



Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes



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Amherstburg - 519-984-7594
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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

St. Anthony of Padua

120 Munger Avenue West Harrow, ON N0R 1G0

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Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes

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”.

December 4, 2022
2nd Sunday of Advent



Regular Mass Times and Location

Weekday

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

Weekend

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

Bulletin Notices

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

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

That “love thy neighbor” thing
 I meant it.
 - God

Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6pm St. Anthony
 † Tokey Ryan by the Ryan Family
 † Valerie Pereira by Colleen Marcuzzi
 † Anselmo Carvalho by Laurinda Carvalho & Family
 † Jeannine LaRocque
 by the Thomas & LaRocque Family
 † Antonio Rocha Pereira
 by Delphina & Jose Pereira
 † Antonio Faria Pereira
 by Teresa & Domingos Pereira

Wed. December 7, 2022 9am St. John the Baptist
 † Wayne Marshall by Rose Marshall & Girls
 † Bill Murphy by Rose Marshall & Girls
 † Dino Gobbo by AHCFOP
 † Santino DiCarlo By Connie DiCarlo
 Sp. Int. Christina D’Aloisio by Pat Bratt
 Sp. Int. Jeannette by Theresa Cristofaro

Thursday, December 8, 2022 9am St. Anthony
 † Evelina Pavao by Theresa & Carlos Cordeiro
 † Gabriel Teves by Maria Teves
 † Manuel Silva by Maria Medeiros
 † Mary Schmidt by Rich Schmidt

Fri. December 9, 2022 9am St. John the Baptist
 † Les Thrasher by Thrasher Sales & Leasing Staff
 † Angiolina DiPasquale by Graziella Mancini
 † Cynthia Incitti by Denise & Ralph Orsi

Parish Giving

| <u>Financial Report for the Week of November 27, 2022</u> | | | |
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| St. John the Baptist Parish | | St. Anthony of Padua Parish | |
| Regular Sunday Offertory | \$ 3,615.00 | Regular Sunday Offertory | \$ 894.00 |
| Debits / eTransfers | \$ 2,812.70 | Debits / eTransfers | \$ 685.39 |
| Dio. Assess (including Debits) | \$ 141.93 | Dio. Assess (including Debits) | \$ 99.93 |
| General Donations | \$ 800.00 | General Donations | \$ 520.00 |
| Total | \$ 7,369.63 | Total | \$ 2,199.32 |
| Average weekly budget | \$ 8,662.00 | Average weekly budget | \$ 2,824.00 |
| Shortfall / surplus | -\$1,292.37 | Shortfall / surplus | \$ -624.68 |
| Capital Funds including Debits | \$ 660.50 | Capital Funds including Debits | \$ 231.23 |
| Gift Cards Sales | Profit | Gift Cards Sales | Profit |
| \$4,285.00 | \$140.05 | \$ 600.00 | \$ 18.25 |
| Year to Date Profit | \$ 3,474.95 | Year to Date Profit | \$ 595.85 |



This past week or so has been quite busy. Over a 10 day period, we had 7 funerals (my thanks to Kim for all her hard work in assisting the families during these difficult times). We also celebrated the sacrament of reconciliation for all the students at Stella Maris School (St. Anthony's will be in a week). As priest-chaplain of St. Thomas of Villanova, I celebrated their annual Advent Mass where they brought forward over 36 baskets and 5000 cans of food to support needy families in the area. As well, this week a number of our children celebrated their First Reconciliation. These are just the "extras" that happened in addition to all the "normal" tasks that occur in any given week. It is exciting (and sometimes a little overwhelming) looking at all that happens in our Family of Parishes and we are blessed to have Kim and Lisa (and their helpers) providing such amazing leadership for us.

We Welcome Our Visiting Priests

The coming week I will be away on vacation with my sister. This will be the first "big" vacation that I will have had since COVID hit. Needless to say, I am looking forward to this time away. Please keep me in your prayers that I will be safe on the "high seas" and return healthy. I trust you will be kind and supportive of our visiting priests who have offered to celebrate Mass in my absence, Fr. Gary Goyeau, Fr. Dave Boutette and Fr. Jim Roche. Having retired clergy in our area that are willing to help out when needed is such a blessing.

Advent Wreath-making Workshop

Thanks to all those who came out for our workshop last Sunday. We had fun making 30 wreaths and enjoyed the cookies and hot chocolate that Lisa provided. It was a nice opportunity to come together as a Family of Parishes to meet some new people and make something to help us on our spiritual journey this Advent. Good job everyone!

Holy Hour

As we journey through Advent, what better way to come to know Jesus better than to spend some time with Him. This Sunday from 7:00-8:00pm at St. John the Baptist Church we will be having a time of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament including some prayerful reflection and praise and worship music.

Family of Parishes Advent Reconciliation Times

During the season of Advent we are called to prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus and for when he will come again. An essential way that we do that as Catholics is to experience God's love and mercy through the sacrament of reconciliation. Within our Family of Parishes, we will have a series of times where two priests will be available to hear your confession and free you from the bonds of sin and fill you with God's grace. December 14th from 9:30-11:00am, 1:30-3:00pm and 6:30-8:00pm at St. John the Baptist Church. December 15th from 9:45-10:30am and December 20th from 6:45-7:45pm at St. Anthony of Padua Church.

A Very Merry Family of Parishes Christmas Party

Plan to join us on Sunday, December 18th from 1:30-3:00pm at the Amherstburg Columbus Hall for a festive celebration, featuring St. Nick's nifty craft table, Santa's snack corner (sandwiches and finger foods), Memorable Melodies, Celestial cookie decorating and a visit from a "very special guest" bearing presents for children up to age 16. See registration details elsewhere in the bulletin.

Advent Night of Carolling

Advent and Christmas have some beautiful hymns and songs that we have come to love and enjoy each year. We are gathering as a Family of Parishes to sing, share some spiritual reflections, and to celebrate being with one another. Mark your calendars for Friday, December 16th at St. John the Baptist Church beginning at 7:00pm. No pre-registration required.

Reminder about 2023 Envelopes

Boxed set of envelopes for 2023 are available to be picked up at the main entrance of our churches. These are for 2023 so please do not use them until 2023! The envelope numbers you receive for 2023 are different than the number you had for 2022. If you would like a box and do not currently have one, please take one of the “blank” boxes and put your name and address on the envelope the first few times you use them. We also accept e-transfers and pre-approved donations (PAD’s) as well. I have found using the PAD very convenient as I do not have to remember my envelope each week nor do I have to find the cash or cheque to put in it (it is transferred from my account to the parish according to the schedule and amount that I set up and approved). If you have any questions about the various ways you can support your parish, please contact the office.

Reminder about Gift Cards

Christmas is quickly approaching and it can often be difficult to figure out what to get somebody. A gift that provides lots of flexibility is a gift card! Both of our parishes are selling gift cards. When you buy/order gift cards from the church you receive the full value of the card to give away and the parish receives a rebate. You solve your gift-buying problem and the parish gets funds to help with various parish projects. Sounds like good news all

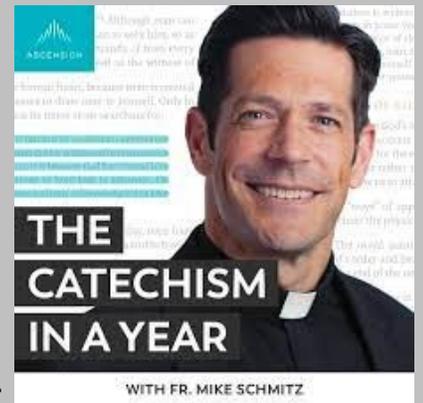
Coming in January...

Make a great New Year’s resolution that will change your life – let’s read the entire Catechism in a year!

I am inviting you to join me in reading the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church together using Fr. Mike Schmitz’s podcast, **“The Catechism in a Year,”** beginning January 1st. Together let us understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape our daily lives!

If you are interested in learning and sharing with others throughout the year, or would like more information, please contact me.

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



Help Needed

We are very blessed to celebrate many baptisms at our two parishes throughout the year. It is a beautiful and rewarding ministry to welcome these children and their families. I am looking for volunteers to join our baptism ministry team. If you love children, are welcoming and love Jesus, we need you! Your time commitment would be a few hours once a month. If you think this is one way to share your gifts with others, please contact me! Kim Bornais: kbornais@dol.ca or 519-736-5418 ext. 115

HOLY HOUR

Sunday December 4th 7pm-8pm

St John the Baptist Church

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament, praise and worship music and reflection.

Come and be renewed!

All are welcome!



Advent Night of Carolling

Join us Friday December 16 at 7pm

At St John the Baptist Church.

Beautiful Christmas music

Advent Reflections

If you are interested in joining our choir for the evening, please contact Kim at the parish office.



Confirmation: We began preparation classes this past week. Our 2nd meeting will be on Wednesday December 7, 2022 from 6:30-8:00pm at the Columbus Hall (Amherstburg) Please continue to pray for our young people and their leaders.

Congratulations to all the young people who made their first Reconciliation this past week. May you always remember God loves you!

Mark your calendars for our Very Merry Catholic Family of Parishes Christmas Party. Sunday, **December 18th from 1:30-3:00pm**(please note the change of the start time) at the Amherstburg Columbus Hall. **Cost is \$5.00 per person (max. \$20 per family, to be paid at the door)** Games, crafts, snacks, Santa! Registration is required by contacting Lisa in the parish office (519) 736-5418 ext 113 or via email at lmullins@dol.ca Deadline to register is December 15th. All ages welcome



*****We are looking for a few volunteers to assist us on this day. Please contact Lisa if you are able to help*****



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

Urgent need for 1 Volunteer for Harrowood Communion Service.

Needed for the second week of each month starting in 2023. Involves attending mass the day of the service to prepare hosts for the altar. Then going over to Harrowood after Sunday mass with consecrated Eucharist. Includes doing a short service with the Sunday readings, prayers and reflection in the Chapel. Then visiting the rooms of those who were not able to attend. Usually completed by 11am. Training will be provided.

Amherstburg Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes Presents

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

An evening for all those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are wondering how they will survive.

December 14, 2022 at the Knights of Columbus Hall,
62 King St. East HARROW
6:30pm dinner (doors open 6:00pm)
7:00pm, 40 minute video followed by small group discussion, ending 8:30pm

GRIEF SHARE

\$5.00 per person
To register call or email 519-736-5418 ahcfopbkp@dol.ca ext. 116
Registration Deadline December 10, 2022

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

Come let us adore Him

Save the date: the next **Ultreya** will be on:

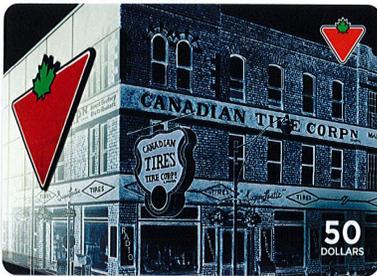
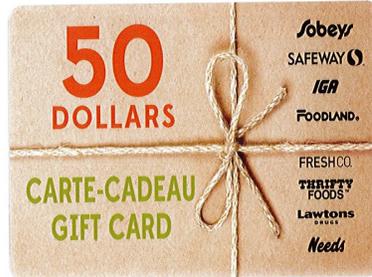
FRIDAY, December 9, 2022
7:30 PM at
Holy Name of Jesus
146 Talbot Street South
Essex, Ontario

There are still openings for the weekends. The men's 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 church office.

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Linda Jones Ultreya Parish Rep

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~ Gift Card Fundraising ~



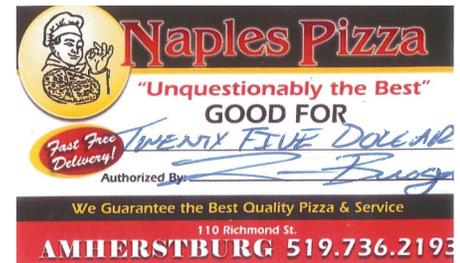
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Orders will be taken until December 11th for any Fundscrip pre orders, and will be available for pick up the weekend of December 17th and 18th.

Our last weekend to sell gift cards at St. John the Baptist will be December 18th.

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