



Elgin Roman Catholic Family of Parishes Bulletin

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

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February 2—15, 2025

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

MASS TIMES

Monday

08:00 AM Holy Angels' (Live Stream)

Tuesday

08:00 AM St. Anne's

10:00 AM Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday

08:00 AM St. Anne's (Live Stream)

12:00 PM Holy Angels'

Thursday

08:00 AM St. Joseph's High School

09:15 AM St. Anne's

10:00 AM St. Mary's

Friday

08:00 AM St. Anne's (Live Stream)

12:00 PM Holy Angels'

Saturday

08:00 AM 1st at Our Lady of Sorrows
(Live Stream) and Adoration

08:00 AM 2nd, 4th, 5th at Holy Angels

09:00 AM 3rd at St. Mary's
(Live Stream) and Adoration

Saturday Vigil

04:30 PM St. Anne's

Sunday

08:30 AM St. Helen's

09:00 AM Holy Angels' (Live Stream)

09:30 AM Our Lady of Sorrows

10:00 AM St. Mary's

11:00 AM St. Anne's

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday

07:30 AM Holy Angels before Mass

Tuesday

09:30 AM OLOS before Mass

06:00 PM St. Anne's (Adoration &
Confession)

Thursday

09:00 AM St. Mary's before Mass

Friday

11:30 AM Holy Angels before mass

Saturday

08:30 AM 1st Saturday at Our Lady of
Sorrows after Mass

09:30 AM 3rd Saturday at St. Mary's
after Mass

OFFICE HOURS

20 Morrison Drive, St. Thomas N5R 4S6

Monday—Friday 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Peter Keller—Pastor

Fr. John Johnson—Associate Pastor

Fr. Robert Weaver—Associate Pastor

Dcn. Dan O'Connor—Permanent Dcn

Laura Lee—Ongoing Formation

Alida Dance—Sacramental Preparation

Margy Kupferschmidt—Member

Involvement Minister & Baptism Prep

Welcome Home, Register online:
elginrcparishes.ca/parish-registration

From your Associate Pastor - Fr. Robert

World Day of the Sick

On Tuesday, February 11th we will celebrate the World Day of the Sick. Instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1992, the Church recognizes the World Day of the Sick on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. On February 11th, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary began appearing in and around Lourdes, France and since then many pilgrims to Lourdes have experienced healing, including physical healing. Inspired by its focus on the Church's healing ministry, Pope Francis states that the World Day of the Sick "is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities... To all, and especially to the poor and the marginalized, I express my spiritual closeness and assure them of the Church's loving concern."

At both of our Masses on February 11th, the priests will offer the Anointing of the Sick to those who request it. Please note this sacrament is not administered in a general, sweeping manner as it is intended specifically for Catholics whose health is seriously impaired due to sickness or old age. Persons with a serious mental illness and seriously ill children aged 7 or older may also be anointed. Feel free to speak to a member of our pastoral team if you have any questions. Even if you are not anointed at one of these Masses, your prayerful presence will greatly help others seeking the Lord's healing power through this grace-filled sacrament. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!



Do you have an event or announcement
you would like to share with our
Family of Parishes?
Send an email to: mvizcarra@dol.ca
Deadline: February 12



On Wednesday, January 29th, **Rosemarie Keller**, Father Peter's mother, passed away. We ask for your prayers for the repose of her soul and for her family.

Grow in Faith

"Survive the Winter" Mom's Group

Ongoing

A group for moms and children of all ages to share in fun and friendship over the Winter months. Warm up with a hot drink and chat with other moms while the kids play.

Join us at the Holy Angels' hall from 12:45-2:15 PM on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

Together, we'll make it to Spring!



World Day of the Sick

Feb 11

At both of our Daily Masses on February 11th (St. Anne's at 8 AM and Our Lady of Sorrows at 10 AM), the priests will offer the Anointing of the Sick to those who request it.

OLOS - CWL Meeting

Feb 11



The next meeting of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Women's League will be Tuesday February 11, 2025 at 10:30, following the morning Mass. The meeting will be at the Church Hall.

Mary's Way of the Cross

Feb 17

Mary's Way of the Cross is hosted by the Holy Angels' CWL. All are welcome in the Church Sanctuary at 1 PM. CWL General Meeting follows in the Hall afterwards.

Upcoming Events

Free Public Skate

Feb 9

The members of Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council 1467, Knights of Columbus, are sponsoring a Free Public Skate at the Joe Thornton Community Centre on Sunday, February 9th from 1:15 - 2:45 PM.

This is the usual public skating time slot at the arena, but we are covering the \$5 admission for anyone that attends. (Tickets are not required for this event)



St. Thomas Stars hockey game

Feb 14



The three Elgin County Knights Councils have purchased a supply of tickets to the St. Thomas Stars hockey game on Friday, February 14th at 7 PM at the Joe Thornton Community Centre, St. Thomas.

These tickets are being made available at no cost but on a 'first-come, first-served' basis while supply lasts. To obtain tickets, please visit or contact the following:

In St. Thomas, the Columbus Club, 265 Wellington Street, on any Friday afternoon during the 'After 4 PM' social or with Harald Schraeder at (519) 318-4189

In Aylmer, Steve Blankenship at (519) 702-5900

In West Lorne, Will Huys at (519) 768-1225

International Women's Day

Mar 7

On International Women's Day at 1 PM, the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada will present a 55-minute video prepared by Christian women in the Cook Islands.

2025 Theme is "I Made You Wonderful" based on Psalm 139, verses 1-18.

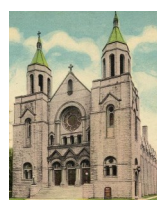
Refreshments before the 1 PM video. Hosted by the CWL and held in the Holy Angels' Hall.

All are welcome!



Fundraisers Group

Holy Angel's Capital Campaign Q&A



How can I donate?

Envelopes have been distributed throughout the church pews and at the back of the church at Holy Angels. Donations using building fund envelopes or designated for the building fund through Pllenty will be part of the campaign.

Can I donate to HA if it isn't my parish?

Absolutely! If HA isn't your parish but you want to help you can write "2025 HA campaign" on an envelope and the funds will get to the correct place. Your tax receipt will include the HA donation.

Will we be looking for pledges?

We hope to visit many households over the next while to look for donations and pledges. If you wish to help with this endeavor please contact Stephen Huver, our Business Manager at (519) 631-3640 x 221.

Are we doing Capital Campaigns in our other Parishes?

Not immediately. The need is greatest at HA now and our other churches have less urgent needs. We are aware of upcoming roofing/siding needs at St. Mary's, front pillars & lift adjustments at OLOS, and brickwork at St. Annes. Some, but not all of these we can most likely tackle without a dedicated campaign. We appreciate those who regularly help top up the reserves for projects that always arise while maintaining buildings.

Recycling Team

For years a faithful group of volunteers have been chipping away at Holy Angels' debt by recycling what you donate. The recycling team will continue to deliver your newspapers to Thermo Comfort, cashing in your liquor and beer containers and delivering your pop cans to Zubick's in London.

We would really appreciate your support by dropping off your recyclables and placing them in the grey boxes which are on the West end of Holy Angels' Parking lot and the East side of St. Anne's Parking lot. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sister Mary or Henry Valks at (519) 631-4498.



Announcements

Holy Communion Ministers



For all those who take Holy Communion to homebound family members or family members living in a facility: Please note that we have developed a short guide that we advise you to use when administering Communion to loved ones.

This guide includes an opening prayer, prayers to say before administering Communion, and a closing prayer. These guides can be picked up in the sacristy of any of our churches. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of our priests or any member of our pastoral team. Thank you for serving the Lord and your loved ones!

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

A total of 22 participants competed in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Saturday, January 18th. Fr. McMaster Council 6495 (West Lorne) would like to thank St. Mary's School for providing their gymnasium for the event.

The winners are invited to compete at the district level event which will be held on Saturday, February 8th, 2025 at Ridgetown High School at 9 AM.



It's Yard Sale time!

The Holy Angels' CWL is planning a yard sale for this spring and needs your items, small household items, clothes, books, children's toys, no furniture please. Donations can be dropped off after Mass in Holy Angels' Hall by the stage.

Valentines Cookies

The 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 \$7 per dozen. Pre-orders only. Deadline to order is Friday, February 7. Sign up sheets in the Holy Angels' Church Hall or you can order by phoning (519) 633-4559 or (519) 637-2935.



Winterberry Pies

The Holy Angels' CWL is taking orders for Winterberry Pies. Costs are \$5 Small and \$15 Large.

Sign up sheets in the Holy Angels' Church Hall or you can order by phoning (519) 633-4559 or (519) 637-2935.



Meat Pie Sales

Our Lady of Sorrows CWL is taking orders for Turkey Meat Pies. Pies are \$5 each and will be ready for pick-up on March 19th. You can find the order form at the back of the Church.

Caring Cupboard Donations



Non-perishable foods and hygiene products are appreciated and can be left behind the welcome desk at St. Anne's Church. Donations will be collected every third Sunday of the month (Same Sunday as Coffee Sunday).

Did You Know? In an emergency ...

You can get in touch with one of our priests after office hours by calling the office at (519) 631-3640 and pressing "9".

Please leave a message and that message will be forwarded to our priest's cell phones.

Deceased Parishioners

Please keep them in your prayers:

Dilys Scanlan, Edward Demars, Allyson DeNeire, Mary Caruana, Frances Devrise & Elizabeth Weir.



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 3

08 AM—Holy Angels'

Int. Nicholas & Rita Muscat—Muscat Family
Richard Cochrill—Wayne & Jan Jannaway
Mike Hambly—Mary Alice Somerville

Tuesday, February 4

08 AM—St Anne's

Bill Bynsorp—Knights of Columbus, 3rd Degree
Souls in Purgatory—Carl & Barb Kroeplin
Judy Georgijev—Muma Family

10 AM—Our Lady of Sorrows

Int. Chris & Katie Bray—Ron & Linda Kingswood
Howard & Irene Sykes—David & Lynn Van Wychen
Mary & Charles Uzas—Walcarius Family
Edgar Walcarius—Walcarius Family
Cecil Dykstra—Joan Dykstra
Giovanna Giuliano-Turco—Catherine Butera

Wednesday, February 5

08 AM—St Anne's

Marian & Krystyna Strozyk—Mirek & Henia Lawniczak
Marian & Janina Lawniczak—Mirek & Henia Lawniczak
Leon & Helen Urbaniak—Mirek & Henia Lawniczak

12 Noon—Holy Angels'

Filomena Maselli—Maselli Family
Maureen Griffiths—Bate Family
Richard Cochrill—Lucille Nicli

Thursday, February 6

9:15 AM—St. Anne's

Int. Pam Slaght—Ethan Smith
Int. YMCA after school Program Staff—Ryan & Ethan Smith
Richard Foster—Bill & Deirdre Walker

10 AM—St. Mary's

Souls in Purgatory—Ivone & Duarte Bettencourt
Carlo Cavassa Sr—Pierinelli Family
John Campbell—Manuel & Carmina DeSilva
Lloyd Harris—Henry & Norma Schnekenburger
Int. Marijn Fleuren—Madelyn Huys
Int. Fr. Robert Weaver—Jerry & Rosemarie Vandenbrink

Friday, February 7

08 AM—St. Anne's

Malcolm Beckwith—Knights of Columbus, 3rd Degree
Int. Naklusi & Kroeplin Families—Carl & Barb Kroeplin
Int. Justin & Sara Haasen & Family—Rick & Angie Haasen

12 Noon—Holy Angels'

Ann Kerkvliet—Margaret & Arnold Walker
Richard Cochrill—Knights of Columbus, 3rd Degree
Katherine Sayer—Holy Angels' CWL

Saturday, February 8

08 AM—Holy Angels'

Mary Adcock—Bate Family
Annie Mae & John Horncastle—Bate Family
Judy Georgijev—Muma Family

4:30 PM—St. Anne's

Rene DiCristoforo—Rose, Angela, Mario & Family
Bishop Fred Henry—Alan & Cathy Taylor
Jo McKeough (nee Healey) - Barb & Ross Grahame

Monday, February 10

08 AM—Holy Angels'

Int. Olivia Smith—Ron & Linda Kingswood
Int. Muma Family—Mary Alice Somerville
Victor Sauve—Phil & Kim Ambrose

Tuesday, February 11

08 AM—St Anne's

Walter Petryszyn—Petryszyn Family
Judy Georgijev—Muma Family
Richard Foster—St. Anne's Supper Club

10 AM—Our Lady of Sorrows

Natalia Pacheco—Estate of Natalia Pacheco
Beatrice (Bea) Plato—David & Lynn Van Wychen
Giovanna Giuliano-Turco—Catherine Butera
Souls in Purgatory—Brian Bridson
Int. Fr. Janko Herbut & Family—Bryce A. Volk

Wednesday, February 12

08 AM—St Anne's

Malcolm Beckwith—Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree
Richard Foster—Refugee Committee
Kim Bolton—Alissa Wilson & Family

12 Noon—Holy Angels'

Int. Joan Vachon—Matt & Marie Semendas
Souls in Purgatory—Bate Family
Erin & Jason Galbraith—Jerry & Mary Jane Collins

Thursday, February 13

9:15 AM—St. Anne's

Ascenza Aretusi—Renato Aretusi
Int. Sonja Weidner—Ryan Smith
Int. Morgan Vansevenant—Ryan Smith

10 AM—St. Mary's

Deceased Portuguese members of the West Lorne Community
Stephen Demitroff—Paula Jessop
Itala Cavassa—Pierinelli Family
Fr. Reardon—Henry & Norma Schnekenburger
Evie McCaffery—St. Helen's CWL
Int. Dcn. Dan O'Connor—Jerry & Rosemarie Vandenbrink

Friday, February 14

08 AM—St. Anne's

Bill Bynsdorp—Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree
Int. Justin & Sara Haasen & Family—Rick & Angie Haasen
Richard Foster—Len & Ronnie Parkins

12 noon—Holy Angels'

Andy Almiron—Sdrauca Almiron
Leo Lynch—Helen & Sandy Lynch
Int. Vallerie Macdonald & Family—Jerry & Mary Jane Collins

Saturday, February 15

09 AM—St. Mary's

Souls in Purgatory—Ivone & Duarte Bettencourt
Carlo Cavassa Jr—Pierinelli Family
Giovanna Giuliano-Turco—Catherine Butera
Int. Wendy Vergeer—Jerry & Rosemarie Vandenbrink

4:30 PM—St. Anne's

Int. Nancy Butler—A Friend
Int. Joni Wilson—Alissa Wilson & Family
Michael Cosgrove—Joan Sibley

