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**November 27, 2022  
First Sunday of Advent  
& December 4, 2022  
Second Sunday of Advent**

*Hope*  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*Please keep in your prayers .... Sunday, November 27*

- ♦ the church waiting in joyful anticipation of Christ's return
- ♦ those working to alleviate poverty and homelessness,
- ♦ the unborn and for those promoting a greater respect for all life
- ♦ this assembly casting off works of darkness as we witness to the gospel
- ♦ the dead longing for a place of rest at the Eternal Banquet
- ♦ Mrs. Jessica Jarvis Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Deacon Paul Bezaire, Mr. Erwin Fung Coordinator of Parish Ministries, Deacon Fred Truchon, Rev. Louis Mousseau O.F.M. Cap., Mrs Rebecca Bondy Pastoral Minister/ Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Rev. Robert Campagne



*Peace*  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*Please keep in your prayers .... Sunday, December 4*

- ♦ Miss Janet Loo Liturgical Facilitator/Director of Music, Rev. Dwayne Adam, Rev. Robert Weaver, Deacon Lyle Lalonge, Mrs. Colleen Keane Pastoral Minister, Volunteers Catechists in the Diocese of London



***A Child's note to God***

*Dear God,  
In bible times, did they really talk that fancy?  
Jasper*





## At a glance ...

- ♦ Check out the Holy Heroes Advent adventure on our website. It is a wonderful, free advent program for kids. It sends you weekly emails with videos and family activities to grow in faith during advent.
- ♦ **Our Sacramental Prep program, "Go, Seek, Find", is in need of more leaders for the upcoming sessions from now until March 12 at all of our parish locations.** First Reconciliation prep at All Saints will run after the 8 am and the 11 am Masses on Sunday from November 27 to December 18. First Communion prep will start at All Saints January 8 and run until March 12 after the 8 am and 11 am Masses each Sunday. If you can offer help in anyway, contact Julie at [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca) or call 519-245-0644 ext. 26 for more info.
- ♦ **VOLUNTEERS**—You are invited! Volunteer Appreciation Reception on Friday, December 30 from 2:00 to 5:00pm at the All Saints church site. More details in bulletin insert.
- ♦ **SAVE THE DATE:** Family Movie Night on December 16 at 7:00pm. See insert for details.
- ♦ **Light Up For Christ**, December 6 after the 6:30pm Mass. See insert for more details.



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul /All Saints Conference

### VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

If you are a 'stay at home parent' or if you are recently retired, we are looking for a volunteer who would be able to provide 1½ hours per month to assist with our diaper bank and incontinence products. These products are distributed to those in need in our community on the second Wednesday of each month.

If you are able to help, please call Parish Office at 519-245-0644

### CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

We are now collecting all kinds of non-perishable items for our Christmas Food Drive until Sunday, December 12th. This food will go to the various families in need in our community. Any extra food will be distributed to the various Food Banks in our area.



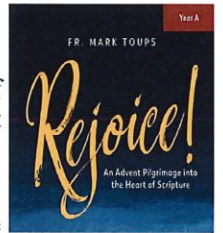
## Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture

God wants to draw you closer to himself this Advent-and what better way to do that than through His Word?

In this new installment of the Rejoice! series, you will be immersed in the readings that anchor us during the Advent season—the Sunday Mass readings. We will unpack and travel with those readings leading up to Sunday and stay with them through the following Wednesday. This way of meditating on the liturgical readings has borne fruit in the Ascension Lenten Companion series.

This year's Advent pilgrimage will bear fruit in your life as Jesus comes to live more fully in your heart, and you experience greater joy and peace throughout the Advent season and beyond.

**Books are available to purchase through our website for \$15.00 each. Questions call Julie at 519-245-0644 or email [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca).**



## Retrouvaille Weekend - January 20-22, 2023

*From the Retrouvaille team are some messages for parish bulletins. Feel free to use these announcements weekly or as appropriate:*

1. *Retrouvaille has helped troubled marriages for over 44 years. We CAN help your marriage. No Group Sharing guaranteed. [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) Greg and Anita 519-243-0687. DISCREET | PRIVATE | EFFECTIVE. Register Today - London January 20-22, 2023.*
2. *Time to Rebuild your Marriage! Only one matters: yours. Register for Weekend January 20-22, 2023. [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) – 519-243-0687.*
3. *There is no handbook for a perfect marriage. It doesn't exist! Most of us never learned how to have a HEALTHY marriage. The next Retrouvaille Weekend will be in person January 20-22, 2023. 100% Confidential! 519-243-0687 [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org).*

## EDGE Night

EDGE Ministries, for youth from grades 5-8 is happening at West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes! The next Edge Night will be at the St. Charles Garnier Church Site in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, December 20 at 6:30pm.

Come and have some fun and see what it's all about! Parents must come to the parish hall to sign their children in, and to sign them out at the end of the night. Hope to see you there! Contact [edgewmcfp@gmail.com](mailto:edgewmcfp@gmail.com) with any questions or for further information.

For more information please email [edgewmcfp@gmail.com](mailto:edgewmcfp@gmail.com).





# *Weekly Reflection*

## **Reflection November 27, & December 4, 2022, First & Second Sundays of Advent**

Have you ever prepared yourself for company coming to visit at your house? You make sure the bathrooms are clean and the house is dust free and tidy. Perhaps your company is coming over for a meal? Before they show up, you do all the prep work ahead of time. This way, you can spend as much time as possible with your friends.

But what if the company gets the date wrong and they come over to your house, a day early? Then what? Panic sets in! The house is not clean. The meat is still in the freezer. You answer the door with a look of surprise and upset on your face and as luck would have it, you are wearing ugly grubby work clothes.

I heard something once, long time ago, probably when the "What Would Jesus Do" bracelets were popular, if Jesus came to your house for an unexpected visit, would you need to change your clothes, change the channel on the television or the radio, or would you run and hide? Sounds familiar. Yes, this Sunday's Gospel is all about being ready for the unexpected and unknown timing of Jesus second coming.

This is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is the time in which we get ready to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. The scripture tells us to be alert, be ready, stay awake for we do not know the hour that Jesus will come again. Perhaps as we start Advent, this would be a good time to reflect on our year. How did you do this past year? Did you deepen your spiritual life with faith-based reading of books or videos? Did you participate in a small prayer group? Were you able to support a charity or family in need? Did you bring joy to those around you?

Yes, wake up! Wake up and see what is missing in your life. Like the scripture says, you do not know when the thief is coming. Watch out for the "thief" in your life. Don't make this Advent just another thing to "get done." Do not let the thief rob you of your joy. Father Thom has mentioned this in his homily; we all wear a badge of "busy." Too often when someone asks how we are, our response is "busy." This can turn into a competition to see who is the busiest, who puts in the most hours at work, who has the most commitments to fulfill and so on. This response will rob you of your joy. You won't even notice it at first but little by little, instead of a joyful response, you will feel burdened, sad even and worse, make the other person you are conversing with, feel sad also.

Well, that thief will come at an unexpected hour just like unexpected company. When we know the company is coming, we are prepared. So should we be ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus and to welcome him when he returns once again. Let's welcome him with joy. Let's put the busy badge aside this Advent and look for the joy around us! Let us be the joy of Christ to all those we encounter this Advent season!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister





## All Saints, Strathroy-Weeks of Nov 29—Dec 9

### **Tue Nov 29, Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm**

Antonio, Celina & Carlos Pina - Saozinha Pina & Family  
Francelina Nogueira – Family  
Bert & Cathy Vens-Jerry & Bobbie  
Iria Silva - Silvina Santos  
Bill Ronayne - Joe Nash  
Special Intention-Mary Hoefnagels



### **Wed Nov 30, Mass 9:00am**

Jose Moniz - Laudalina Moniz  
Manuel Quadros & Deceased members of Quadros & Meirinho families  
- Maria Quadros  
Deceased family of Joao & Teresa Viveiros  
Theresa Regier & William McMullan - Dwayne & Anne Wagner  
Deceased Parents, Family & Friends of Humberto & Maria Gouveia  
Todd LaMantia - Mom/Dad

### **Thu Dec 1, Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm**

Manuel Paiva - Ofelia Paiva  
Serafim DaPonte - Modesta DaPonte  
Manuel & Alzira Catojo & Ilda & Albert Cravo - Gloria & Joe Cravo  
Jose Vieira - Maria Gabriel  
Rosarinha Arruda - Tina/Maria  
Pais e Irmaos de Jose Couto

### **Fri Dec 2, Mass 9:00am / Adoration following Mass**

Laurindo Carvalho & Souls of Purgatory - Amelia Carvalho  
Deceased Parents of Maria Paiva  
Special Intention - John VanHeeswyk  
Leria Castro Simoes - Piedade Pinheiro  
Josef Sitar – family  
Deceased Parents of Manny & Grinoalda Moniz

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### **Tue Dec 6, Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm**

Deceased Members of Beynen Families  
Natalia, Jose & Joe Andade - Jina Andrade  
Special Intention for Fr. David Johnston - Suzanne Murray  
Special Intention for Joe Nash/reposed soul of Frances Nash-Joe  
Paul Feeley - Anne Marie  
Special Intention - Mary Hoefnagels

### **Wed Dec 7, Mass 9:00am**

Intentions of the Friends of FFI – FFI  
Deceased Brothers of Maria Paiva  
Deceased family of Joao & Teresa Viveiros  
Josef Sitar – family  
Nolda Bos - Larry & Mary MacDonald  
Simone Brulé - Lamothe/Grignon families

### **Thu Dec 8, Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm**

Francisco DaPonte – Judite DaPonte  
Luis Couto - Eduarda Couto  
Avos de Dolores Carreiros  
Rosarinha Arruda - Tina / Maria  
Horacio Duarte - Deolinda Pereira  
Francisco e Idalina Couto - Ofelia Paiva

### **Fri Dec 9, Mass 9:30am with OLI school; Adoration following Mass**

Manuel & Isolina Pereira – family  
Olivia, Angela & Alda Aguiar - family  
Doris & Harry Farrar & Bob Wilson- June & Malcolm Benn  
Jacob Black & Margaret Verhoeven - Carol Black  
Francisco & Zelima de Oliveira - Tony & Connie Rebelo  
Ken DeGroot - John & Josie DeGroot & Family

## Sacred Heart, Parkhill Weeks of Nov 29-Dec 9



### **Tue Nov 29, Mass 6:30pm**

Aneeies & Erhard Sinewe & family  
August Roelands  
- Pete & Anne Roelands  
Special Intention for Joe & Joanna Minten  
- Doreen McLinchey & Family  
Special Intention for Jim Vandersanden  
-Pete & Anne Roelands  
Gerry & Jacoba Vandersanden  
- Jim & Tammy Vandersanden

### **Thu Dec 1, Mass 9:30am with SH school**

Intentions of SH CWL Living & Deceased  
Special Intention for Dcn. Jim Vandersanden  
- Maureen Garinther

### **Fri Dec 2, Mass 9:00am Adoration following Mass Simone Brule**

- Chris & Barb Vander Vloet

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### **Tue Dec 6, Mass 6:30pm**

Special Intentions for Joe & Joanna Minten  
- Doreen McLinchey & family  
Bill & Cathy Reynolds - Sacred Heart CWL  
Special Intention for Dcn. Jim Vandersanden  
- Rita Hodgkinson

### **Thu Dec 8, Mass 9:00am**

Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen families - Estate  
Special Intention for Nathaniel McLellan & Family  
- Jim & Tammy  
Special Intention for Abigail Vandersanden  
- Jim & Tammy  
Special Intention for Laura Wilson - Jim & Tammy

## St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe Weeks of Nov 29-Dec 9



### **Wed Nov 30, Mass 6:30pm**

Manuel & Jesuvina Antunes  
– Antunes family  
Anita Buset - Aurelia Toffolon  
Sr. Mary William - Rich & ML  
Gerry Scaffè - Rich & ML  
Ken Livingston - David Skipper  
Special Intention for Brian & Joanna Simpson  
—Kelly Skinn

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### **Wed Dec 7, Mass 6:30pm**

Edna Simpson - Brian & Joanna Simpson  
Manuel & Jesuvina Antunes – Antunes family  
John Makarich - Rich & ML  
Forest Credicott - Rich & ML  
Larry Lawhead - Rich & ML  
For all the shut-ins of our parish - CWL



**Pastoral Team/Staff** office:519-245-0644

**Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22**

**Fr. Christian Amogu, Associate Pastor ex. 25**

**Deacon Henry Tomaszewski**

**Deacon Jim Vandersanden**

**Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister ex. 26**

**Olga Ferreira, Office Administrator ex. 21**

**Anna Garcia, Secretary ex. 0**

**Marg VanderBurgt, Secretary ex. 24**

*\*personal emails can be found on the website*

*\* messages can be left at the office for both Deacons*

We will host Take a Break on the second Wednesday of each month. Mark these dates in your calendar.

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

TAKE  
a  
break

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact us.

Tammy Vandersanden - [tvandersanden@execulink.com](mailto:tvandersanden@execulink.com)  
Lucy Hendriks - [lulouhendriks@gmail.com](mailto:lulouhendriks@gmail.com)  
Anne Roelands - [pandaroelands@gmail.com](mailto:pandaroelands@gmail.com)



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Needs You!

New members -Come Join Us  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday after 7:00pm Mass  
Everyone Is Welcome!

Contact: Gwen Waeijen – [gwenwaeijen@hotmail.com](mailto:gwenwaeijen@hotmail.com)

Your donations are always greatly appreciated

\*e-transfer – [ssvpallsaints@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpallsaints@gmail.com)

(Income Tax Receipts provided)

Door collection is last Saturday/Sunday each month

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**Office Hours**

**Monday through Friday**

**9:00am to 4:00pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)**

4:00—4:45pm Saturday at All Saints church site

Tuesday after Mass at Sacred Heart Parkhill church site

5:45—6:15pm Wednesdays at St. Charles Garnier church site

Also by appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

*Congratulations! Please call Julie to make arrangements at 519-245-0644 ext 26 or send an email to [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca).*

**Sacrament of Marriage:** *Congratulations! Please call the office to make an appointment.*

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

WEST MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES



All Saints, Strathroy

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am/11:00 am

\* 11:00 am will be livestreamed each week

Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Sunday 9:00 am



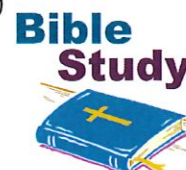
### Revenue & Expenses September 2022

	All Saints	Sacred Heart	St. Charles
Revenue	\$ 51,229.88	\$ 10,957.30	\$ 9,198.05
Expenditures	\$(47,232.29)	\$(11,815.36)	\$(7,336.26)
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 3,997.59	\$ -858.06	\$ 1,861.79

Thank you for supporting the work of Christ, through his Church

### Adult Bible Study Training Night

This is mandatory training for all adults who wish to help facilitate the Exodus Adult Bible Study.



**Date:** Monday, December 5th

**Where:** All Saints Parish Centre

**Time:** 6:15pm gather, 6:30pm start

Direct all questions to Joni and Garth at [garthandjoni@hotmail.com](mailto:garthandjoni@hotmail.com) or 519-247-3063.



### **From the Diocese of London**

#### **Open Masses resume at St. Peter's Seminary**

Open Masses on Sundays, yet now we are pleased to announce that every available Sunday, the Seminarians at St. Peter's are experiencing parish life by visiting parishes in the London area.

Open Masses at St. Peter's Seminary, 1040

Waterloo St., London: Dec 3, 2022 at 11:15 AM; Jan 14, 2023 at 11:15 AM; Feb 4, 2023 at 11:15 AM; Mar 4, 2023 at 11:15 AM.

#### **Workshops Available from the Catechetical Institute of the Franciscan University of Steubenville**

The Diocese of London has purchased a one-year subscription with the Catechetical Institute of the Franciscan University of Steubenville that will allow anyone within the Diocese to participate (clergy, staff, volunteers, parishioners, etc.) in any of the available workshops free of charge. The Catechetical Institute offers over 150 online workshops designed to serve those who form others in faith. The workshops touch upon almost every aspect of catechesis, ranging from catechetical theory and Christology to basic practical evangelization skills, public speaking, and vocational discernment. There are also specific Diocesan Tracks that will support those who form others in faith. For more information go to <https://dol.ca/formation>.

#### **St. Mary Catholic School (London) Choir and Orchestra Program**

St. Mary school has begun the application process for entrance to Grade 5 for 2023/2024. Brochures with application forms are available in all LDCSB schools, contact your Principal, or call St. Mary School at (519) 675-4423. Applications are due back to St. Mary School by January 27, 2023. applicants must meet the admission requirements.



### **Annual Christmas Dinner**

**All members of any CWL and Knights of Columbus are invited to a Christmas dinner on Friday, December 9 at 6:30pm in the parish centre, All Saints church site. Each member may bring a guest.**

**The cost is \$20 each for a 3 course meal, wine, and entertainment.**

Call one of the following members to reserve your spot, then pay at the door. Cut off date is Friday, December 2.

Catherine 519-498-6108

Ray 519-205-0670

Pat 519-245-5058

Linda 519-245-3383



***Congratulations!***

*Congratulations to Deacon Jim Vandersanden on his ordination to the Diaconate last Saturday.*

*Praying that God will bless you as you begin your ministry as a deacon. May the Holy Spirit shine brightly in you as you serve the community of God's people. Congratulations!*

### **All Saints Strathroy—CWL NEWS**

*November is membership month. Expenses at our National level have increased and unfortunately this has to reflect on our annual membership cost. The envelopes in your Church donation packet for CWL shows a cost of \$25.00 we have had to increase the annual membership to \$40.00. Members will be in the Narthex for the next two weekends to renew you memberships of \$40.00.*



### **St. Charles Glencoe—CWL NEWS**

#### **Christmas Season**

#### **' Sisters in Christ ' Fundraiser—Bake sale/ beef on a bun—Sunday, December 11 in**

parish hall following 9:00am Mass. Donations of baked items are welcome (please price beforehand). Drop off prior to Mass. Thanks and appreciation!

**BAKE SALE**



Fellowship Christmas Pot Luck and Trivia Night—Wednesday, December 21 at 5:30pm in parish hall. All ladies (and a guest) are welcome to share fellowship, food and fun. Bring a potluck dish and/or treats to share. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Our 2023 CWL Membership Campaign has begun, with grateful hearts we request \$40 in

dues ( first increase in 10 yrs.). These membership

fees help support our involvement/ contributions towards our Fellowship, Faith, Service & Social Justice Ministries in our Parish and Community. God's Blessings.



### **Sacred Heart Parkhill—CWL NEWS**

Dec. 8th, 2022 – Advent Tea at the Nursing Home in Parkhill following the 9:00 am Mass.

Dec. 25th, 2022 – Christmas Dinner working with the North Middlesex Ministerial Association at the Parkhill Community Centre.





**Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Hour of Grace -  
Thursday, December 8, 2022**

**December 8  
Hour of Grace  
Psalm 51  
Rosary with Passion  
Meditations**



You are cordially invited to join us for the Hour of Grace, a special devotion dedicated to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, December 8, 2022 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm at St. John the Divine Parish. 390 Baseline Road West, London. The Blessed virgin promised that whatever a person asked her for during the Hour of Grace (even in impossible cases) would be granted to them, if it was in accordance with the Will of the Eternal Father

The format of the gathering will involve the recitation of Psalm 51 three times, followed by the Rosary and silent reflection. Our celebration will conclude with singing Immaculate Mary.

**Christmas Flowers**



Envelopes for Christmas flower donations in the name of a loved one, will be available for pick up at all church sites or you can use a plain envelope with your name and address clearly marked.

Please print your loved ones' name clearly and legibly on or inside the envelope.

"In memory" names will be put into the bulletin and onto our website the week of Christmas and New Year's.

**Please have these into the office no later than December 16th.**



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome him, but he remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of bread, because he is calling us to faith that we may come to him in humility, and it is our duty to honour and adore the Blessed Host. He is really there!



The specific way that Jesus asks you to love him in return is to spend time with him in the Blessed Sacrament. It is very important that Jesus is never left alone during Adoration. In order to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament it is crucial that you sign up to ensure that someone (at least one but the more the better) will always be present with Jesus during Adoration. "Could you not watch one hour with me?"

***\*During Advent: Adoration will take place every Friday at All Saints Parish. It will follow the morning Mass for one hour.***

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul /  
All Saints Conference**



**'Angel Tree':** from Saturday, November 12, 2022 to Sunday, December 11, 2022 we will be collecting **unwrapped** toys and gifts for children of various ages in our community.

These gifts will be distributed to the Salvation Army Food Bank and will be included in the food hampers for our neighbours in need. As well, some gifts will also be distributed to the Women's Rural Resource Centre and to the Children's Aid here in Strathroy. Any remaining gifts and food will be distributed to Bub's Soup Kitchen. Please look for our tree in the Narthex. If you prefer to donate a gift card, that is also appreciated. Please put your gift card in an envelop with your name and address if you wish to receive a tax receipt. Thank you!



**'Adopt-A-Family':** as carried out in previous years, we are collecting names of families in need from our Parish so that we can provide them with a food hamper, as well as some Christmas gifts. If you know of someone or a family in need, or if you would like to adopt a family, please call our church office at 519-245-0644.



**'Out of the cold, winter garments for the poor'**

If you have any gently used winter coats, hats, mittens, scarves and boots that you no longer need, please donate them to those less fortunate and help keep them warm this winter. Please look for the St. Vincent de Paul collection box that has been placed in the Narthex.

**First Communion Preparation Dates for 2023**

For those children who have completed the in-person First Reconciliation preparation program, registration is now up and running on our web-site at [www.westmiddlesex catholic.dol.ca](http://www.westmiddlesex catholic.dol.ca)

Contact [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca) for more information.

First Communion Prep Dates (5 weeks long)

**ALL SAINTS**

- OPTION A: January 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb 5 after the 8 am Mass
- OPTION B: January 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb 5 after the 11 am Mass
- OPTION C: Feb 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12 after the 8 am Mass
- OPTION D: Feb 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12 after the 11 am Mass

**ST CHARLES**

- OPTION E: Feb 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 after the 9 am Mass

**SACRED HEART**

- OPTION F: Feb 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12 after 10 am Mass





*West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes  
A Time of Remembrance Prayer Service  
Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm  
All Saints Church Site, Strathroy*



There are many special days during the year in which we remember our deceased loved ones and Christmas is no exception. As Christmas approaches, the pain felt because of the loss of a loved one intensifies. Therefore, we are offering a time to give comfort and hope to celebrate the lives of our departed loved ones during the Advent season in preparation for the celebration of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A "Time of Remembrance" prayer service and blessing of candles will take place on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm for all West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes at the All-Saints Church Site in Strathroy. Families who have experienced the loss of a loved one recently or in the past few years are invited to the service. Please call the parish office to mark your attendance. A candle will be provided in memory of your loved one, in which we ask that you submit their name at the time of registration.

For more information, please call the parish office at 519-245-0644.

*Grief never ends, but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay.*

*Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith. Grief is the price of love.*

## Hospitality Ministry

The mission of the hospitality ministry is to provide a welcoming environment of love, acceptance, comfort, support, care, and unity for visitors, members, guests, and friends in order to enhance their worship experience, and encourage discipleship.



Hospitality is a form of outreach to all those who come to our churches for any reason.

There are many ways to do this. For example, greeting those who come to us for Mass on the weekends. But hospitality does not begin and end with the Sunday Mass experience. Hospitality and welcome, is needed for all the events we organize in our parishes. As we begin our sacramental preparation programs, volunteers are needed to greet people, answer questions, give directions, provide refreshments, and to be networkers by talking to those who come to us.

Those who extend hospitality to others are the face of welcome in our parishes and are eager to be of service to others! If you fit this description then we have a mission for you!

Contact Julie de Gouw, [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca) or 519-245-0644 for more information.

## New! Teen Study Information Night

Are you wondering how our Catholic Faith fits with the bigger discussions happening in our culture right now? We are very excited to announce that West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes will sponsor a teen study on Catholic social teaching. The program that we will be using is Ascension's Connected: Catholic Social Teaching for This Generation. This engaging 5-session study introduces sound Catholic teaching on creation, life, race, poverty, and the family.'

The study will be geared towards young adults, grade 9+. The study will begin January 28th and held on each Saturday following Mass with a pizza dinner. The study will end on February 25th. **But first, we need volunteers.**

### Teen Study Information Night

The number of people who help directly influences how many young adults we can accept for the study. No training necessary. If you want to learn more about the study and how you can help, please join us on our information night.

Date: Wednesday, December 7th

Where: All Saints Parish Centre

Time: 6:45pm gather, 7pm start

Questions can be directed to Joni and Garth at [garthandjoni@hotmail.com](mailto:garthandjoni@hotmail.com) or 519-247-3063.







## Become a force for real change AND win a trip to Montreal!

Our movement draws its strength from our 11,000+ members across Canada! Every year, they act for justice by supporting our education, advocacy and fundraising campaigns. This work is critical for our partners, who know that eliminating the root causes of poverty in the Global South requires the dismantling of the structures of colonialism, exploitation and inequality in Canada.



Add weight to our voice. Be part of a family that acts for justice. Join our movement! In addition to being invited to a festive webinar on December 3, 2022, all new members will be entered into a draw. One lucky member will win a trip to Montreal to meet our solidarity visitors from Colombia and Honduras during Lent. Lifetime membership costs just \$10, and it's free if you're under 35. So, don't hesitate, and sign up at [devp.org/joinus!](http://devp.org/joinus!)

## Thank you for putting People and the Planet First

A major focus of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's People and Planet First campaign is advocating for a law that compels Canadian companies to respect human and environmental rights across their overseas operations.



Thousands of Canadians signed the petition in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who are protecting the Earth and asserting their rights.

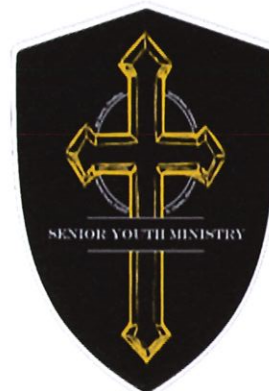
We are also delighted to welcome new members who will help amplify the voice of our movement by acting for peace and justice. On behalf of all those who struggle to preserve their lands, lifestyles, livelihoods and lives, Development and Peace thanks you for your commitment and mobilization. Together, we are building a world of justice.

To sign our petition and to continue supporting our campaign, visit [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act). To become a member and support our mission, visit [devp.org/joinus](http://devp.org/joinus).

**Giving Tuesday: November 29, 2022**



## West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes Senior Youth Ministry



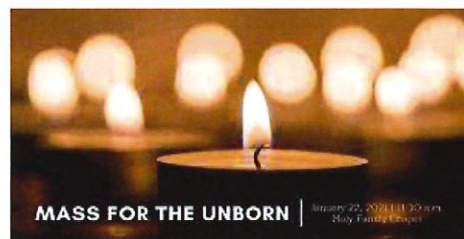
We are very excited to invite you to our senior youth group! We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Join us from 6:30pm to 9:00pm for faith filled fun with friends.

FOOD ✦ FUN ✦ FAITH ✦ FRIENDS

December 18, 2022, Sacred Heart Parkhill, 6:30-9 downstairs hall  
January 15, 2022, St. Charles Garnier, 6:30-9 Hall

Ages: Highschool and up  
Cost: \$5/month or \$50/year to cover snack cost

Please contact us with any questions or for more information:  
Lucia Lilbourne (519) 878-3173 or Stacey Landstra (519) 854-3920 or email:  
[wmsyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:wmsyouthministry@gmail.com)



## Mass for the Unborn

A Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica with the Rosary commencing at 7:00 pm, followed by Mass at 7:30pm. Bishop Ronald Fabbro presiding.

All are welcome to attend.



## Food for Thought ...

As Flu season approaches, please consider getting immunized against the flu. If you do become unwell, please stay home and take care of yourself.

Some folks are very sensitive to scented products, such as cologne or perfume, so please try to refrain from wearing them when in large groups i.e. at Mass or other parish functions.





**2023 Sunday Offertory Envelopes** will be made available in the next week for West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes. Envelope numbers have been reorganized and therefore you may have a new number for 2023. **Please do not use these envelopes until January to ensure your contribution gets posted correctly.** Please call Olga at the parish office if you would like to have 2023 offertory envelopes.

**Pre-Authorized Payment – PAP**

If you are contributing to the parish through direct deposit (PAP), they will continue as usual into 2023. If there are any changes you would like to make to your contributions, please call Olga.

**Income Tax Receipts**

Income tax receipts can only be issued legally for contributions received in the current year. *All donations must be received in the office by Thursday December 22 or in the collection on the weekend of Dec 24 & 25 to be eligible for a tax receipt for 2022.*

*\*\*\*Please note: Donations received the weekend of Dec 31 & Jan 1, 2023, are deposited in the New Year, so please make sure to meet the deadline if you would like credit for your donation in 2022.*

**E-transfer/Pllenty Donations**

Taking into consideration the Christmas Holiday season, please allow for the process time for your donations by E-transfer and/or Pllenty to be eligible for receipt.

**Official Income Tax Receipts will be prepared in the New Year and distributed by the end of February 2023.**

If you wish to change your method of donation to preauthorized payments (direct deposit) please contact Olga at the office at 519-245-0644 ext. #21 or email [oferreira@dol.ca](mailto:oferreira@dol.ca).

**The parish office will be closed from Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 12noon to Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 9:00am**



**Thanks  
for Your  
Support!**



## Light up for Christ and Celebrate the Feast of Saint Nicholas



On Tuesday, December 6, after the 6:30 pm Mass, all families, particularly those with small children, are invited to join us in the blessing and lighting up of the Nativity Scene in the narthex at All Saints church site.

A special guest bringing treats for the children is expected to attend! Hint, this is the Feast of Saint Nicholas who loves to give children treats on his feast day!



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### *West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes*

To show our gratitude for all you do, you are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Open House on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-5pm at All Saints Church site hall.

Refugee Committee

Hospitality

Lectors

Extraordinary

Ministers of the  
Eucharistic

Altar Servers

Sacristans

Funeral Mass Servers

Ushers

Children's Liturgy

SSVP

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Pastoral Care

RCIA

Bible Study

Liturgical Decorating Ministry

Bereavement Ministry

Sacramental Preparation  
Leaders

Livestream Tech. Helps

Youth Leaders

PPCVT

Alpha Leaders

Cemetery Boards

Finance Committee

Office Volunteers

Building Committee

Collection Counters


Music Ministry

The Lord has given you a  for service.

You are the  and  of Jesus.

You share God's Word, and your efforts

bear .

You're a  shining God's love!

1 Corinthians 12:5

*If you are involved in any way  
in a committee, group, or ministry, you are welcome  
to attend!*

*RSVP to the parish office by phone or email  
by December 20th*



## SACRED HEART ANGEL TREE and CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our Angel Tree is back! Through our collective generosity we can make Christmas a little brighter for a child, senior or other adult who could use some love and support this Christmas Season as this past year has been especially difficult for those living on fixed incomes. There are a few ways to participate:

- Take a name from our Angel Tree found at the entrance of the church
- Donate food by dropping it off at the church or at Second Blessings
- Financial support, through donations via cheque or e-transfer, to the West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes or to Second Blessings. Note "Sacred Heart – Christmas Appeal" in the memo line. Monetary donations made to the church and Second Blessings will receive a tax receipt.



We ask that all donations be made by December 15th to ensure gifts are delivered on time. Helping those in need in our community is a wonderful way of sharing the love of Christ this Christmas. Thank you for your support and prayers.

If you have any questions, please contact Marysia Coutts ([marco2929@msn.com](mailto:marco2929@msn.com)) or Joe Bezzina ([joebezz@gmail.com](mailto:joebezz@gmail.com)).



"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2)





### Christmas Family Night Friday December 16

Come and join us in the parish center at All Saints Church site for an evening of faith and fun! We will watch a special Christmas movie "The Shepherd" to help us with our Advent journey towards Christmas. Activities and games for the kids. Snacks and drinks provided. Evening begins at 7 pm.





# Advent~

## Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

### Advent Day of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> following 6:30pm Mass – 8:00pm @ St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe  
 Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm-4:00pm / 6:00pm – 8:00pm @ All Saints, Strathroy  
 Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> following 6:30pm Mass – 8:00pm @ Sacred Heart, Parkhill

### Christmas Mass Schedule

DATE	ALL SAINTS CHURCH SITE	SACRED HEART CHURCH SITE	ST. CHARLES GARNIER CHURCH SITE
Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve	4:00pm *Incense (livestreamed)	4:00pm *Incense	
	9:00pm	6:00pm *Incense	6:00pm *Incense
	12 midnight *Incense		
Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day	11:00am (livestreamed)	10:00am	9:00am