

Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes



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Amherstburg - 519-984-7594 Harrow - 519-971-2095

Sacraments

Baptism

Contact Kim Bornais

Reconciliation

Saturday - Amherstburg 9:45am - 10:30am or by appointment 519-736-5418

Holy Matrimony

Contact the parish office one year prior to your wedding

Our Mission Statement

"Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are a welcoming, Eucharistic community, rooted in love and service, leading all to an encounter with Christ'.

September 11, 2022 Twenty-Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Regular Mass Times and Location

Weekday

Tuesday 6pm - Harrow Wednesday 9am - Amherstburg Thursday 9am - Harrow Friday 9am - Amherstburg

Bulletin Notices

All submissions must be in writing or emailed no later than Tuesday at 4:00 pm

<u>Weekend</u>

Saturday 5pm - Amherstburg Sunday 9am - Harrow Sunday 11am - Amherstburg

Office Hours Monday ~ Closed

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Closed for lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Our Masses will be live streamed Tuesday at 6pm, Wednesday - Friday at 9am and Saturday 5pm on Facebook: Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes. You can also view later once it is posted to our Website and Facebook page

> Please join us every Wednesday from 9:30am—9:30pm For Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament** at St. John the Baptist Church In the Adoration Chapel



Divine Mercy Hour

at St John the Baptist Church Every Friday afternoon at 3pm In the Adoration Chapel. Come and pray for mercy on the whole world

Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 6pm St. Anthony † Valerie Pereira by Maria & Carlos Costa † Jose Avila (18th Ann.) by Maria Avila & Family † Maria Cordeiro (1st Ann.) by the Cordeiro Family † Gilda Alescandre by Eduarda Teves † Manuel & Helena Teves by Carlos Teves

Wed. Sept. 14, 2022 9am St. John the Baptist † Louis St. Louis by Ann St. Louis & Family † Frank Di Carlo by Lucy & Costantino DiCarlo † Remo Valente by Michelina Cristofaro Sp. Int. for SSVP Amherstburg Conference Sp. Int. John & Rachel Beres by Mom

Thursday, September 15, 2022 9am St. Anthony † Elizabeth Stefani by AHCFOP

† Mary Schmidt by Ralph Craig † Bill Mailloux by Karen & Keith

Fri. September 16, 2022 9am St. John the Baptist

† Mary Paling by AHCFOP t Alice Wade by AHCFOP

† Dan Conte by Anna & David Adams

† Ernie Bezaire by Theresa Bezaire

† Robert Lackovic by Shirley & Richard Meloche

† Les Thrasher by Patricia Dean

Other: Donation

St. Anthony of Padua Parish St. John the Baptist Parish Regular Sunday Offertory \$3,015.05 Regular Sunday Offertory \$1,412.00 Debits / eTransfers \$3112.70 Debits / eTransfers \$ 685.39 Dio. Assess (including Debits) \$ 981.93 Dio. Assess (including Debits) \$ 234.93 **General Donations General Donations** \$ 120.00 Total \$7,046.68 Total \$2,452.32 Average weekly budget \$8,662.00 \$2,824.00 Average weekly budget Shortfall / surplus -\$1,615.32 Shortfall / surplus \$ -371.68 Capital Funds including Debits \$ 198.00 Capital Funds including Debits 51.23

Financial Report for the Week of September 4, 2022

Gift Cards Sales \$2,000.80 Profit \$3,905.00 \$273.15 \$ 273.15 Year to Date Profit \$2,273.95

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Other: Bulletin Ad

Parish Giving





Sunday Reflection

In our first reading this weekend, we hear how the people of Israel turned away from God's ways. Moses had only been gone for a little while and the people had already started living lives that offended God. God had brought the people out of slavery and

was leading them to the promised land and this is how they respond? Where was their gratitude? Where was their trust in God? Where was their respect for God? Where was their integrity? Their behaviour can be viewed as shameful, but it just shows the power of the Evil One and how easily tempted one can be. Aaron, Moses' brother, convinced the people to donate all their gold jewelry to him so that he could make a golden calf that they could worship as their god. One man was able to convince them to turn away from the true God. The same can be true in our own lives. That is why it is important that we try to associate with people who are trying to live "good" lives. Co-workers, friends, family members, neighbours, work-out partners – these can all be people that help keep us on the right path or can tempt us to stray. We have to be careful that we do not adopt the thinking that we are strong enough to never behave like so and so. That is how the devil works his tricks. He deceives us into believing we would never give into such "bad" behaviour. However, it has been shown that regularly being around poor influences makes us very susceptible to falling into sinful and harmful ways. Instead, stay connected to God through prayer and the sacraments and surround yourself with positive influencers (and be a positive influencer yourself!).

Getting Back Into Schools

It is exciting to be able to get back into our schools this year. We have already looked at the calendar and have scheduled various Masses and prayer services for the coming year. Some of the Masses we are going to try and celebrate at our regular daily Mass time to make it a celebration of our whole community coming together – school and parish. This coming week I will be starting my rounds of the "Blessing of the Backpacks" where I will bless all the students' backpacks and Lisa will give them a special prayer tag to put on them.

Reminder about Mini Putt Golf Tournament

Calling all people that like to have fun! September 18th, 2022 our Family of Parishes is hosting a Mini Putt Golf Tournament at Ure's Country Kitchen and Mini Golf (6000 Essex County Road 20). We will begin at 1:30pm with a shot gun start (i.e. we will have people starting at different holes all at the same time, rather than everyone beginning their game at hole number 1). No skill is required (probably the less, the better!). There will be prizes, but not necessarily for the best scores (remember the emphasis on this event is fun, not competition). This is another way for us to come together as a Family to get to know one another and celebrate who we are. Come as a family, as friends, as individuals... come as youth, as "more" mature... simply, please come and enjoy! The cost is \$5.00 per person and we ask that you register (by September 13th) by contacting the Office (519-736-5418). Numbers are limited so please register early.

Reminder about Dispensation from Sunday Obligation

Last week's bulletin contains a letter from Bishop Fabbro explaining his decision to abrogate the general dispensation from the Sunday obligation effective September 6, 2022. He also explains an option contained in Canon Law that may apply to those who still have some concerns about returning to active practice due to health reasons. Please read the letter and if you have any questions contact me by phone (519-736-5418, x111) or email (ahcfoppastor@dol.ca).

Reminder about CWL Cookbooks

Our CWL has been working very hard for many months to create a cookbook. As you will note in the bulletin, they have succeeded. Please support their fundraising efforts by purchasing one of their cookbooks for \$15 – your tummy will appreciate it!



<u>First Reconciliation/Eucharist:</u> There will be a Parent information meeting regarding First Reconciliation & Eucharist on Tuesday September 27th at 6:45pm at St. Anthony Church and Wednesday September 28th at 6:45pm at St. John the Baptist Church. Both meetings will contain the same information. You need only attend one.

Information notices were mailed to all those who are registered in our family of parishes. Notices will also be going home with the grade 2 students from St. Anthony's and Stella Maris.



We would like to offer <u>Children's Church</u> for children aged 4-7 beginning this fall. I would like to invite you to consider helping by being a Children' Church Leader.

The children's church leader will be responsible for planning and executing a Sunday lesson for children aged 4-7 during the entire 11am mass at SJB. We are hoping each leader will be responsible for a session once every 4-6 weeks during the school year.

Each week will have 2 adults; the main leader, and an assistant.

- Police record check is required
- Must be 18 years and older
- All materials and training provided by the church (Lisa).

If you would like to volunteer for this ministry opportunity, please contact Lisa in the parish office at lmullins@dol.ca or (519) 736-5418 ext. 113



Confirmation Table Leaders needed. I invite you to consider joining our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for the Sacrament. Confirmation table leaders will be responsible for engaging 8-10 young people in conversation and activities each meeting. The Confirmation coordinator (Lisa) will outline / teach each meetings' theme and the leaders will help apply it with the candidates. Parents of candidates are encouraged to volunteer; however you need not have a child in the program, only a desire to journey with our young people as they grow in their faith.

- There will be seven 90-minute meetings beginning in early December and ending in early February.
- 2 leaders per table
- · Training and materials provided
- Police Record Check required
- 18 years old and older

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Birthday Greetings: If your child has a birthday in September and would like a card from the church/Miss Lisa please send their name, birthday and address to Lisa at lmullins@dol.ca



Don't forget to sign up for our Mini Golf Day Sunday, September 18, 1:30pm at Ure's Country Kitchen 6000 County Road 20 Register at the parish office 519-736-5418



You're invited...

Our Alpha series is quickly coming to a close. But there are many reasons to celebrate all the blessings that have been experienced through this event. We will be having a **Celebration Dinner** on **Wednesday September 21**, and you are invited! Come and share a delicious dinner with us, hear testimonies, and get a taste of what Alpha is all about. If you would like to come (and bring a friend or two), please call the parish office, or let me know, so we can plan for enough food. (Kim Bornais: kbornais@dol.ca or 519-816-8154)



What: Alpha Celebration Dinner

When: Wednesday September 21 at 6:30pm

Where: Columbus Community Hall, Amherstburg

Who: Everyone is invited!

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO ...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?



We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

Sessions will be on Thursday evenings, beginning September 29.

For more information, please contact...

Kim Bornais: kbornais@dol.ca or 519-736-5418 ext.115



Grieving the death of a loved one? Consider joining our GriefShare group. Coming on Wednesday evenings this fall. Beginning October 19 and ending February 1 at St. John the Baptist Parish Centre 225 Brock Street - Amhersburg We will share a meal, a short video and small group conversation. Watch the bulletins for more information.

TONIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 730:PM At OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL 4401 Mt. Royal Drive Windsor, Ontario

We are happy to announce that we are now able to proceed with weekends. Both weekends will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Essex. weekend will be January 19-22, 2023 and the women's will be February 2-5, 2023. If you know of someone who would like to attend the weekend, please pick up an application from the back of the church.

DeColores Linda Jones Ultreya Parish Rep

SUNDAY CHUCKLE

What's the king of all school supplies?

The Ruler.

Why was the teacher wearing sunglasses to School? Because her students were so bright.

What did the paper say to the pencil?

You have a good point.

What starts with a P and ends with a E and has thousands of letters? A Post Office.

CWL Fundraising COOKBOOKS are now on sale \$15 per copy

To Purchase a cookbook please contact:

Bonnie: 519-736-7121

Marilyn: 519-736-5829

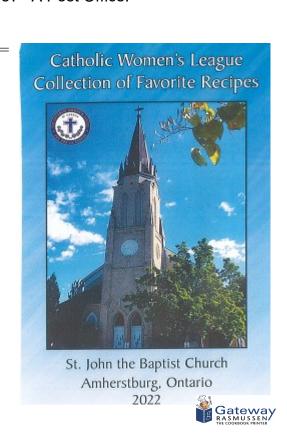
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DAYS FOR LIFE

Pray to End Abortion!!

Greetings 40 Days for Life Supporters & Volunteers

I am very pleased to announce that Father John Shiha has offered to officiate at a Mass of Blessing for the Fall 40 Days for Life vigil!



ANNOUNCING!

Special Guest Fr. Tom Lynch—President, Priests For Life Canada TOPIC: "To stand to fight and not to yield."

Tuesday, October 25th, 2022

Most Precious Blood Church

1947 Meldrum Rd Windsor, ON N8W 4E3

MASS - 6:30 PM

Fr. Tom Lynch presiding

Presentation to follow Mass - ALL ARE WELCOME!

40 Days for Life, Windsor, gratefully acknowledges Windsor-Essex County Right to Life for sponsoring this event and Father Greg Bonin at Most Precious Blood Church for hosting the event.

United in Christ,

Laurie Eberhardt Campaign Coordinator laurie.eberhardt@gmail.com

Holy Family Retreat House

Catholic Women's Retreat – September 30 to October 2, 2022 - This retreat experience on the Life of St. Therese of Lisieux will include keynote address and closing remarks from guest speaker Rachel Bulman (Author and Evangelist for Word on Fire). You will create your own chaplet for prayer meditation with provided supplies as well as learn about the incredible gifts of St. Therese through structured lessons and private reflection. There will be opportunities for daily prayer, rosary devotion, Mass and reconciliation. Two nights accommodation and meals: \$370/person. For more information and to register please contact Celeste Campeau celestecampeau@gmail.com or Sue Hofgartner shofgartner@dol.ca

Winter 2022 Catholic Men's Retreat – November 25-27, 2022 – This retreat will be based on deepening our walk with Jesus Christ. We will have a "get to know each other" Friday night. Saturday includes sessions based on personal and learned experience, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, as well as times of quiet reflection and times of comradery. This year's facilitator is Father Robert Champagne. For further information or to register please contact the retreat house, hrfrh@dol.ca, 519-738-6136.

Private Retreat Days – Are you ready to unplug from the world for a few days and take some time to relax, read, journal and not be on call? Do you need a getaway to catch up on some sleep and not have to worry about going anywhere or having to return a phone call? Our retreat center is open for private or small group retreat. Come for one night or stay for a few, meals included. Contact the retreat house for further information or to book. Holy Family Retreat House: hrfrh@dol.ca, 519-738-6136.



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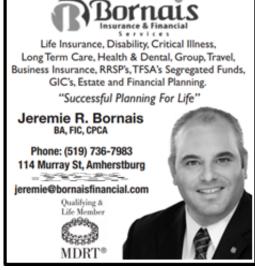
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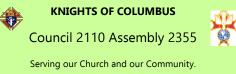
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