vandenbrink Peggy & David Delgado – Carl & Barb Kroeplin

In Thanksgiving - Carl & Barb Kroeplin

12 p.m. Holy Angels'

Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Collins - Henry & Shirley Poirier

Ann Kerkvliet - Holy Angels Catholic Woman's League The living and deceased members of the Forshee Family - The Fleck Family

Saturday February 10th

2nd Saturday - 8 a.m. Holy Angels'

Roger Depoorter – 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Anna Kerkvliet – Wendy & Carmel

Intentions of Denise Kotowick - Denise

4:30 p.m. - St Anne's

Intentions of Fr Anthony Eboh – Jerry & Rosemarie Vandenbrink

Peggy Lopez-Delgado - Sandra Saunders

Patrick Dale Hovorka Sr – Thomas Hovorka

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St. Anne's - 11:00 am - Intentions of All Parishioners



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#### Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Giving: Spring Training for Catholics

Every year baseball players attend spring training camp to renew their basic practices and skills. Both the first-year rookie and senior veteran of the team practice their basic skills together. It is a humbling experience for all as the home run champion from last year practices bunting with the newbie.

Each year Catholics return to the basics along with those entering the Church at Easter. Lent is the forty-day period of preparation from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday that highlights three basic practices of faith, namely: prayer, fasting and giving alms. Young and old... from the senior veterans in the choir to the neophytes in the RCIA... are called to discern what practices they will renew at Lent. Like Spring Training for baseball players, it is a humbling experience, yet it is a time of essential renewal and a return to basic practices. What we hope to practice naturally year-round we practice intentionally during lent.

Each of the three practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving; while personal acts, are relational. In Tobit 12:8 they are outlined as the three pillars of Jewish faith practice. And Jesus, while talking of each of these three individually and as a group, also draws them together as righteousness. These practices of prayer, fasting and giving make things right again regarding our three most basic relationships.

Prayer fortifies and renews our central relationship with God. Lent gives us a time of heightened prayer life. I encourage you not only to do more but go deeper into prayer. If you don't have a basic rhythm of daily prayer in your life start small. Make a morning offering: "Lord be with me this day", and then a daily reflection of where God was each evening. Next, reflecting on Scripture is central. If you don't reflect on Scriptures, start with a simple podcast like "Pray-as-you-go". Daily Mass combines both a daily offering and reflection on scripture while providing a chance to slow down and enter the celebration of the eucharist in a much more intimate and personal way. With reflection I am sure there is some deepening of prayer God is calling you to. It does not matter what you do... only that God will be waiting there for you.

Fasting resets our relationships with things. In a culture where our value is determined by the things we can consume, it is good to take a break from consumption. It could be anything we consume, like screen time to social media, or it could be even food itself. Fasting is meant to awaken our true hungers and appetites. Often, we fill ourselves up with stuff that does not nourish us.

Giving renews and restores our relationships with others. Almsgiving is probably the most practiced, yet most misunderstood, of all our lent practices. In its Jewish roots it was meant to build relationship and restore balance in society. Unfortunately giving alms can be guilt based and meant to make us feel better instead of helping another. Today I can just click a button and give; yet, as a faith practice it is meant to be a gift of self-giving to restore the dignity of another. I encourage you to give close to home, sharing your time, treasure, and talent.

I encourage everyone to reflect and discern what you will personally do for Lent. It will be different for everyone, yet it is something we do together as a Church.

## Lent and Easter 2024

## Ash Wednesday - February 14

St. Anne's - 8:00 AM Holy Angels' - 12:00 PM Our Lady of Sorrows' - 5:30 PM St. Mary's - 5:30 PM St. Anne's - 7:00 PM

## **Stations of the Cross**

St. Anne's - Fridays after 8 AM Mass St. Mary's - Fridays, 7:00 PM

Holy Angels' - Fridays, 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Sorrows' - Thursdays after 6:30 PM Mass

## Easter Tridium

### Holy Thursday - March 28 St. Anne's - 7:00 PM

## Good Friday - March 29

St. Mary's - 3:00 PM Our Lady of Sorrows' - 3:00 PM Holy Angels' - 3:00 PM St. Anne's - 3:00 PM

## Holy Saturday - March 30 Holy Angels' Easter Vigil - 8:30 PM

## Easter Sunday - March 31

St. Helen's - 8:30 AM Holy Angels' - 9:00 AM Our Lady of Sorrows' - 9:30 AM St. Mary's - 10:00 AM St. Anne's - 11:00 AM