



**Sarnia Bluewater**  
**Roman Catholic**  
**Family of Parishes**

**MARCH 2025**

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## ***Good News Monthly***

## ***Bonnes Nouvelles Mensuelles***



**During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind.**

*(Spes Non Confundit, 10)*

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**Au cours de l'Année Jubilaire, nous serons appelés à être des signes tangibles d'espérance pour de nombreux frères et sœurs qui vivent dans des conditions de détresse.**

*(Spes non confundit, 10)*

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## FAMILY OF PARISHES JUBILEE LENTEN MISSION

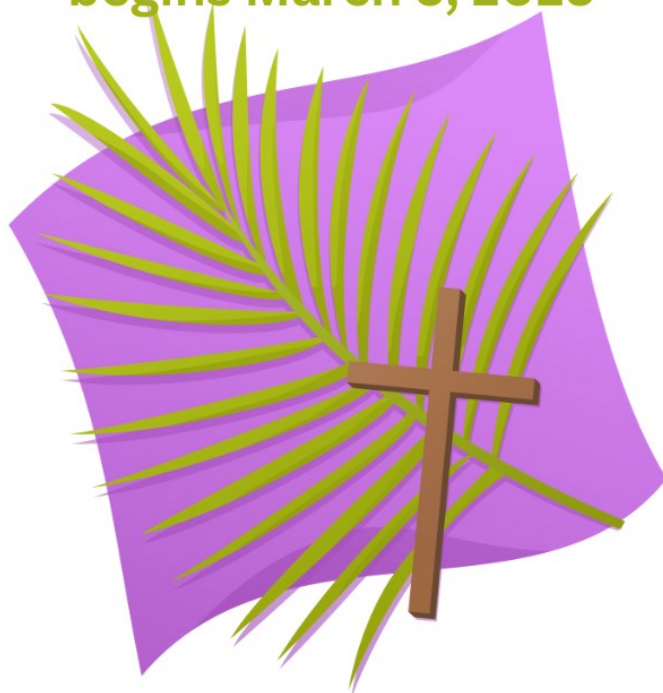
We are pleased to announce that our Family of Parishes will host a Lenten Jubilee Mission on the dates and locations as follows:

- Monday, March 31 at St. Michael
- Tuesday, April 1 at St. Benedict
- Thursday, April 3 at Sacred Heart

All events will begin at 6pm and include Mass, Confession and a talk on a particular Jubilee theme. The mission will qualify the attendees to obtain a Plenary Indulgence since the requirements for an indulgence will be met, such as praying for the Holy Father's intentions and the reception of Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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## LENT begins March 5, 2025



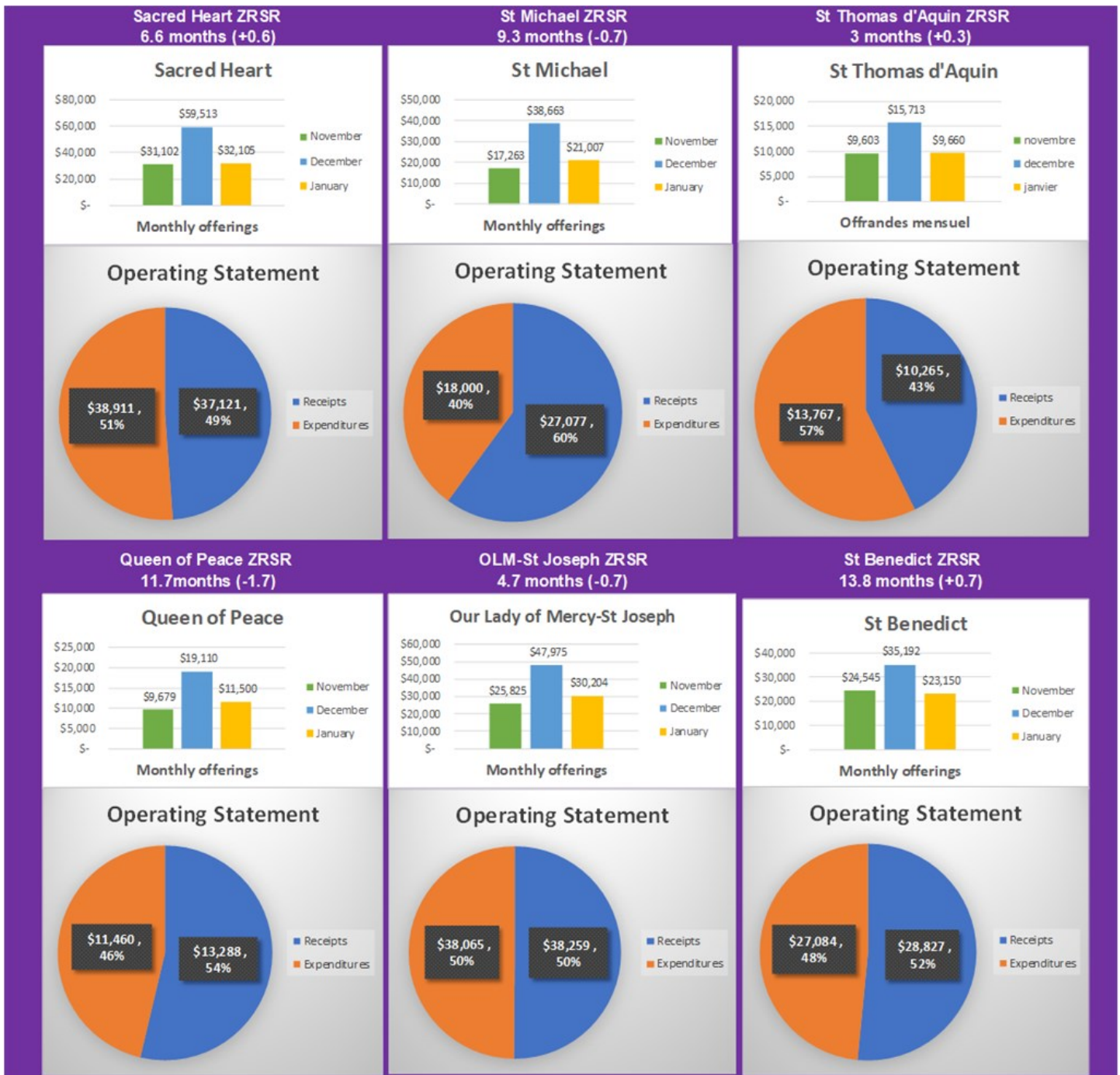
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# RENDER UNTO CAESAR A FINANCIAL COLUMN

Welcome to the monthly financial column for the Family of Parishes. In this edition, we will be reporting on our first month of operation for 2025 and provide a quick update on our snow clearing efforts.

January included four offertory collections and one Holy Day of Obligation. The January tally was comparable to November 2024, December being a special month of generosity for the faithful. Being very early in the year, it is hard to predict how 2025 will unfold. The Finance Council is keeping a close eye on expenses and have provided several constructive suggestions as to where we could exercise fiscal efficiencies.



## RENDER UNTO CAESAR A FINANCIAL COLUMN

### New Communication Strategy

One such efficiency being investigated is how we communicate with parishioners. To help us increase our evangelization outreach, we welcomed a new staff member, dedicated to Social Media communication. Alyssa Minten arrived in the position in February after having been identified as the successful candidate of a competitive process.

The Finance Council has supported the creation of this new position at the recommendation of the Communication Team. We (Finance Council) believe this is a critical step in changing the perception outsiders might have of our Faith. We are currently developing tools to evaluate the effectiveness of the various ways we communicate and their outcomes. More about it in the coming months.

### Snow Clearing

Do you like snow? I hope you do because we had a bunch of it this year. This is the first season the Family of Parishes has not contracted out snow clearing for sidewalks. This year, it has been done by parish caretakers and volunteers. Being an unusual snowy and cold year proved challenging at times.

Our next step is to evaluate the outcome and analyze the lessons learned to guide us for next winter. Please feel free to share with us your experiences and comments as to how well we did and how we could do better.

Louis Guimond

Business Manager

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### Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes 2025 Vacation Bible School

#### The Great Journey with Jesus.

Your children will experience an exciting 5-day journey through the Life of Jesus. They will travel through the cycles of the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent and Easter through music, faith, games, crafts and snacks.

**Journey Date:** Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm

**Place of Exploration:** Sacred Heart Parish Hall

**Travelers:** Children entering grades 1 to 5 in September of 2025

**Cost:** \$40/child, \$100 family of 3+children

**Registration:** scan the QR code or visit [sarniacatholic.ca](http://sarniacatholic.ca)



## INDULGENCE: MEANING, TYPES AND PRACTICE IN THE JUBILEE YEAR

Sin has consequences. Catholic doctrine teaches us that sin has eternal consequence and temporal (*natural*) consequence. Gladly, Christ through his death on the cross, paid the eternal price for the eternal consequence of our sins; the temporal consequence of sin, however, requires us to carry out certain works or spiritual exercises which can heal the wounds caused by our sin. Illustratively, if I break my neighbour's window, I can be forgiven for the action, but that doesn't replace the window. I can either spend the money myself to replace the window, or someone can help me pay for it. No matter how, the window has to be replaced. The payment has to be satisfied. That satisfaction is what the church calls indulgence.



By definition therefore, indulgence is “a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints” (CCC 1471).

From the above definition, indulgence as understood and used in the church has no connotation with the everyday usage of the word ‘indulge’, ‘indulgent’ or ‘self-indulgence’ which connote a somewhat moral softness. Indulgence rightly understood is not a permission to commit sin; it is not an alternative to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Rather, it is an exercise of the forgiving authority of the church (*Confer Matt 16:19; Matt 18:18*) intent on not merely providing aid to Christians, but also “to spur them to works of devotion, penance and charity” (CCC 1478).

Indulgences are of two kinds, namely plenary or partial. A partial indulgence covers part of the punishment due for sins, while a plenary indulgence removes all of it. If we were to gain fully a plenary indulgence and were to die immediately afterwards, we would be with God in heaven immediately without any need for atonement in purgatory.

To obtain a plenary indulgence, therefore, one needs to:

1. Be in the state of Grace: that is being free from venial and mortal sin, usually through sacramental confession (*at least before the completion of the indulgence work*).
2. Receive Holy Communion.
3. Pray for the intentions of the Pope (*Usually by saying One Our Father, and One Hail Mary or any other prayer as may seem fit by the individual*).
4. Detachment from sin.

These conditions mentioned above are necessary conditions that the faithful should fulfill in carrying out the proscribed indulgence work for procurement of a plenary indulgence. If all are not fulfilled perfectly, the indulgence procured is said to be a partial indulgence.

It is important to note that while one must have an intention for seeking an indulgence, one can also apply an indulgence for the good of oneself or for the soul of a deceased in purgatory, but never for another living person. By rule, only one indulgence can be obtained a day, but a second is granted if offered for the soul in purgatory.

For the sake of Christ Faithful, the Holy Father has declared the year 2025 a Jubilee Year with the theme PILGRIMS OF HOPE. The following are proscribed works that the faithful can carry out to obtain a plenary indulgence:

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## INDULGENCE: MEANING, TYPES AND PRACTICE IN THE JUBILEE YEAR

**Go on a Pilgrimage:** Certain Holy destinations are approved to gain a plenary indulgence; such as: the 4 Papal Basilicas in Rome, Some Churches, and the Catacombs. In our Diocese, our Cathedral in London, Our Lady of Mercy Parish and some other Churches have been designated as indulgence sites too. This physical journey also provides for a transforming spiritual experience through encounter with God and other pilgrims.



**Perform Works of Mercy:** The Faithful can obtain indulgence also by carrying out the spiritual or corporal works of mercy such as visiting prisoners, spending time with lonely, elderly people, aiding the sick or disabled, and helping those who are in need. These are seen as a form of 'pilgrimage to Christ who is present in them'.

**Carry out 'Acts of Penance':** 'acts of penance' means 'any act or a set of actions done out of repentance for sins committed'. Some include Fasting, Abstinence (*from social media, TV, Chit-Chat, Entertainment*), Supporting Religious Work, Donating to a Cause (*supporting Immigrants, the poor*), Volunteering to Service.

**Study the Vatican II Document:** By devoutly participating in a retreat, study group, or spiritual exercise on the 'documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place'.

**Uniting Spiritually with those on Pilgrimage:** those who cannot go on pilgrimage or make a visit to a sacred place for serious reasons will be able to gain the Indulgence wherever they are by uniting themselves spiritually with those who do so, and reciting the Our Father, the Creed, and other prayers connected with the Holy Year, while offering up their sufferings or hardships. This option makes the grace of indulgence available to prisoners, the confined, the handicapped and the sick amongst others.

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## SOCIAL JUSTICE AND MISSIONS



Join us for a heartwarming and quirky online screening of ***Marcel the Shell with Shoes On***, a charming tale that will bring a smile to your face.

Marcel is an adorable, 1-inch-tall shell who ekes out a colourful existence with his grandmother, Connie, and their pet lint, Alan. Once part of a sprawling community of shells, they now live alone as the sole survivors of a mysterious tragedy. However, when a documentary filmmaker discovers them, the short film he posts online brings Marcel millions of passionate fans, as well as unprecedented dangers and a new hope of finding his long-lost family.

**Theme:** Youth, Resilience, Community, Migration

**Film Run Time:** 90 minutes, 2021

**When:** Thursday, March 27, 2025 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. ET

**Where:** Online screening (Click [HERE](#))

## **HOMILY: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C - DEACON DAVID CUMMINGS**

There are two words we hear a lot: “disciple” and “apostle”.

**A disciple** is one who studies the teaching of a master. For us here, I hope, we are all disciples of Jesus Christ. And we have a number of opportunities available to do this as individuals and as families, whether events organized at the Parish, Family of Parishes, Deanery or Diocesan level, or just something simple like reading the Sunday readings before Mass, to be more open and receptive to God’s Word for us.

**An Apostle** is one who is sent. In today’s readings, we hear a lot about different apostles: Isiah, Paul, Cephas (Peter), the twelve, James, and of course, the fishermen. Sent to participate in the Ministry of Christ. And like discipleship, there are lots of opportunities for ministry throughout this parish! Think about it: Greeters and Commentators, Music Ministers, Catechists for Children’s Liturgy, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament – all these are ways we can share in the Ministry of Christ, ways of being sent to serve God’s people!

The challenge is that sometimes, we reduce these ministries to just a series of mundane tasks we do. When trying to FORM people for a ministry, what I often get is “Just tell me what I have to do!” When your focus is solely on the “What” you miss the entire point.

It is not about the “what”, but rather it is about the “who”. Who we do it for, who it is being done through, and with and in. Ministry is fundamentally and profoundly relational – relational in Christ!

We talk a lot about evangelization and bringing people into the Church. And we see some results. But when we switch from just doing a “job” to “letting Christ work through us”, the results go from ordinary to extraordinary!

As ministers of hospitality, we can be gracious and welcoming. But united to Christ, it is as if Christ himself extends hospitality, inviting Zacchaeus to come down from the sycamore tree.

As music ministers, we can make beautiful music. But united to Christ, it is as if Christ himself fills the hearts of his people with gratitude to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to our God.

As lectors, we can read well. But, lending our human voice to God, it is as if Christ himself speaks God’s tender words of mercy and love to the crowd on the shore.

As a Deacon, I can read the Gospel. But conformed unto the ministry of Christ, I am charged with the responsibility of proclaiming the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and of making that Divine and Living Word present for His people.

As a priest, Fr Edward can celebrate Mass. But conformed unto Christ the Head, he makes present for us the sacrifice of the cross, so that our offerings become true food and true drink that Christ may abide in us.

As ministers of the Blessed Sacrament, we can give communion, but united to Christ, it is as if Christ himself, having compassion for his people, feeds them, offering spiritual nourishment.

For our ministries to be fruitful, we must be properly formed. The Family of Parishes has offered different opportunities to look at the practical aspects of ministry (the “what”), but also I invite you to seek out opportunities to go deeper into the spiritual aspects of your liturgical ministry. Maybe prayerfully read the General Instruction on the Roman Missal, the GIRM. It is available on the Canadian Conference Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) website.

We must also be properly prepared. How can I properly proclaim the Word of God if I haven’t spent any time with it?

But first and foremost, we must be united to Christ in prayer. How can I serve Him if I have not sought out his grace? If I am not open to the movements of his spirit.

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## HOMILY: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C - DEACON DAVID CUMMINGS

One last thought, when I was just newly ordained, we had prepared a preaching schedule and I was scheduled to preach at a weekday mass. Unfortunately, around that time, I had a family member in hospital in London. So, I had texted Father to say I wouldn't be able to preach on a particular Saturday as planned. Well, something happened and I ended up coming to Mass, but not prepared to preach, assuming he had read my text. Well, he had not. Basically, I needed to come up with a homily quickly. All through the opening rites and first reading, I was drawing a blank. After proclaiming the Gospel, I paused, and in my heart, asked God to let the people hear what he wanted them to hear. I can't remember what I said, but afterwards, someone came up to me and shared how something I said had touched that person. That this person had been touched was not because of anything I had done; it was only because I let the Holy Spirit work through me. It is only by cooperating with the grace of God within us that we can share his Good News in the deep waters of our world; to respond to his call "Here am I; send me!"

### Family Day with Blessed Carlo: Celebrating the First Millennial Saint

Join us in Celebrating the Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis!

**FAMILY DAY WITH BLESSED CARLO: CELEBRATING THE 1ST MILLENNIAL SAINT**

"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan" Blessed Carlo

To mark this joyous occasion, the YYAFM Office, along with several Families of Parishes, will be hosting a special Family Celebration—and you're invited!

**VIDEO GAMES, FAMILY PRAYER, FOOD, FUN & MORE!!**

**Sunday, April 27 from 3-5:30PM**

**4 Church locations:**

- 1) Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Windsor
- 2) Holy Family, London
- 3) Our Lady of Help Christians, Wallaceburg
- 4) St. George, London
- 5) St. Michael Parish in Bright's Grove, Sarnia

**REGISTER NOW AT:**  
BlessedCarloFamilyDay

Question? Contact [ccogle@dol.ca](mailto:ccogle@dol.ca)

To mark this joyous occasion, the Youth, Young Adult & Family Ministry Office, along with several Families of Parishes, will be hosting a special Family Celebration and all families are invited!

**Date:** Sunday, April 27, 2025

**Time:** approximately 3:00pm - 5:30pm (times may vary depending on the church)

**Locations:** Multiple Families of Parishes (see the list below for the parishes hosting in your area)

This exciting Diocesan-wide event welcomes families with children of all ages for an afternoon of faith, fun, and fellowship!

#### **What to Expect:**

- Watch highlights from the canonization ceremony of Blessed Carlo Acutis.
- Enjoy a rotation of activities, including Mario Kart, games, snacks, and more.
- Experience family Adoration and moments of prayer together.
- Connect with other churches across the Diocese via Zoom.

To ensure we have enough supplies and snacks for everyone, we kindly ask families to sign up in advance.

For questions, feel free to reach out to Christine Coyle at [ccogle@dol.ca](mailto:ccogle@dol.ca). We can't wait to celebrate this historic moment with you and your family!

#### **Location List:**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Windsor, ON) - part of the South Windsor Catholic Family of Parishes

Holy Family (London, ON) - part of the Lucan Northwest Catholic Family of Parishes

Our Lady of Help Christians (Wallaceburg, ON) - part of the Kent Lambton Catholic Family of Parishes

St. George (London, ON) - part of the Springbank Catholic Family of Parishes

St. Michael Parish, Bright's Grove – part of the Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes



## CHARISMS — CALLED & GIFTED DISCERNMENT PROCESS



**CHARISMS ~ CALLED AND GIFTED**

**Experience your Greatest Happiness  
by doing what God has Uniquely Gifted  
You to do!**

**New workshops beginning  
March 25, 2025**



**Scan QR code for details  
and to register online  
or call the parish office  
519-336-2653**

Come and discover how  
God is working through you!

The next 10 week workshop begins  
Tuesday, March 25th,  
7pm-9pm  
Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

If you have any questions, please  
contact Christine Bresette at  
[christine.bresette@gmail.com](mailto:christine.bresette@gmail.com)  
or 519-464-2108.

This is what our Charisms participants have been saying after completing the workshop:

*“My name is Louise. I want to share with you a little of my experience of taking the Charisms course.*

*Charisms, as you may already know, are our spiritual gifts that are given to us to share with others. The course that was developed by Sherry Weddell is offered through the Catherine of Siena Institute and led by our parishioner, Christine Bresette.*

*The course itself has several components that include instruction in the different charisms, self-assessment in our own charisms, opportunities for reflection with others, and opportunities for self-reflection and contemplation.*

*I found the course to be very affirming. I confirmed my main charism in addition to learning about other charisms that I might develop. Since completing the course, I have become involved in one of the parishes' ministries and am finding that to be rewarding and fulfilling.”*

*This is my own journey with spiritual gifts. The awesome thing is that each one of us has Spiritual Gifts to use in the unique way chosen for us personally by God.”*

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### St. Michael Finance Council Parish Representative

We have an opening on the Finance Council for a St. Michael representative. St. Michael parishioners are encouraged to consider submitting their name for this position to serve your parish community.

Please contact Louis Guimon at [lguimond@dol.ca](mailto:lguimond@dol.ca) for more information.

## JENN'S MONTHLY HAPPENINGS



What a Winter we have been having this year! As cold and blustery as it has been, it has not prevented us from having an eventful February!

This month we celebrated with the Grade 1 / 2 class from St. Anne Catholic School. They asked to host a Liturgy of the Word for their school and we were blessed to be a part of such a beautiful service focusing on St. Valentine and love.

St. Patrick's Catholic High School invited us to be part of their Grade 8 Open House showcasing the many opportunities for faith, growth, learning, and development offered to the students who choose to be part of the St. Patrick's Irish family for their high school years. Our Family of Parishes met with many families answering questions and highlighting the Steubenville Youth Conference (see the QR code below), the Confirmation Preparation Program, and the ways to connect with us through social media. You can find us on our website - [sarniacatholic.ca](http://sarniacatholic.ca), Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter using the QR code or searching us on these social media platforms!

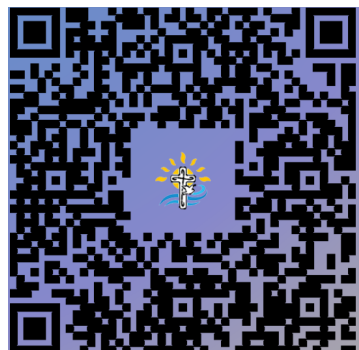
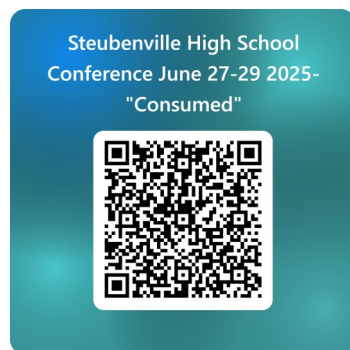
Stay tuned for many exciting upcoming events we have planned for our Family of Parishes through the Spring and Summer months!

I wish you and your family warm Winter Blessings!

Yours in Christ,

Jenn Stewart  
Sacramental Catechist

St. Anne Liturgy



St. Patrick High School Open House

## ST. VALENTINE DAY SHARING AND CARING



Helen Ross, co-chair of the St. Michael's Caring and Sharing Ministry, delivers Valentines created by the students at Holy Trinity school to Tessa, Recreation Director at Sumac Lodge.

The Residents surely enjoyed receiving the special cards and messages.

Please keep them and the staff of all of our long-term care and retirement homes in your prayers as they navigate this winter season.

Some of the homes have been closed due to outbreaks so these Valentines were a little ray of sunshine for the Residents.

What a wonderful example of school, church and community working together!





February  
16th



MEET & GREET

FAMILY DAY ~ FAMILY SKATING

DO MORE  
OF WHAT  
YOU LOVE



Friends

YOU GOT  
THIS



focus

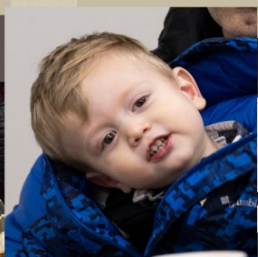
LOTS MORE  
PICTURES ON OUR  
FACEBOOK PAGE



SUCCESS



HAPPINESS



2025

FAMILY DAY  
SKATING



balance



be yourself

*happiness  
is a habit*

INSPIRATION



## NOUVELLES DES DAMES DE STE-ANNE

Le nouvel exécutif des Dames de Ste-Anne vous invite à participer à leur prélèvement de fonds qui se tiendra dimanche, le 23 mars à 5hrs pm.

Une activité familiale à ne pas manquer avec au menu du spaghetti, pain, dessert et breuvage suivi d'un bingo pour toute la famille avec des prix à gagner.

C'est ainsi que nous clôturerons la semaine canadienne française. Vous pourrez vous procurer des billets avant et après les messes en anglais et français de la paroisse St-Thomas d'Aquin.

Vous pouvez aussi envoyer un courriel à [ginetteprevost01@gmail.com](mailto:ginetteprevost01@gmail.com) afin de réserver votre place ou téléphoner à Diane Passingham au # 519-331-1325.

Suite au grand succès du Bee-Bop Café en septembre passé nous vous invitons à inscrire à votre agenda la date du samedi 17 mai prochain car nous tiendrons notre deuxième Bee-Bop Café annuel avec des nouveautés qui vous plairont certainement.

Nous sommes très fiers d'avoir soutenu encore une fois cette année nos écoles catholiques françaises St-Thomas d'Aquin & St-François Xavier avec des subventions pour un programme de petits déjeuners et une retraite pour des élèves du secondaire.

**Souper Spaghetti-Bingo  
Des Dames de Ste-Anne**

**Quand? Dimanche le 23 mars, 2025**

**Heure: 5h pm**

**Où: Salle de la paroisse St-Thomas d'Aquin**

**Coût: \$20 adulte  
\$15 adolescent 12 ans à 17 ans  
\$10 enfant 11 ans et moins**



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

*I Made You Wonderful*

**Friday, March 7**

- ♦ 2:00 pm St. Giles Presbyterian Church  
770 Lakeshore Rd. Sarnia
- ♦ 11:00 am St. John in the Wilderness  
2896 Old Lakeshore Rd. Bright's Grove

Join with worshippers from other Sarnia churches  
as we celebrate our faith in unity.

The 2025 World Day of Prayer has been written by the  
Committee of the Cook Islands.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

## NEWS FROM LES DAMES DE STE-ANNE

The new executive of the Dames de Ste-Anne invites you to participate in their fundraiser that will take place on Sunday, March 23, at 5:00pm.

This is a family-friendly event not to be missed, featuring a delicious meal of spaghetti, bread, dessert, and beverages followed by a bingo game for the whole family with prizes to be won.

This event will mark the closing of French Canadian Week. Tickets will be available before and after the English and French Masses at St. Thomas d'Aquin Parish.

You can also reserve your spot by sending an email to [ginetteprevost01@gmail.com](mailto:ginetteprevost01@gmail.com) or calling Diane Passingham at 519-331-1325.

Following the great success of the Bee-Bop Café last September, we invite you to mark your calendars for Saturday, May 17, as we will be hosting our second Annual Bee-Bop Café, featuring exciting new surprises that you will surely enjoy!

We are also very proud to have supported our French Catholic schools, St. Thomas d'Aquin & St-François Xavier, once again this year by providing funding for a breakfast program and a retreat for high school students.

### Spaghetti-Bingo Dinner The Ladies of Ste-Anne

**When? Sunday, March 23rd, 2025**

**Time: 5:00 PM**

**Where: St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall**

Cost: \$20 adult  
\$15 teenager (12 to 17 years old)  
\$10 child (11 years and under)



Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic  
Family of Parishes  
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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY GAME NIGHT

NO CHARGE - COFFEE, TEA, POP & JUICE  
CASH BAR - WINE & BEER

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14  
7-10 PM**

**Sacred Heart  
Parish Hall**

For more info, visit our website  
[www.sarniacatholic.ca/upcoming-events](http://www.sarniacatholic.ca/upcoming-events)

**The Family of Parishes Social Team invites you to  
an evening of cards and board games on  
Friday, March 14th at Sacred Heart Parish.**

- ♦ Come out for a fun night of Cards and games
- ♦ Bring your cards or your favorite game and a snack to share
- ♦ Come with a group or join a table
- ♦ Play your favorite game or learn a new one
- ♦ No cost, no registration required
- ♦ Open to all.
- ♦ Cash bar - wine & beer
- ♦ Coffee, tea, pop, water - no charge



# *St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus Council # 11164*

## March 2025 NEWSLETTER

All information about the St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus activities can be found on the **Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes** web page at [St. Benedict KofC](http://St.BenedictKofC)

Follow us on Facebook at [Knights of Columbus St. Benedict Council 11164 Sarnia](https://www.facebook.com/Knights of Columbus St. Benedict Council 11164 Sarnia)

### Join Us Today

Become an online Knights of Columbus member for free. Visit [KofC.org/joinus](http://KofC.org/joinus)  
Enter code **BLESSED MCGIVNEY** for a FREE one-year membership.



### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**St. Benedict Knights of Columbus and  
the Catholic Women's League  
are offering a Pancake supper.**



**WHEN:** Shrove Tuesday, March 4th between 4:30 – 6:30 PM

**WHERE:** St. Benedict Church Hall, Lorne Ave., Sarnia

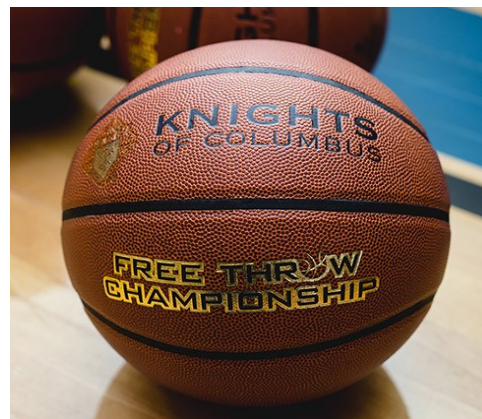
**MENU:** Pancakes, sausage, desert, juice, coffee and tea

**COST:** \$10 Adults, \$5 kids 12 & under, \$25 Family of 4 +

**All proceeds to KofC and CWL Activities.**

### Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Competition

The Knights of Columbus Councils in Sarnia-Lambton held another successful basketball free throw competition at various schools in the area on **Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**. Kids competed within their own gender and age group and progressed from the Council level to the District competition which was held at St. Pat's High School on **Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. The winners at the District competition advanced to the Region level which is being held in London on **Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Over 1,000 boys and girls from 28 Sarnia/Lambton schools participated in this year's Free Throw competition.



### He is Risen Car/Fridge Magnets

We have a limited supply of **"He is Risen"** magnets that can be displayed either on your car or fridge during the Easter season. Cost is \$10 each and are available at the Parish office, 1011 Oak St. Sarnia (at St. Benedict Church).



# St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus Council # 11164

## Baby Shower Drive

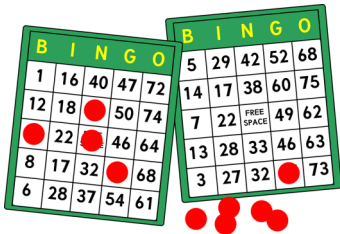
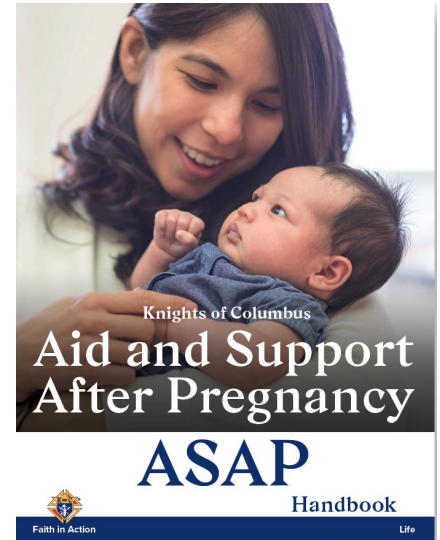
Once again, the Sarnia and Bright's Grove Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Baby Shower Drive** in support of the **Sarnia Pregnancy Option and Support Centre** through a program known as the **ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy)**.

For every \$500 a KofC Council donates to the pregnancy centre, our Supreme Council will also donate \$100 to a maximum of \$500.

The Knights are asking for donations of needed baby items, grocery or Walmart gift cards and monetary donations to purchase urgent care needs. If you wish to donate, please bring the items to where you attend Mass on the weekend of March 22nd and 23rd. Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Pregnancy Centre Support" and left in the church collection basket.

Please make cheques payable to:  
**"The Pregnancy Option & Support Centre".**

Your kindness is greatly appreciated.



## KofC Meat Bingos

Come and join us every 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at OLM hall (corner of Christina St. & London Rd.).

Bingos start at 7 PM, but come early to buy your cards and get set up. Food and refreshments are available.

Please bring canned goods in support of our local food banks. All proceeds help support Knights of Columbus charities.



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## KofC 50-50 ON-LINE Raffle

The KofC 50-50 raffle is still ongoing in support of local Sarnia and Ontario Charities. To purchase your tickets from the **St. Benedict KofC**, click on the following link

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/190>

The **Grand Prize** will be drawn on April 27th, 2025.

Please share with your family, friends and neighbours.



## *St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus Council # 11164*

### Faith in Action

Members of the St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus put their Faith in Action by acting as Honour Guard and serving at the funeral Masses of two of our deceased Brother Knights.

The Funeral Mass for Brother Walter Bucci was celebrated on January 20<sup>th</sup> at Queen of Peace Church.

The Funeral Mass for Brother Sir Knight Wm. Bryan Stafford was celebrated on February 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Benedict's church



*May eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen*

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### **ST. MICHAEL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10102**



Members of St. Michael Knights of Columbus Council 10102 send sincere thanks to the many parishioners and all who attended our February 9th Valentine's Breakfast.

It was a full house.

Did you enjoy the surprise?"

Doug Robinson  
St. Michael Knights of Columbus  
Council 10102



## PILGRIMAGES 2025



### GREAT SAINTS OF NORTHERN FRANCE

JOIN A PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHERN FRANCE LED BY KEITH LITTLE WITH THE CORDIAL CATHOLIC & FR. JOSEPH OGHENEJABOR

TRAVEL DATES:  
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Questions?  
Contact Kayla Banning at  
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### Join Us: Information Meeting

**When:** Monday, March 3rd,  
at 7:00 - 9:00 pm EST

**Where:** The Parish Hall at  
St. Benedict's Church  
(1101 Oak Ave., Sarnia, ON,  
Canada, N7S 1J4)  
Or join virtually by scanning the  
QR code

**\$5,500 USD (\$7920.96 CAD)**  
**Package Includes:**

- 9 days / 7 nights
- Round Trip Airfare
- 4-Star Hotels (rated by country standard)
- Double Occupancy
- Ground Transportation
- Gratuities (main guides, drivers and porters)
- Daily Mass
- Catholic Tour Guides
- All Admission Fees
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Trinity Tour Travels will take you on a journey through the heart of France's rich Catholic heritage, and introduce you to some of the greatest Saints in history.

Explore the Cathedral de Notre Dame de Paris, where we will see parts of The Crown of Thorns and the True Cross.

Marvel at the iconic Mont-Saint-Michel, where the abbey rises majestically above shifting tides.

Walk in the footsteps of St. Joan of Arc in Rouen, where her legacy as a courageous warrior and faithful Saint lives on.

Retreat to the home of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and explore the city that deeply impacted the young Saint's life.

## 2025 is the JUBILEE Year

Join us now for a trip of a lifetime and experience the incredible Pilgrimage to Fatima (Portugal), Lourdes (France) and Santiago de Compostela (Spain), under the spiritual leadership of Rev. Jose Montepeque (retired associate pastor of Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes), to places of historical and biblical importance.

September 22nd, 2025 to October 3rd, 2025

It will be an enriching journey that will deepen your understanding and strengthen your Christian faith. Daily Mass will be held in some of the most beautiful cathedrals, and lots more.

For further details, contact Irene at [kohirene88@gmail.com](mailto:kohirene88@gmail.com), or call 519-464-2044

## Marian Shrine Pilgrimage



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STRENGTHEN YOUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

Fatima - Lourdes - Santiago de Compostela

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SEPTEMBER 22 - OCTOBER 3, 2025



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Scan the QR Code in the poster below, click on the poster or click [HERE](#).  
Council will receive a portion of the profits.

**\$12,170 total pot Winner takes \$6,085 (as of Feb 16)**



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For 'preferred council number'  
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number or leave it blank

**MEETINGS: 1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday**

6:15 pm - Officers meeting  
(members welcome)

7 pm - Membership

8 pm - Social hour

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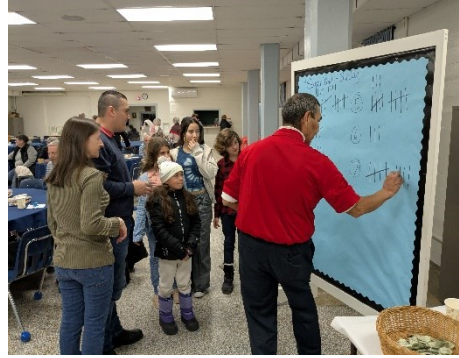
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## KofC - COUNCIL 1429 – Deacon Lyle Memorial “SouperBow!” Challenge



Thanks to the CWL of St Joseph Parish who put on the desserts and decorated the hall, to our dedicated band of volunteers and above all to the donors of soups (and they were all simply delicious) Council took in over \$900 at the door.

Special thanks to the winner of the 50-50 draw, Jessica, who donated the winnings to the Council.

The winner of the soup challenge, by far, was the soup donated by our Program Director, Chris Burley.

### BASKETBALL FREE THROW TOURNAMENT

The council level event was conducted at the Sacred Heart school gym on Saturday, January 26. About 125 kids participated from 7 elementary schools.

At the district competition on February 15, 4 of the 10 winners were from schools representing our council. They move on to the regional tournament to be held in London on March 01.

## COUNCIL NEWS

**Coming soon – look out for announcements.**

**Pancake Tuesday:** at the Sacred Heart Church Hall on Tuesday evening, March 04.

Spring Dinner Dance

Sacred Heart Feast