



**WEST MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC
FAMILY OF PARISHES**

"A mission-oriented church that forms disciples of Jesus"

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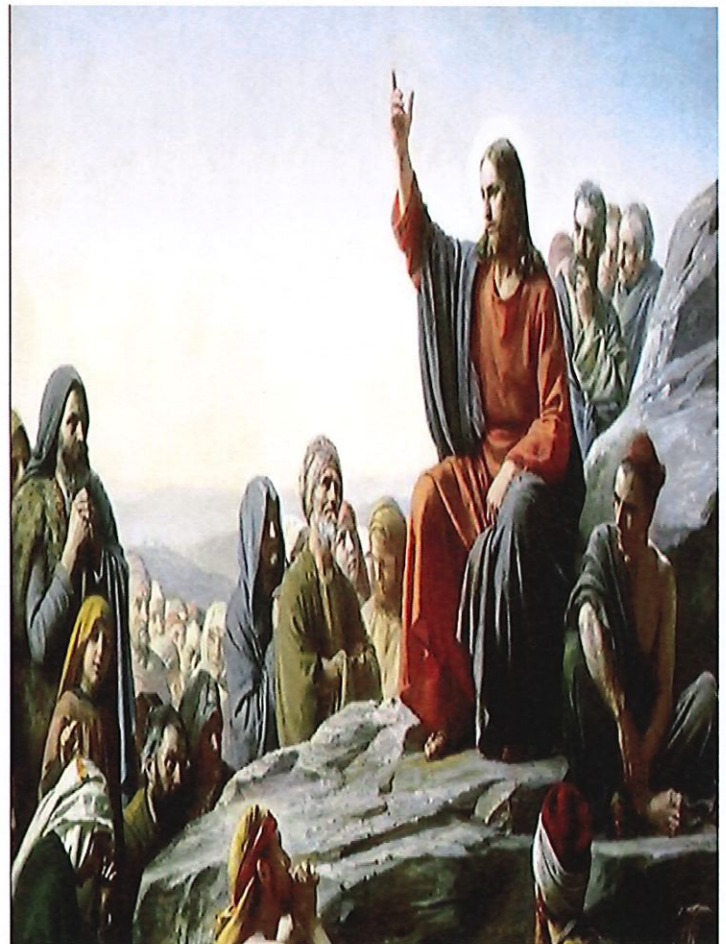
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February 5, 2023 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time & February 12, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, February 5

- ♦ *Christians be bold and steadfast in confessing the power of Christ crucified*
- ♦ *global leaders manifesting the values of the gospel be strengthened in their witness*
- ♦ *refugees and the displaced find justice and security in our nation and in our hearts*
- ♦ *those gathered at these tables offer themselves as a holy and living sacrifice for the sake of others*
- ♦ *the dead longing for peace find themselves walking in perpetual light*
- ♦ *Mrs. Rachelle Leslie Pastoral Minister, Deacon Henry Tomaszewski, Deacon Ronald Vernet, Mrs. Rita Butler Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Mrs. Leonia Downie Pastoral Minister, Rev. Gerard Craig O.F.M. Cap., Rev. Arthur Hathaway C.S.B.*



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, February 12

- ♦ *Mrs. Christine Toffolon Pastoral Minister, Rev. Glen Ball, Deacon Anthony Rebekowec, Rev. Philip Joseph, Rev. Clare Coleman, Mr. Christian McConnell Director of Liturgy, Music and Faith Formation, Deacon Joe Viveiras*



At a glance ...

- ♦ Check out the website for information on The Coldest Night of the Year for 37 Frank St.
- ♦ Please return your blessed palms from last year, to be burned and turned into ashes for Ash Wednesday, no later than February 12, in the box provided in the narthex.
- ♦ Join us on Thursday February 9th at 7 pm to learn more about Mental Health and Wellness with Tom Ketelaars! This is rescheduled from January 25th.
- ♦ The Amazing Race virtual book study, hosted by Joe Bezzina, will run Thursdays during Lent. Sign up form is available on the website.
- ♦ "Jesus Friend of My Soul" Book Study will run Wednesday mornings during Lent.
- ♦ Abiding Together Women's Group meets on the third Thursday of each month, 7 to 9 pm.
- ♦ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Tues. Feb 21 4:30-7:00pm



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 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

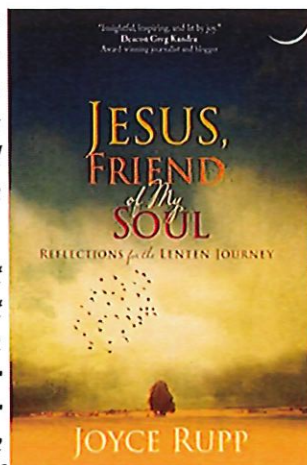
OPTION F: Feb 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12 after 10 am Mass

The West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes invites you to join us this Lenten season as we embark on a journey of reflection and community at All Saints in Strathroy.

Beginning on March 1st at 10:30 AM, we will meet weekly in small groups in the parish hall to share our thoughts and insights. Our guide for this journey will be the book "Jesus, Friend of My Soul" by Joyce Rupp.

If you have any inquiries or would like to place an order for the book, please contact Caroline at littlepetal.dupuis@gmail.com.

We encourage you to come together with your fellow parishioners to strengthen your faith and deepen your connection to one another. We look forward to embarking on this journey with you and hope to see you there.



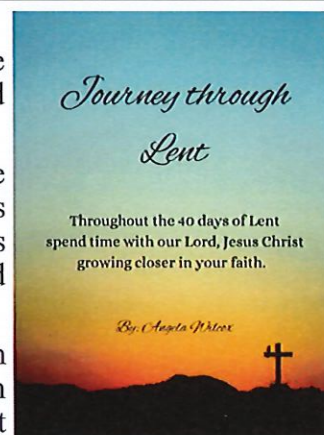
"Journey Through Lent"

is a forty day experience growing in your faith and closer to Jesus Christ.

Angela Wilcox, who wrote this book for her kids, is inviting you to share in this experience. It is a book filled with daily reflections.

If you are interested in purchasing a book from Angela, please contact Angela at jadaw@rogers.com or phone/text 519-615-0240.

Orders need to be placed with Angela by February 7, 2023. Cost for the book is \$25.00.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Needs You!

New members and Volunteers

Come Join Us - St. Angela's Room,
All Saints church site (downstairs)

3rd Monday at 6:30pm

Everyone is welcome!

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.

Weekly Reflection

Reflection February 5th and February 12th, the Fifth and Sixth Sundays in Ordinary Time

I find the words Jesus says to his disciples in scripture, rather intimidating. Jesus says "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden." Even more intimidating, Jesus goes on to say, "let your light shine before human beings, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." This is quite the responsibility we have been given, to let our light shine out so that all may see it! Not only are we to do this but let our light shine out so that people will recognize God in us and as a result, give glory to God!

Indeed, this is not about us! This is the call to do the work of Jesus in whatever part of the world, no matter how big or how small our world is that we live in, and let our light shine out to those around us. I think some of us might need new light bulbs.


While on vacation earlier this year with my family, we attended the evening entertainment at the resort we were at. An old familiar song was being sung by the Michael Jackson impersonator, "Heal the World." Beautiful lyrics, "heal the world, make it a better place, for you and for me and the entire human race." We all sang along, at least those of us old enough to remember the song, and in no time at all, everyone in the audience pulled out their phones, and lit up the venue with the flashlight mode on their phone. There we sat, singing, swaying to the music and holding our flashlights high for all to see!

Interesting social phenomena to be so moved by a song we just have to let our light shine! Now, apply this principle to life in general. Imagine the positive effect you could have on others around you if, when you are so moved by the Spirit, to light up the world around you, with your smile, your words of kindness, your joy spilling out onto others, and not be intimidated by what others might think of you.

Just as my family and I all wanted to be part of the moving experience created by hearing a beautiful song, we can be part of the greatest experience ever offered, life lived in Jesus Christ!

So how about giving it a try? Let your light shine out for all to see. Next time you are doing good works, remember this is not about you but about others seeing Jesus in you. Let our good works bring others to Christ and give glory to God! You may never know, how a little light spread around to others, will affect them. Crank up the wattage! Don't leave anyone in the dark! As Catherine of Siena would say, "If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire."

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister



February

BLESSINGS

Psalms 147:3

**He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.**

All Saints, Strathroy-Weeks of February 7—17

Thurs., Feb 9, 6:00pm Rosary / 6:30pm Mass

Francelina Nogueira - Family
Francisco DaPonte e Defuntos das familias
DaPonte e Rocha - Judite DaPonte
Serafim Salgado, Horacio Sousa, Isabel Miranda
- Teresa Salgado
Carlos Camara & All Souls - Madalena Camara
Dalia Oliveira - Isaura Mendonca
Helio Mendonca & Deceased family -Esperanca



Fri., Feb 10, 9:00am Mass

Elia & Letizia DeSumma - Agnes Nicol
Special Intention for Joe Nash/reposed soul of Frances Nash
- Joe Nash
Delfim Desa - Family
Neil Hanrahan - Agnes Nicol
Todd LaMantia - Mom & Dad & Uncle Grant
Special Intention of Rose & Ted Sinclair
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### **Thurs., Feb 16, 6:00pm Rosary / 6:30pm Mass**

Arthur Macedo - Family  
Manuel Gomes - Zulmira & Family  
Francisco DaPonte e Defuntos das familias DaPonte e Rocha  
- Judite DaPonte  
Luisa Melo - Isaura Mendonca  
Tony, Fernanda & Kelly Duarte - Fatima Melo  
Deceased Parents & Family of Mary Lou Lisabeth

### **Fri., Feb 17, 9:00am Mass**

Letizia DeSumma - Agnes Nicol  
Holy Trinity, Our Lady & St. Joseph - Jina Andrade  
Jerry Thuss - J. S.  
Paul Capka & Dorothy Sinclair - Ted & Rose Sinclair  
Brendan McGahan - Maria LeBlanc  
Special Intention for Joe Nash/reposed soul of Frances Nash  
- Joe Nash

### **New! Teen Study Information Night**

We are very excited to announce that our West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes will be hosting a teen study on Catholic social teaching. This engaging 5-session study introduces sound Catholic teaching on creation, life, race, poverty, and the family.

**Our study will be held on Saturday Evenings immediately following the 5 pm Mass at All Saints church site, Strathroy, continuing weekly until February 25th.** A pizza dinner will be provided each week.

Youth high school age and older are welcome to attend. Please register on the parish website.



**CONNECTED**  
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING  
FOR THIS GENERATION

**New!**

Teen Study  
5 weeks starting  
Saturdays,  
Jan 28 - Feb 25  
All Saints after  
5 pm Mass - Pizza  
[Click here for more info](#)

## **Sacred Heart, Parkhill Weeks of February 7 -17**



### **Tues., Feb 7, 6:30pm Mass**

Deceased Members of VanderVloet  
& Meeuwssen families - Estate  
Joe Lambregts - Sacred Heart CWL  
Deceased members of Bernice Cadman  
- Cathie Fursman  
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Tues., Feb 14, 6:30pm Mass

Josef Sitar - Family
Peggy Wood - Tom & Katie Ketelaars

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe Weeks of February 7-17



Wed., Feb 8, 6:30pm Mass

Manuel & Jesuvina Antunes
- Antunes family
Deceased Members of VanderVloet &
Meeuwssen families - Estate
Lorraine Marsh - Rich & ML DePelsmaeker
Rick VanAckers - Rich & ML DePelsmaeker
Victor Comeau - David Skipper
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### **Wed., Feb 15, 9:30am Mass with STC school**

Manuel & Jesuvina Antunes - Antunes family  
Ron Souse - Rich & ML DePelsmaeker  
Pope Benedict XVI - Rich & ML DePelsmaeker  
Deceased members of VanderVloet &  
Meeuwssen families—Estate





**West Middlesex  
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Family of  
Parishes**  
Ontario, Canada

**WYD  
LISBON  
2023**



Pastoral Team/ Staff office: 519-245-0644

*Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22 (Sabbatical)*

*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 VanderBurg, Secretary ex. 24*

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

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

### ABIDING TOGETHER WOMEN'S GROUP

Inviting all women of the West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes. Please join us as we journey through the Abiding Together Podcast and explore our identities as: Daughter, Sister, Mother and Bride. All while we build a strong community of friends to laugh, cry and eat with.



**All Saints Parish on the THIRD THURSDAY of each month from 7-9 PM.**

Contact Krista Lenders for more information at [benkrista@live.ca](mailto:benkrista@live.ca). MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the next event on Feb. 16th, for our Fun Party Game Night.

## Shrove Tuesday



**JOIN US SHROVE TUESDAY FOR A  
PANCAKE DINNER  
AT ALL SAINTS, STRATHROY  
IN THE PARISH HALL**

**February 21, 2023**

**4:30pm to 7:00pm**

ADULT-----\$15.00

CHILDREN (under 12) \$5.00

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN FREE

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St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

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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



Development  
and Peace  
CARITAS CANADA



### **Revenue & Expenses December 2022**

|              | All Saints    | Sacred Heart  | St. Charles   |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Revenue      | \$110,648.99  | \$25,220.15   | \$15,857.23   |
| Expenditures | \$(74,924.55) | \$(15,551.25) | \$(10,452.25) |
| Surplus      | \$35,724.44   | \$9,668.90    | \$5,404.98    |

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



## From the Diocese of London

### The Mysteries of the Eucharist

The Diocese of London and Springbank Catholic Family of Parishes welcome Father Michael Driscoll, Professor-Emeritus, University of Notre Dame. Join us as we discover the Eucharist as a mystery to be celebrated, a mystery to be believed, and a mystery to be lived. The evenings will be streamed at [www.springbankcatholic.ca](http://www.springbankcatholic.ca) on March 7-9, 7-9pm. Join us in person or virtually. Further details on the Family's website.

### Called and Gifted Charism Discernment

"Learning about our Charisms is an amazing experience. To know more about who God has created each of us to be, uniquely made and each called to our own mission, is truly a life changing experience." This was feedback from a participant in our fall session of the Called and Gifted Charism Discernment. Pastoral Services is offering this program Called and again for parish staff and key volunteers. Sessions begin on Feb 28. Registration closes on Feb 23. To register visit [dol.ca/called-gifted](http://dol.ca/called-gifted) or email [cskipper@dol.ca](mailto:cskipper@dol.ca)

### Cursillo Weekends

Where is Christ in your life now? Take time to reflect and redirect your path. A Catholic Cursillo weekend can give you that time, and the spiritual food you need for reflection. Everyone is welcome. Cursillo provides a chance for people to recognize and appreciate the presence of the Holy Spirit; touching their hearts and minds and allowing them to better understand His abundant love for each and every one of us. Those who attend a Cursillo Weekend are given an understanding that it is possible to live as a Catholic Christian in normal everyday life and bring His presence and message to our homes and communities. When: Men's: Feb. 2-5, 2023; Women's: Feb. 9-11, 2023. Where: Michaelite House, 2751 Sunningdale Rd. W., London On. N6H 5L2 Cost: \$200 [funding available to those unable to meet this expense] Sharon Walsh at 519-393-6750 email: [kinkorite@hotmail.com](mailto:kinkorite@hotmail.com)

### Come and See Virtual Experience

St. Peter's Seminary invites you to a virtual discernment retreat for men 17 years old and older considering a call to the priesthood. This virtual experience offers firsthand knowledge of the life of a seminarian, provides spiritual help for discernment and offers the opportunity for prayer and reflection. Saturday, Feb 18 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Fr. Danny Santos at [vocations@dol.ca](mailto:vocations@dol.ca) to register.



Knights of Columbus of Parkhill will be holding their annual Euchre evening on Thursday, February 9th at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.



Registration at 7:30 pm and start to play at 8:00 pm. A light lunch will be served.



*If you wish to receive the bulletin sent directly to your inbox, or to get any last minute updates or changes happening across our family of parishes, please email the office at [allsaints@dol.ca](mailto:allsaints@dol.ca) and ask to be put on our list for*

*Flocknotes. Let us know your name, email and which parish you belong to. It's that easy! Never miss another bulletin or update again.*

## All Saints Strathroy—CWL NEWS

General Meeting:

Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00pm, Columbian Room—wear something red for Valentines



## St. Charles Glencoe—CWL NEWS

2023 New Year of Faith, Hope & World Peace to all!

**Next CWL meeting Wed.Feb.22,2023 @ 7pm - St. Charles Garnier parish hall.**

Join us for ' Valentine Tea ' Sun. Feb.12,2023 2pm - 4pm at All Saints church site, Strathroy.

ALL ' Ladies in Christ ' WELCOME - London Diocesan CWL Lenten Retreat - Facilitated by Fr. Jim Mockler : Sat. Feb. 25 from 9am -2:30pm at St. Michael's - 511 Cheapside St. London. Cost \$15.00 each ( lunch ) RSVP to our council by Feb.17th - call Shirley Gilliland (519)852-0394 .

MEMBERSHIP still open, come share 'Sisterhood & Fellowship '



## Sacred Heart Parkhill—CWL NEWS

Our next CWL Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15th starting at 9:30am.



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. Please join us at the following meetings at All Saints church site, Columbian Room.



**Wednesday February 8th, 7PM  
Wednesday March 8th, 7PM**

Any questions, contact us at [wmsyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:wmsyouthministry@gmail.com)  
Lucia Lilbourne 519-878-3173 Stacey Landstra 519-854-3920

## Our next Take a Break Day will be on Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Coffee Social at 10:30 followed by a lunch provided by the CWL at 11:30am.

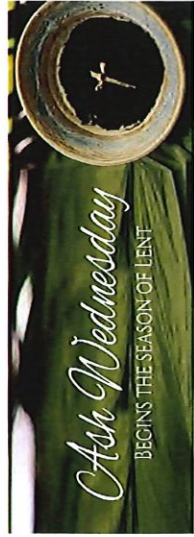


Please RSVP by Monday, February 6th and indicate any food restrictions.

Hope to see you and your kids on the 8th.

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





Ash Wednesday (February 22) marks the beginning of Lent for Christians throughout the world. Lent is the penitential season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving from Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday, in preparation for Easter. It is also the time for catechumens – those who have not been fully received into the Catholic Church – to prepare for the sacraments of initiation including Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The 40-day period of Lent culminates in Holy Week:

- Holy Thursday April 6
- Good Friday April 7
- Holy Saturday April 8
- Easter Sunday April 9

*"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and, in this way, to know the fundamental truth: Who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life." Pope Benedict XVI*

### ***Lenten Reconciliation (Confessions)***

Dates and times will be announced in the following bulletin



### **Ash Wednesday Mass times**

All Saints Church site

- 9:00am
- 12:00pm
- 7:00pm

Sacred Heart Church site

- 9:00am

St. Charles Garnier Church site

- 7:00pm



All Saints Church site

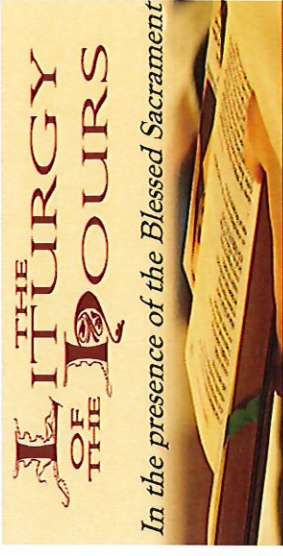
- Fridays 7:00pm
- Thursdays 6:00pm (Portuguese)

Sacred Heart Church site

- Fridays 7:00pm

St. Charles Garnier Church site,

- Wednesdays 5:45pm



The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office, is a beautiful and ancient tradition in the Church that is not reserved for priests and religious, but can also be prayed by the lay faithful. The Second Vatican Council highly encouraged the laity to "recite the divine office, either with the priests, or among themselves, or even individually" ([Sacrosanctum Concilium](#), 100).

The Liturgy of the Hours is the prayer of the whole People of God. In it, Christ himself "continues his priestly work through his Church." His members participate according to their own place in the Church and the circumstances of their lives.

During Lent, at each church site, you are invited to participate in the praying of the Liturgy of the Hours and Adoration. Worship aids will be provided along with some instruction as to how you can participate.

### **Liturgy of the Hours and Adoration**

All Saints Church site

- Tuesdays 6:30pm

Sacred Heart Church site

- Thursdays 9:00am

St. Charles Garnier Church site

- Fridays 6:30pm



# *Valentine's Tea*

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**For ALL LADIES of the  
WEST MIDDLESEX  
CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES**

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*Enjoy a fun social afternoon.  
No need to pre-register.  
Just come and enjoy the fellowship!*

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**Sunday February 12th  
PARISH HALL  
2 to 4 pm**

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*If you need a ride, call Rosemary at  
519-245-0537 (can leave a message).*

