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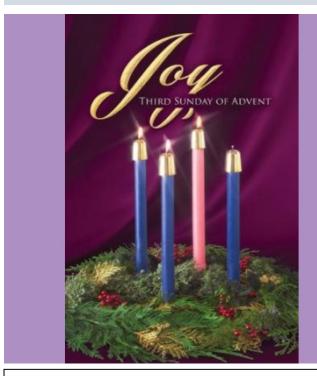
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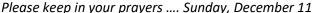
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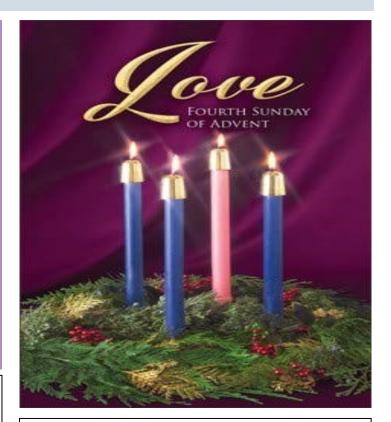
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December 11, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent & December 18, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent





- the Church waiting patiently for Christ's return in alory
- leaders of the nations speaking words of peace
- those supporting men and women living with disabilities
- this assembly of the faithful preparing to meet God in the poor
- the dead longing for a place of rest in the presence of God
- Rev. Steve Wlusek, Mrs. Angie MacEachern Pastoral Minister, Mrs Jean Beneteau Pastoral Minister, Avery Fuerth Life Teen Coordinator, Rev. Christophe Mbunzu O.F.M.Cap., Deacon Brian MacDonald, Ministers to the Bereaved in the Diocese of London



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, December 18

 Rev. Augustine Ogundele, Deacon Daniel Lemire, Rev. Bernard Pinsonneault C.S.B., Mrs. Christa Mailloux Coordinator of Children's Ministry, Deacon Joseph Manzara, Rev. Michael Ryan, Rev. Steven Huber C.S.B.

A Child's note to God

Dear God,

Would you please make me a little brother? I want someone to boss around. Amen Elliott



At a glance ...

- 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 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 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. See website for invite.
- ◆ SAVE THE DATE: Family Movie Night on December 16 at 7:00pm. See website for details.
- ◆ The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA, Auxiliary Bishop of London, Ontario. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2022. A joint initiative of the National Liturgy Office, the Office national de liturgie and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis—www.cccb.ca
- Don't forget to pick up your 2023 Offertory Envelopes at each church site.
- ◆ Donations for Christmas flowers "In Memory of" deadline is Friday, December 16th.
- ◆ Edge Night at All Saints church site on Tuesday, December 20—see more information in the bulletin and on the website.



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.



From the office

The office will be closed on Tuesday, December 13 for a staff development day.



The office will be closed at noon on Friday, December 23 through Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 9:00am for the Christmas break.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us to all of you!

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.

Strathroy and District Right to Life, invite you to hear Alex Schadenberg, from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, to speak about

MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying), on January 27, at 7:30 pm at East Christian Reformed Church.



EDGE Night

EDGE Night - All youth in grades 5-8 are invited to join us for a fun-filled evening as we celebrate Christmas and our faith. The festivities are on **December 20 at All Saints in the**



on December 20 at All Saints in the Parish Center from 6:30pm-

8:00pm. A yummy snack will be provided. Parents/ guardians are required to sign their child in and out. For more information please email edgewmcfp@gmail.com.

Weekly Reflection

Reflection December 11 & 18, 2022 The Third and Fourth Sundays of Advent

As we continue to wait and prepare for the birth of our Saviour, in the scripture for the third week of Advent, Jesus quotes Old Testament saying, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before the Lord." Jesus is referring of course, to John the Baptist, the one sent to prepare the way.

Who do we have in our midst who prepare the way for us? What resources do we use to prepare ourselves for Christmas? How do we witness to others about the real presence of God in the world? What or who do we place our faith in? Do we have a plan for our life that relies and trusts in God to provide for us or do we rely on ourselves thinking we are in control. To trust in God completely requires tremendous faith to let go and let God. We need to be radical in our trust.

I came across the piece I am quoting below, as part of my daily Advent reflections. Written by Henri Nouwen, the reflection gave me pause to stop and think, I mean really think. It is titled "Radical Waiting"

"I have found it very important in my own life to try to let go of my wishes and instead to live in hope. I am finding that when I choose to let go of my sometimes petty and superficial wishes and trust that my life is precious and meaningful in the eyes of God, something really new, something beyond my own expectations begins to happen in me.

To wait with openness and trust is an enormously radical attitude toward life. It is choosing to hope that something is happening for us that is far beyond our own imaginings. It is giving up control over our future and letting God define our life. It is living with the conviction that God molds us in love, holds us in tenderness, and moves us away from the sources of our fear.

Our spiritual life is a life in which we wait, actively present to the moment, expecting that new things will happen to us, new things that are far beyond our own imagination or prediction. This, indeed, is a very radical stance toward life in a world preoccupied with control."

Well said, Henri!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister



All Saints, Strathroy-Weeks of Dec 13-23

Tue Dec 13, Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm

Olivia & Clemente Pereira – family

Holy Trinity, Our Lady & St. Joseph - Jina Andade

Michel & Yvette Grant - Suzanne Murray

Special Intention for Joe Nash/reposed soul of Frances Nash-Joe Nash

Deceased Correia, DaPonte, Pires families

- Ruth & Tony Alcaidinho

Kathy & John Hoefnagels - Anne Marie

Wed Dec 14, Mass 9:00am

John Paiva - Maria dos Anjos Paiva

Deceased family of Joao & Teresa Viveiros

Josef Sitar – family

Kerry MacDonald - Larry & Mary MacDonald

Paul LeBlanc - Maria LeBlanc

Ann Pelletier - Grant & Margaret Lee

Thur Dec 15, Mass 9:30am at OLOL school

Thur Dec 15, Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm

Serafim Salgado, Horacio Sousa & Isabel Miranda – Family

Horacio Duarte – Carminha Duarte

Francelina Nogueira - Family

Rosarinha Arruda - Lucia & Mariano Martins

Maria do Carmo Couto - Ofelia Paiva

Maria Jose Couto - Ofelia Paiva

Fri Dec 16, Mass 9:00am followed by Adoration

Kathy Vens & Marion Cochrane - Jerry & Bobbie Vens

Helene Diesbourg - Rick Pepers

Antonio Couto & Deceased Family - Natalia Couto

John Hartman - Anne Jones

Deceased Family of Margarida Milhomens / John & Manuela Avelar

- Margarida Milhomens

Souls of Purgatory & Deceased Friends of Margarida Milhomens

Tue Dec 20, Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm

Leonel & Maria Teresa Goncalves – Family

Antonio, Celina & Carlos Pina - Saozinha Pina & family

Artur Macedo - Maria & Family

May Richard & Robert Martin - Suzanne Murray

Rosarinha Arruda - Zita Arruda

Jeff LaMantia - Bob & Judy LaMantia

Wed Dec 21, Mass 9:00am

Roy Wardell – Family

Jose Moniz – Laudalina Moniz

Deceased family of Joao & Teresa Viveiros

Francisco Pinheiro - Piedade Pinheiro

Josef Sitar – family

Kerry MacDonald - Larry & Mary MacDonald

Thu Dec 22, Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm

Daniel Medeiros - Lucy & Murray Martins

Luis Carreiro & Serafim DaPonte – Dolores Carreiro

Francelina Nogueira - Family

Natalia e Antonio Geraldes - Ofelia Paiva

Joao Paiva - Ofelia Paiva

Rosarinha Arruda e Artur Costa - Gilda e Jose Viveiros

Fri Dec 23, Mass 9:00am followed by Adoration

Deceased family of Angelo & Liliana Brum

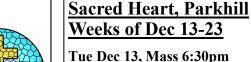
Francisco Pedro - Evelina Pedro

Carlos Camara - Madalena Camara

Helio Mendonca – Esperanca Mendonca

Alice Czernai & Ancestors - Joe & Donna

Joe Armas Jr. - Delia Armas



Frances Nash

- Chris & Barb Vander Vloet Simone Brule - Chris & Barb Vander Vloet Special Intention for Dcn. Jim Vandersanden

- Joan & Tom Brewer

Thu Dec 15, Mass 9:30am with SH School Nathaniel McLellan—family

Tue Dec 20, Mass 6:30pm

Special Intention for Jim Vandersanden

- Steve & Lucia Walsh

Special Intention for Joe & Johanna Minten

- Steve & Lucia Walsh

Thu Dec 22, Mass 9:00am

Special Intention for Jerome Kieffer

- Candace Schiestel

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe Weeks of Dec 13-23

Wed Dec 14, Mass 6:30pm

Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen families - Estate

Manuel & Jesuvina Antunes – Antunes Family Bob Elliott - Rich & ML DePelsmaeker Darlene Barasich - Rich & ML DePelsmaeker

Gisele Fournier - Marc Fournier & Family Oueen Elizabeth II - Rich & ML DePelsmaeker

Wed Dec 21, Mass 9:30am with STC School

Manuel & Jesuvina Antunes – Antunes Family Anita Buset - Aurelia Toffolon Frank VanBree - Rich & ML DePelsmaeker Darby Moore - Rich & ML DePelsmaeker

Special Intention for Fr. David Johnston - Rich & ML DePelsmaeker

Special intention for Joanna & Brian Simpson

- Kelly Skinn





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

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

Tammy Vandersanden - tvandersanden@execulink.com

Lucy Hendrikx

- lulouhendrikx@gmail.com

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Needs You!



New members Volunteers

Come Join Us - St. Angela's Room, All Saints church site (downstairs) 3rd Monday at 6:30pm

Everyone is welcome!

Please note: There is no December Meeting.

Our first meeting of the New Year is

Monday, January 16th, 2023

Contact: Gwen Waeijen – gwenwaeijen@hotmail.com

Your donations are always greatly appreciated!

*e-transfer – ssvpallsaints@gmail.com

(Income Tax Receipts provided)

Door collection is last Saturday/Sunday every month after Mass at All Saints Church site.

WEBSITE: westmiddlesexcatholic.dol.ca

All Saints, Strathrov Email: allsaints@dol.ca

Sacred Heart, Delaware Email: <u>sacredheart@dol.ca</u>

Sacred Heart, Parkhill Email: shparkhill@dol.ca

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe Email: <u>sacredheart@dol.ca</u>

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 idegouw@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

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Sunday 9:00 am

Check out our Diocesan website for latest news, upcoming events, employment and volunteer opportunities. Visit www.dol.ca for all your information needs with respect to the Dioceses of London.



Revenue & Expenses October 2022

All Saints Sacred Heart St. Charles \$105,889.62 \$ 17,020.95 \$ 12,723.29 Revenue **Expenditures \$**(44,833.69) **\$** (11,768.28) \$ (9,263.48) Surplus/Deficit \$ 61,055.93 5,252.67 \$ 3,459.81

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



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: Jan 14, 2023 at 11:15 AM; Feb 4, 2023 at 11:15 AM; Mar 4, 2023 at 11:15 AM.

Pope's Video for December: For Volunteer Not-for-Profit **Organizations**

The Pope's video for December invites us to pray "that volunteer non-profit and human organizations may find people willing to commit themselves to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths of international co-operation." Volunteerism. Commitment. Coordination. These are three key words of The Pope Video for December. Pope Francis reminds us that "Being a volunteer who helps others, is a cholic that makes us free (...) It means being artisans of mercy: with our hands, with our eyes, with an attentive ear, with our closeness." The video and more information can be found at www.thepopevideo.org.



★ 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.



Sacred Heart Parkhill CHOIR PRACTICE

Anyone involved in the choir for Parkhill is asked to attend the following choir practices, in the church.

Monday, Dec 12 (6:30 - 7:30pm) Sunday, Dec 18 (11:15am - 12:15pm) Wednesday, Dec 21 (6:30 - 7:30pm) Friday, Dec 23 (6:30 - 7:30pm)



All Saints Strathroy—CWL NEWS

Membership (\$40.00) can be paid by cheque to CWL All Saints (leave along with your contact details in the offertory) or pay by e-transfer to allsaints.cwl.strathroy@gmail.com. Next meeting is Tuesday. January 3rd at 7:00pm. This meeting will include a budget focus. Please come and join the discussion of how we spend/donate the money we raise.

St. Charles Glencoe—CWL NEWS

Blessed Holiday Season from the CWL Ladies in Christ





Wednesday, December 21 at 5:30pm in the parish hall. Fellowship Pot Luck and Trivia Night—All CWL ladies

(and a guest) are welcome. Bring your favourite dish or dessert. Looking forward to seeing everyone.





Grateful appreciation for a successful CWL Membership Drive and for all the donations to the fundraiser Bake Sale and Christmas Giving Tree. Thank you!

Sacred Heart Parkhill—CWL NEWS

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



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 website at www.westmiddlesexcatholic.dol.ca

Contact 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: Jan 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: Feb12, 19, 26, March 5, 12 after 10 am Mass



As the **Synod** begins, we pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as the Church embarks on an intentional process of mutual listening and engaging the People of God in a journey of communion, participation, and mission.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray
from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

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.

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 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.*





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.

SSVP

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 3rd Sunday of the month. Join us from 6:30pm to 9:00pm for faith filled fun with friends.





December 18, 2022, Sacred Heart Parkhill downstairs hall January 15, 2022, St. Charles Garnier Hall

Ages: Highschool and up Cost: \$5/evening or \$50/year

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

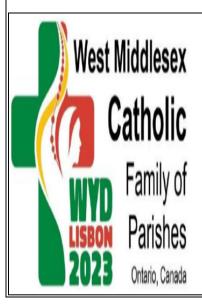
We are looking for volunteers!

Our West Middlesex Senior Youth Ministry is looking for some more volunteers for 2023 to help plan, organize and run youth events. If you have already been or would like to consider being part of this great ministry, please join us at the following meetings at All Saints Parish.

Wednesday January 11, 7PM Wednesday February 8th, 7PM Wednesday March 8th, 7PM

If you have any questions, please contact us. wmsyouthministry@gmail.com

Lucia Lilbourne 519-878-3173 Stacey Landstra 519-854-3920



World Youth Day Group Meeting

Youth & Parents please join us for
Registration night
When: January 8th 7PM
Where: All Saints Parish
Bring: Deposit cheque of \$500
*Please check expiry dates on passports (March 2024) & personal travel insurance coverage

West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes Senior Youth Ministry



We are very excited to invite you to our WMSYM Winter Fun Day January 15 2023!!

Youth + Fun + Day

Meet at All Saints parking lot for 12:15, 12:30 departure. We will head to Boler mountain for a fun filled afternoon of skiing/snowboarding. Once finished at Boler Mountain we will be heading to St Charles for pizza dinner & our 6:30-9PM monthly WMSYM meeting.

Ages: Highschool and up Cost: \$40/lift ticket & \$40/rental package Deadline: Please RSVP by January 5th so we can reserve as a group

If you are interested, please contact us for more information, a list of what to bring and information on where to get your waiver.

Lucia Lilbourne (519) 878-3173 or Stacey Landstra (519) 854-3920 or email: wmsyouthministry@gmail.com

- **If you are interested in volunteering for this fun filled youth day, please let us know**
- **If you are interested in making a donation toward the youth fundays or retreats please let us know**

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 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 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.