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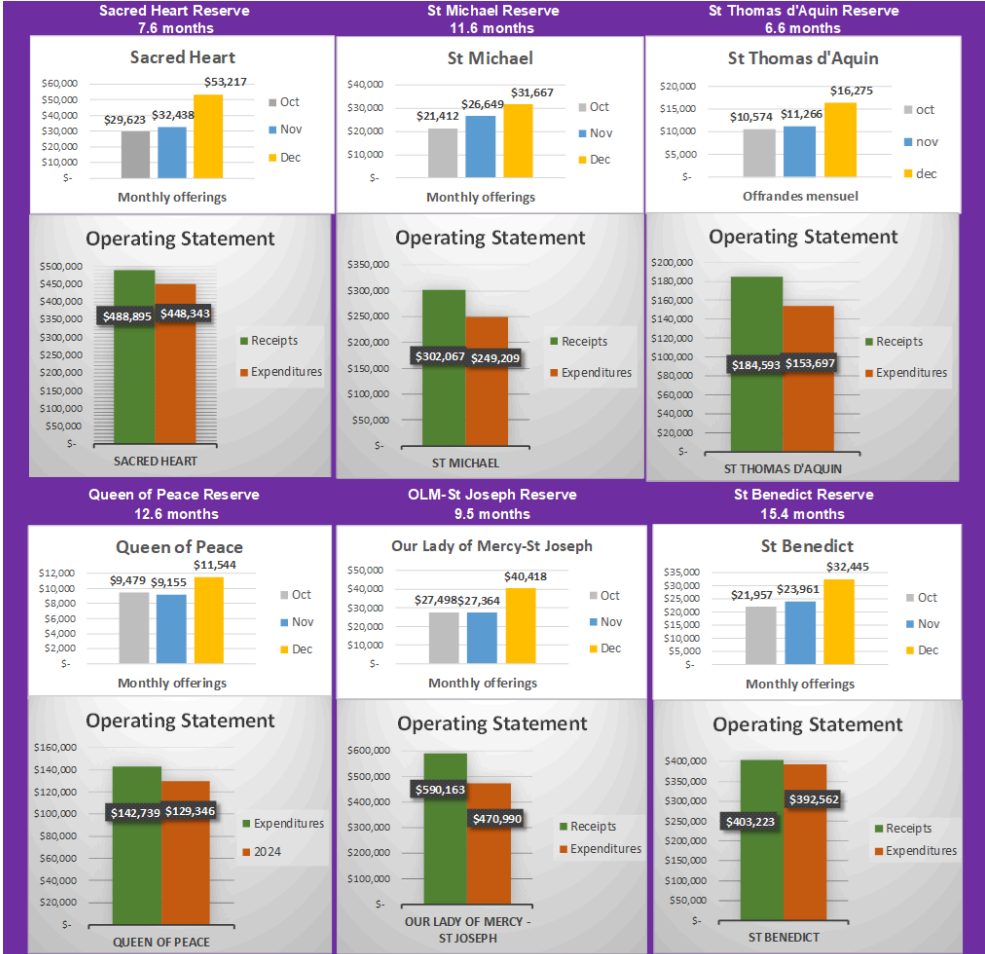
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RENDER UNTO CAESAR  
OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE



December has brought the 2025 fiscal year in positive territory. All Parishes are showing significant surpluses which will be wisely used to share hope through faith for our community and increase the resilience of our parishes.

The Lord blessed us with abundance, let's rejoice in his glory.

Your 2025 income tax receipts will be mailed by mid-February. Please contact the office if you have changed your mailing address or if you have not received your receipt by the end of February. Thank you for your generosity.

Louis Guimond  
Business Administrator

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***Jenn's Monthly  
Happenings***

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I know God has a reason for this very cold and snowy Winter, but I am still not very appreciative... Sorry, God! I pray that the groundhog does not see his shadow and that Spring will arrive soon! This Winter weather has not slowed the pace of our programs, events, ministries, and connections!

The elementary schools have all had their KinderSTART events, and this gave the clergy and I the chance to connect with new families coming into the Catholic school system and with familiar faces as they registered their little ones for Kindergarten. We are so grateful for the strong connection we have with our schools and the opportunities they offer us to merge our ministries and teaching.

The preparation program for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion has begun and we have a wonderful group of children and their families who are continuing their faith journey as they become more formed in preparation to receive Sacraments in the Spring. The Sacramental Preparation Team has grown slightly from last year and we are so thankful for the dedication to their Baptismal calling.

The Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes Faith Leadership Muskoka Woods Experience is coming to our grade 7 youth again this May! If you are interested in your grade 7 youth joining this experience, please register them for the waitlist as the trip has filled. There may be an opportunity for your youth to attend the trip if they are on the waitlist. Please scan the SBRCFP Muskoka Woods QR code below. The more names on the waitlist the better as this will help us grow the trip and be able to include even more grade 7 youth on this amazing faith-based adventure!

I hope this coming month of February brings you warm blessings of love, joy and peace as we look forward to celebrating the Feast of St. Valentine and Family Day.

Yours in Christ,  
*Jenn*



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January 19, 2026  
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### PAROISSE SAINT-THOMAS D'AQUIN

“Merci au père Patrick Bénéteau d'être venu de London pour célébrer la messe du dimanche 18 janvier à l'église St-Thomas d'Aquin. Il a été nommé vicaire épiscopal pour les paroisses francophones du diocèse de London en novembre 2025. Son homélie était inspirante et il nous a donné 4 devoirs à accomplir. Comme promis, il nous les a envoyé par écrit et nous offre aussi des ressources en français. Voici sa lettre.”

*Bonjour Diacre David, Paul et la paroisse St-Thomas d'Aquin,*

*C'était une vraie joie et honneur de célébrer avec vous hier. Comme promis, voici les 4 devoirs pour nous aider avec le renouveau de nos paroisses francophones que le Seigneur désire ! S.v.p. partagez ceci avec tous les membres de la communauté; surtout les excellentes ressources et outils ci-dessous:*

- 1. Discerner 1 ou 2 personnes qui représenteront la paroisse sur notre comité diocésain "Francophones en mission".*
- 2. Lancer une campagne de prière d'intercession dans la paroisse, afin que l'Esprit Saint transforme les cœurs des personnes qui se sont éloignées de l'Église. Voici un exemple d'une telle prière d'intercession qui pourrait vous aider à composer la sienne :*  
<https://www.paroissesteugene.ca/main.php?p=60>
- 3. Choisir la "porte d'entrée spirituelle" de la paroisse. Quelle sera la ressource, la forme d'accompagnement ou l'initiative d'accueil que la paroisse utilisera pour recevoir les chercheurs de Dieu et de sens dans leur vie ?*
- 4. Prier pour le courage d'inviter les francophones de redécouvrir la vie avec Jésus en communauté chrétienne. Cultivez une culture qui ose inviter sachant que l'Esprit-saint est déjà à l'oeuvre dans les cœurs des autres.*

*Pour vous aider avec tout ceci, veuillez consulter et vous sensibiliser avec ces ressources:*

- Réseau paroisses en mission: <https://paroissesenmission.org/>*
- Revivre comme paroisse le forum national des paroisses en mission qui a eu lieu à Trois-Rivières: <https://paroissesenmission.org/provincial2024/>*
- Diagnostic paroissial: <https://paroissesenmission.org/project/diagnostic-paroissial-5e/>*

*Quelques possibles "porte d'entrée spirituelle" pour vous aider:*

- En chemin vers l'essentiel : <https://paroissesenmission.org/project/chemin-essentiel/>*
- Les maisonnées : <https://ecdq.org/maisonnees/>*
- Autres outils qui sont des bonnes portes d'entrée : <https://paroissesenmission.org/outils/>*

*Une dernière idée... créer un partenariat avec cette paroisse avec votre saint patron : <https://saintthomasdaquin.qc.ca/>*

*Ce n'est qu'un début mais avec le Seigneur tout est possible ! Gardons en contact et soyez assurés de mes prières.*

*Union de prières,  
Père Patrick Bénéteau*

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**We are All Linked**

As is the case in many of our parishes in the Diocese of London, the Sarnia Bluewater Family of Parishes has welcomed several priests from Nigeria into our family. In my parish of St. Michael, we have been blessed with getting to know Father Michael Woods and were delighted when he was appointed the Spiritual Advisor to our Catholic Women's League. Not only was this role familiar to Father Michael, but we were pleasantly surprised to learn that his family has a connection to The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

We learned that Father Michael's grandmother, Lucy Victoria Woods of Ibadan City, Nigeria came to Canada in September 1965 to learn about our Catholic Women's League and its structure. That Fall, she and a companion travelled to Halifax, Nova Scotia to gather information and knowledge that could be shared with their sisters in Nigeria, to strengthen and enrich the Nigerian Catholic Women's Organization.

Imagine; in her early 40s, Lucy left her eight children in Ibadan City and travelled to the North American continent. This was not a three-week sight-seeing tour and then back home. Lucy stayed until sometime in May 1966. Not only did she spend time studying the organizational structure of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, and attending their convention but she also attended university. Lucy took a course in Social Leadership at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. She received her certificate in Social Leadership in May, 1966.



Lucy Victoria Woods



Lucy and companions on a bus  
in Halifax in September, 1965

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With her research completed in the Spring of 1966, Lucy returned home to train and empower women in her country. The Catholic Women's Organization of Nigeria (CWON) has become a strong and vital component of the Church in that country.

Today, women in Nigeria are very involved in their parishes. They share their faith and vitality with their communities. Not only do the women ensure that their parish priests are cared for but they work to accomplish the goals and mission of their organization, similar to those of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, and their Church. They are the first point of call for the Pastor, when he is considering a new initiative for the parish. Their support is critical to getting things done.

As the largest lay organization in Nigeria, the CWON has a great impact on the spiritual and social lives of women, children and youth. They lead forums where they listen to the concerns and needs of women and youth and then the organization gets busy finding ways to address the concerns raised.

Pope Paul VI recognized Lucy Wood's distinguished service to the Catholic Church by presenting her with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, a great honour for any Catholic. She is a true inspiration for us. Lucy passed away in 2009. She would be immensely proud of what the CWON has become today and how her sisters continue to carry out their mission for God and country.

*Nelly Kelders,*

*Catholic Women's League London Diocesan Vice-President/Membership*

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**"I Will Give You Rest: Come"**

**Matthew 11:28-30**

**World Day of Prayer**

**March 6, 2026**

Every year, Christian women around the world gather on the first Friday in March to participate in an ecumenical service prepared by a World Day of Prayer committee in the host country. For 2026, the women of Nigeria were invited to create the service for their sisters globally.

In the Diocese of London, the hosts for this prayer service rotate between the various Churches in the community who faithfully participate in this enriching activity. This ecumenical service gives us the opportunity to learn about the cultures of sisters in different parts of the world and how they express and fulfill their commitment to their faith.

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### World Day of Prayer

In the Diocese of London, we are blessed to have several priests from Nigeria and other parts of Africa. This World Day of Prayer will give us greater insight into the cultures these priests come from as well as provide us with an opportunity to better understand all members of our parishes who come from the continent of Africa.

The theme for The Catholic Women's League of Canada for the next two years is Ignite Your Passion Empower His Mission. The World Day of Prayer theme of Rest for the Weary is the perfect companion for our mission. It reminds us that in our passion to accomplish our mission, we also need to take time to find rest, not just physically but spiritually.

On March 6, 2026 women of all ages, social classes and denominations are invited to come together to pray, to celebrate and to get to know and understand one another just a little better than they did before. Won't you join?

*My artwork depicts the daily reality of rural Nigerian women, whose lives are marked by endless labor from sunrise to sunset. These women traverse treacherous paths to their farms, often carrying both their harvest and their children - a toddler strapped to their back, a heavy load balanced on their head, while guiding other children along unmaintained roads through thick bush.*



*The artwork also shows three women sitting together, their different traditional attire representing Nigeria's diverse cultures. Though they come from different ethnic groups, their shared experiences unite them. To meet their basic survival needs, these women carry burdens and traumas that are physical, emotional and spiritual.*

Except below taken from the World Day of Prayer website.

*The 2026 World Day of Prayer materials from Nigeria bring us a powerful invitation drawn from Matthew 11:28-30. At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God.*

*Through their exploration of different kinds of burdens - shame, systemic oppression, religious persecution, poverty and despair - the writers help us understand both the weight of human suffering and the depths of divine rest. Their work shows us that true rest isn't just about physical relief, but about transformation through God's grace and community support.*

*The Nigerian committee has woven together their cultural wisdom with the universal need for rest. Through symbols like the calabash bowl, which represents both daily sustenance and divine provision, they remind us how God meets us in our weariness*

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World Day Of Prayer 2026

Nigeria



“I Will Give You Rest: Come”  
Matthew 11: 28-30

St. Michael Church, Bright's Grove, CWL

Invites you to attend this celebration of prayer

**On March 6 at 11 AM**

Lunch to follow

at St. Michael Church

1920 Wildwood Drive, Bright's Grove



World Day of Prayer  
Journée mondiale de la prière 2026

“I Will Give  
You Rest:  
Come”

Matthew  
11:28-30



« Je vous  
procurerai  
le repos.  
Venez »

Mattieu  
11, 28-30

Ecumenical Worship Service Information/  
Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Day, Time/la date, l'heure

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026 2PM**

Location/l'endroit

**TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH  
1194 MURPHY RD, SARNIA**

Additional Information/informations supplémentaires

Coordinator: Elaine Allen 519-381-8672

Service written and Prepared by WOP Nigeria, presented and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada  
Service préparé par les Église(s) anglican(e) et adapté pour le Canada par le Réseau/le Conseil des Église(s) de Canada



## Docs at Dusk – Bringing Global Justice Stories Local

*Presented by Rayjon Share Care of Sarnia Inc.*

Join us on Wednesday, February 11 at 6:00 PM at the Sarnia Library Theatre for Docs at Dusk, a new documentary series bringing powerful global human rights stories to our local community. These screenings offer space to watch, reflect, and connect. Come for the film, stay for the conversation—and be part of a movement that bridges awareness with action.

**Featured Film:** Stateless — a compelling documentary exploring the lives of stateless people in the Dominican Republic and the global crisis of citizenship and human rights.

- Pre-film gathering: 6:00 PM
- Film screening: 6:30 PM
- Free admission (pay what you can)
- Post-film conversation with Rayjon partners



For more information, visit: <https://rayjon.org/docs-at-dusk/>

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**CHARISMS -  
CALLED & GIFTED DISCERNMENT PROCESS**

What Are My Spiritual Gifts?

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”  
– *St. Catherine of Siena*

We receive many gifts of the Holy Spirit through our Baptism and Confirmation. We are taught about the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit which are sanctifying gifts given to help us grow in our faith. We also receive charisms which are gifts that we use for the good of others. The Holy Spirit works through us in our charisms to bring God’s love, mercy and healing to our family, friends, fellow parishioners and to members of the community.

Since charisms are the Holy Spirit working through us, we see results above and beyond our natural abilities. When we use our charisms, we feel energized, and have joyful satisfaction, and that we have found our place. Using your charisms is a great remedy for burnout that many of us experience in our lives.

The charisms program involves a personal inventory quiz to help identify potential charisms, videos, a “gifts” interview to begin your discernment, tools to help with discernment and small groups to share your experiences together.

All charisms are evangelizing in their own way and are given to the baptized for the sake of Christ’s Mission. Discerning your charisms will help you and our Family of Parishes as we unite to spread the news of Jesus’ love and mercy to everyone we encounter.

Discover how God has uniquely gifted you and how you can use those gifts to serve His purpose for your life.

Registration is online at this link: <https://sarniacatholic.ca/> or by contacting the Family of Parishes office at 519-336-2653.

Schedule:

- Parts I & III will take place Tuesday evenings, 7:00-9:00ish at Sacred Heart Church meeting room.
- Part II will take place at either Sacred Heart Parish or St. Michael Parish, your choice.

Part 1 - Introduction Workshop: 5 weeks (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31)

Part II – Individual Gifts Interviews: 1 week (April 7)

Part III – Discernment in Depth: 4 weeks (April 14, 21, 28, May 5)

The course is offered through the work of the Catherine of Siena Institute. There is a materials fee of \$60.00 per participant which may be paid by cash, cheque, e-transfer or pay online/mobile using a credit card. For accounting purposes, please make cheques payable to St. Michael Church. If using e-transfer, use [stmichaelbg@dol.ca](mailto:stmichaelbg@dol.ca) In the message field write “Called & Gifted”.

Please note, if the materials fee is not in your budget or poses a financial burden for you, please let Christine Bresette know, and the fee will be confidentially paid for you. This is possible through the fundraising efforts of Marian Bart, participant sponsorship and the generosity of all the Family of Parishes Knights of Columbus Councils.

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

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ALPHA



“DO I HAVE A PURPOSE?”  
“IS THIS THE MEANING OF LIFE?”  
“IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?”  
“WHAT AM I DOING HERE?”  
“IS THERE A GOD?”

FIND OUT ABOUT THE ALPHA COURSE

**ALPHA 2026 Spring Session**

Join us for an 11-week journey to discover answers to questions like:

*Do I have a purpose? What am I doing here?*

*Is there more to life than this? Is there a God?*

**To register:** scan the QR code, or register online at [www.sarniacatholic.ca](http://www.sarniacatholic.ca) or fill out a registration form found at your parish welcome desk, or call the parish office at 519-336-2653.

Each session begins with a meal, followed by a thought-provoking video and small group discussion.

All are welcome.

**MAYOR’S HONOUR LIST - 2025 RECIPIENT**

*Congratulations Our Lady of Mercy CWL Member - Elsie Corrigan*



Elsie Corrigan has devoted her life to serving the Sarnia community through decades of volunteerism and compassion. For 21 years, Elsie prepared and served hot lunches at the Inn of the Good Shepherd with Our Lady of Mercy Church, providing nourishment and kindness to those in need. She delivered Meals on Wheels for 15 years, ensuring that vulnerable residents received both food and a friendly visit. Elsie also volunteered for 8 years at the St. Vincent de Paul food bank, helping families access essential support. Most notably, Elsie has been a proud and active member of the Catholic Women’s League for an extraordinary 75 years, contributing to countless parish events, celebrations of life, and Sunday dinners. Her enduring spirit and lifelong commitment to her faith and community continue to inspire others through her generosity and compassion. Her lifetime of service makes her a truly extraordinary member of our community.

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### *Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC)*

#### God's Prayer Embrace

*Franciscanism* is universal and touches the heart of humanity, beginning when we were children.

Within the Indigenous culture, everything is relational ... in relationship with God the Creator and all of creation.

**In Building relationships** ... we are being respectful of the dignity and rights of the human person.

We gift each other with a sense of belonging. In faith, the community grows. In love, we are able to forgive and be forgiven in a very real way.

With Franciscanism, we are gradually awoken to the truth of how to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis and to be a follower of Jesus. The heart becomes open to God through the Word made flesh in the Incarnation of Jesus and to Sacred Scripture. As St. Clare, a follower of St. Francis wrote in her letter to St. Agnes of Prague, we "mirror the love of God" to others through the teachings of Jesus and the love of self. We begin to discover who we are, what God's will is for us, and how we fit into

God's plan of salvation.

The Wonderful Dance of Faith ... "as the lead in the dance moves forward, the dancer moves back." And as we step back in love and gentleness, this empowers a person to move towards us.

Can God step back?

With the gift of insight, we witness how God humbly stepped back for us and became a baby.

Hence, we are drawn more deeply into prayer (cf. Pontifical St. Bonaventure University, Rome).

We become spiritually attuned and are able to listen to the Holy Spirit, God's vessel of communication.

The Indigenous Peoples have a deep spirituality. Their private, internal spirituality and prayer are two life supports that no man or woman can ever take away from them. No matter what. Silent prayer is how a priest who was a prisoner of war was able to survive 18 months in dark isolation and captivity.

A Daily Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

"Lord, help me to live this day quietly, easily;  
To lean upon Thy great strength trustfully, restfully;  
To meet others peacefully, joyously;  
To face tomorrow confidently, courageously."  
Amen.

Peace and All Good

*Respectfully,*  
- by Marilyn Deery of  
of National JPIC Team



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## SOCIAL JUSTICE AND MISSIONS

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SHARE LENT 2026



Lent is a season of repentance, reflection, and repair. It is when our Church encourages us to help transform our world by giving generously to Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. D&P was created by our Bishops as the official international development and solidarity organization of the Canadian Catholic Church. It supports vital sustainable development and humanitarian aid projects that serve our most vulnerable in dozens of countries across the Global South.

Every year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s Share Lent campaign invites us to learn more about these projects and support them with our generosity. We can follow the example of Jesus, who, Pope Leo XIV says, “identified himself with the lowest ranks of society” and “confirms the dignity of every human being” through his love.

By standing in solidarity with society’s neglected people whom Development and Peace — Caritas Canada serves, we can walk in Christ’s footsteps, mirror his loving gaze, and bring our relationship with him and our faith to fruition.

This Lent, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s On Track for Justice campaign takes us to Brazil. Please follow our weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter to hear the stories of our brothers and sisters. A limited number of resources will be available at each parish throughout Lent. You may also go to [devp.org](http://devp.org) to find videos, testimonials and other resources pertaining to this year’s campaign.

### ---SAVE THE DATE---

Solidarity Sunday takes place March 22, 2026. Join us for the Solidarity Soup Lunch at St. Michael Church following the 10:30 Mass. More details to follow in future Sunday bulletins.



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***Migrant Workers Ministry  
Toonie Sunday***

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of February 14/15. Bring your toonies or any donation to Church for our *Annual Toonie Sunday Collection* in support of Migrant Workers Ministry.



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**SSVP - SARNIA-LAMBTON**

**Yuleglow**

In place of hampers of food, many parishes are giving out food and gift cards to families on the weekend before Christmas. The family can buy the type and quantity of food they would enjoy at Christmas. It is huge effort on behalf of volunteers from the parishes. Here are photos of two teams: St. Michael and Sacred Heart and OLM, St. Benedict and St. Joseph. There was also a team of volunteers at St-Thomas d'Aquin.



**St. Vincent de Paul Scholarships**

Students residing in Lambton County are eligible to apply for a scholarship to attend a community college if they are enrolled in a course leading to a "trade" which is very broadly defined to include almost every course at a community college except nursing which has a different scholarship program. Here is the link to the Sarnia Community Foundation scholarship application form.

<https://sarniacommunityfoundation.ca/scholarships/>

Anyone interested in being part of the committee reviewing the scholarship applications and recommending awards can contact Peter Westfall at [peter@westfall.net](mailto:peter@westfall.net)

In Brazil, our partner *Justiça nos Trilhos* supports communities, including those of Aylla and Lara, helping them seek justice from polluting companies and protect their rights and our Common Home.

"Hello! My name is Aylla and I live in Piquiá da Conquista, in the state of Maranhão, Brazil. Last year, 312 families, including mine, were relocated from our old village because of industrial pollution. Around my home, there was a railroad on one side and steel mills and a cement factory that emitted toxic dust and fumes on the other. Back there, the air we breathed was really bad and it made us sick. We couldn't ride our bikes anymore because the streets were dangerous and full of potholes, and company trucks drove by too often. Here, I'm really happy! I can walk, ride my bike and go to the field to play soccer, my favorite sport!"






"Hello! My name is Lara and I live with my family and my grandmother in a rural area near Açailândia, in Brazil. There used to be a lot of forests here, but little by little, they were all cut down to make way for large soybean fields. When the planes come to spray the soybean fields with pesticides, they fly over our houses and also spray our fruit trees, our gardens and our animals. It's very bad for our health. We must take good care of the environment. I love living here! I go to school, I play outside, I love eating all kinds of fruit like jackfruit, mango and guava. When I grow up, I'd like to be a farmer."

To meet Aylla and Lara, watch the two videos from the series *A Day in the Life...* and don't miss the new podcast on Brazil, all available online!



## LET'S PLAY !

What are some of the impacts of the Carajás railway on nearby communities in Brazil?  
Circle all correct answers.

				
Houses crack due to strong vibrations.	Families are disturbed by the loud noises.	People and animals get injured trying to cross the tracks.	Iron ore dust from open wagons pollutes the environment.	Deforestation and the loss of animals harm traditional ways of life.

# On track for JUSTICE

Share  
Lent 2026



Development  
and Peace

CARITAS CANADA



## Solidarity Calendar

Lent calls us to three actions:  
praying, fasting and almsgiving.



### PRAYING

We pray to grow close to God, the source of our strength and the inspiration for how we live in the world.



### FASTING

We fast from things we enjoy. When we do this, we create space for God.



### ALMSGIVING

We give alms because we are inspired by God's love of every part of His creation. We respond with charity, helping others in their need, and with justice, bringing transformation to systems, policies and ourselves. We do this in participation with God, to build His kingdom on Earth.

### WHO WE ARE

Since 1967, Development and Peace —

Caritas Canada has been working alongside families and communities in the Global South to build a world of peace, justice and dignity.

Guided by the Catholic Social Teachings, we support women and social movements to create lasting change.

We want to eliminate the causes of poverty and inequality in the world through awareness and fundraising campaigns across Canada and by supporting our partners' projects in 34 countries around the world.



Journey "on track for justice" with our Solidarity Calendar to **learn, think, pray and act** with us during this holy season of Lent.



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

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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](#).

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Ontario State Council  
Knights of Columbus

\$100 for **300** Tickets  
\$50 for **125** Tickets  
\$20 for **40** Tickets  
\$10 for **10** Tickets

**Grand Prize Draw**  
April 26, 2026

**Early Bird Draw**  
February 17, 2026 at 9:00 am  
\$500 Cash Prize

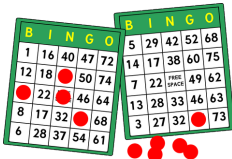
**50/50 RAFFLE**  
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Another KofC 50-50 raffle is ready to go in support of local Sarnia and Ontario Charities. To purchase your tickets from the St. Benedict KofC, click on the following link

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

Do not delay being eligible for the early bird draw of \$500 on February 17th. After the early bird draw, your ticket is still valid for the Grand Prize drawn on April 26th, 2026. Please share with your family, friends and neighbours.

**MEAT BINGO**



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.

**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 Ave. Sarnia (at St. Benedict church)

# GOOD NEWS MONTHLY

## BONNES NOUVELLES MENSUELLES



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

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

St. Benedict Knights of Columbus and The St. Benedict Catholic Women's League are offering a Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper.



**WHEN:** Tuesday, February 17th; from 4:30 – 6:30 pm  
**WHERE:** St. Benedict Church Hall (Lorne Cres. entrance)  
**MENU:** Pancakes, sausage, fruit cocktail, cookies, juice, coffee and tea  
**COST:** a free-will offering is most appreciated

All proceeds support KofC and CWL community Activities.

### Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Competition

The Knights of Columbus councils in Sarnia-Lambton held their annual basketball free throw competition at various schools in the area on Saturday, January 24th. Kids competed within their own gender and age group. Winners progressed from the Council to the District and Regional levels of competition. The results of the competition were not available at the time of the newsletter being printed. More information to follow in the March newsletter.



Good luck to all our participants.

### Knight of the Month

At its January 2026 meeting, the Knights of Columbus St. Benedict's Council 11164 recognized Brother Mark Sebusa as Knight of the Month. Brother Mark was instrumental in facilitating the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest at Holy Trinity and St. Matthew Catholic schools. Brother Mark also assists with the St. Benedict Sunday morning Children's Liturgy. Presenting the Knight of the Month certificate is Brother Vergel Valentos. Congratulations Brother Mark!

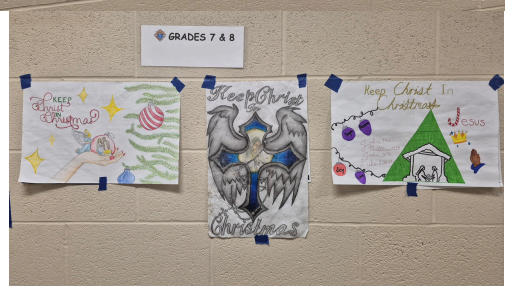




# St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus Council # 11164

## Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest

Students from Sarnia Lambton took part in the annual KofC “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest. Participants were divided by grade groups: kindergarten, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. Posters were judged on presentation of the theme, artistic value, and overall impact. Winners progressed from Council to District and Regional levels. The posters below were judged at the District level. Congratulations to all participants and the school’s classroom teachers.



Winning Posters at District Level (Sarnia – Lambton)



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Monday, February 16

### FAMILY DAY skate

PAT STAPLETON ARENA  
4-5PM

Skating  
Hot Chocolate & Cookies

#### TO REGISTER

visit [www.sarniacatholic.ca/upcoming-events](http://www.sarniacatholic.ca/upcoming-events)  
or call the Parish Office  
@ 519-336-2653



# Family FUN

A colorful graphic for Friday Family Night. It features a central marquee sign that says "CINEMA" at the top and "It's Movie Time" in the middle, flanked by two stars. Below the marquee are three bingo cards with numbers, a clapperboard, a film strip, a movie camera, and a globe. At the bottom is a large, smiling popcorn bucket with a drink. The background is light blue with white clouds and stars.

## Friday Family Night

 27 Feb, 2026  
7pm - 9pm  
St. Benedict Church

Join us for a fun night of:

- Family Movies
- Family-Friendly Bingo
- Popcorn & Lemondade
- Lively Conversation & Togetherness

**No Registration Required**

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**COUNCIL 1429 NEWS**

**A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our recent events!**

Your generosity is already making a real difference:

- We were able to purchase **10 boxes of coats** for the Coats for Kids program.
- **Two Seminarians** will soon receive **\$500 each** to support their vocation journey.
- A beautiful **Nativity stable** was set up at Sacred Heart to honour Baby Jesus.
- The **“Trivia Knight”** proceeds will support our Food For Families program, with all proceeds going to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Your involvement truly strengthens our mission. We'd love to see you again—we **have at least three exciting events coming up soon**, and your continued support means so much.



**No room at the Inn  
A stable to keep Him out of the snow.**

**[“Join the Knights”](#)**

Click the link above and for ‘preferred council number’ enter ‘1429’. For ‘member referral number’ enter your sponsor’s membership number or leave it blank

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

(July & Aug exempted)  
**6:15 pm** - Officers meeting (members welcome)

**7 pm** - Membership  
**8 pm** - Social hour

[GK1429@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:GK1429@ontariokofc.ca)

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Deacon Lyle  
Memorial  
SouperBowl  
Challenge





Sun, Feb 08  
12 noon  
St Joseph's  
parish hall

Tickets at the door

\$10 per person  
10 and under free

DONATE A BOWL OF SOUP – WHO KNOWS? IT COULD BE THE...  
!!! **WINNER** !!!  
IF NOT, WE ALL WIN ANYWAY 🍷

Mark your calendars




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**Sacred Heart  
Pancake Tuesday**

Tuesday, Feb 17  
5:00 – 7:30 pm



Tickets at the door  
\$ 10 Adults  
Kids under 10 free

Donate, using QR Code  
OR  
in an envelope in the mass  
collection basket



Support our seminarians

# Test your knowledge, enjoy a snack, and support the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.



Name one of the two planets in our solar system that does not have a moon.

Who was the most streamlined artist on Spotify in 2023?

What two breeds of dogs are parents of a schnoodle?

Name this fictional character by these three clues: Scar, Wizard, Hogwarts.

What chemical element was named after the Greek word for "green"?

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7-9pm - Sacred Heart Meeting Room

### TRIVIA ROUNDS - SNACKS - PRIZES

Gather your team of 8 - or let us arrange your team - and test your knowledge of questions like these & many more! Join in an evening of fun & fellowship with proceeds supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

Trivia Night  
sponsored by  
the Knights  
of Columbus  
Council 1429



To purchase or reserve your tickets contact:  
Norman at 519-542-7528 or by email at  
[GK1429@ontarioKofC.ca](mailto:GK1429@ontarioKofC.ca)

*When we support the food bank, everyone wins!  
Food bank donations (monetary or non-perishable)  
happily received at the event.*

