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February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
& February 26, 2023
First Sunday in Lent



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, February 19



- ♦ men and women striving to grow in the holiness of our Creator
- ♦ global leaders responding to the cries of the poor and the vulnerable
- ♦ those discerning vocations to the priesthood and religious life
- ♦ this community seeking renewal through our sharing in this sacrificial feast
- ♦ the dead longing to behold the face of God and for all who mourn
- ♦ Rev. Ross Bartley, Rev. Mark Poulin, Rev. Cecil Nunez, Mrs. Margaret Olszewski Pastoral Minister, Rev. Ronaldo (Ronnie) Tagnines, Mrs. Kim Bornais Coordinator of Youth Ministry

DO YOU WANT TO
FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

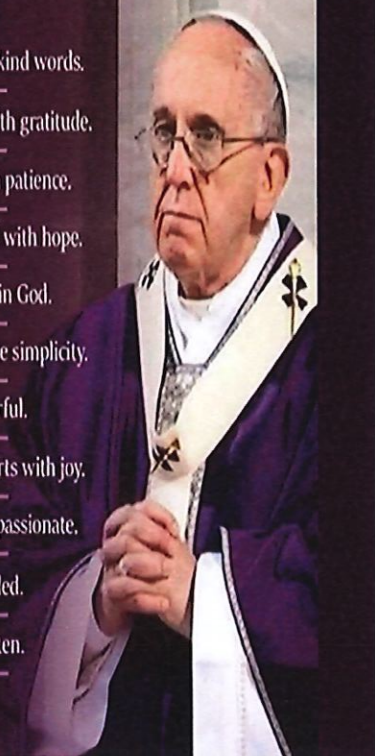
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, February 26

- ♦ Mrs. Maria Mollica Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Rev. Pio D'Oria, Deacon Steve Cartier, Mrs. Mary-Catherine Bishop Pastoral Minister, Deacon Larry Lampier, Rev. John Pirt, Deacon Paul James



At a glance ...

- ♦ Check out the website for information on The Coldest Night of the Year for 37 Frank St.
- ♦ The Amazing Race virtual book study, hosted by Joe Bezzina, will run Thursdays during Lent. Sign up form is available on the website.
- ♦ Abiding Together Women's Group meets on the third Thursday of each month, 7 to 9 pm.
- ♦ Emergency Aid Campaign for Turkey and Syria, can be found on the Diocesan website www.dol.ca

From the office:



The office will be closed on Monday, February 20, to observe Family Day.



Enjoy your day with those you love!



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 GARNIER

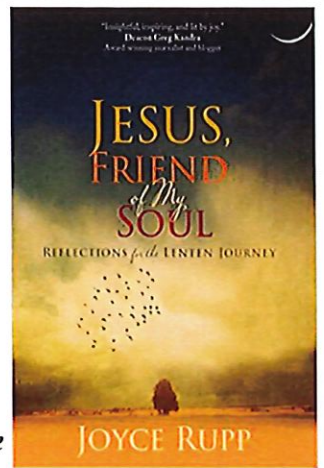
OPTION E: Feb 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 after the 9 am Mass

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.

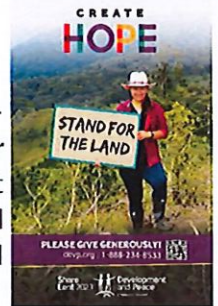


If you have any inquiries or would like to place an order for the book, please contact Caroline at littlepetal.dupuis@gmail.com.

Pre-Lenten announcement: February 19

This Lent, let's stand for the land

This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Create Hope: Stand for the land** campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their land and territory. Do this by:



Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 26, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 86 projects in 40 countries around the world!

Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine and other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources.

Meet our solidarity visitors and **participate in the campaign launch webinar** on February 25 at 1:30 p.m. ET.

Week 1: February 26

Development and Peace: a movement of solidarity

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice.

With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, Stand for the Land focuses on people's defence of their territories in Colombia and Honduras.

To learn more about our movement and to join us, visit devp.org.



Weekly Reflection

Reflection February 19th & February 26th, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, First Sunday of Lent

I was reminded recently, what it is like to practice radical hospitality. While engaged in a conversation with a friend, about how easily we welcome others to our homes, I found myself turning the conversation around to ask, "why do we not welcome in the same way, those that come to us for Mass, for sacramental preparation, for baptisms, and for events that happen at our church?"

If a guest arrives at your house for a social gathering, and this guest has not yet been to your home, you would more than likely take extra time to talk with them to make them feel at home in your home. As this is their first visit to your home, you may give them a personal tour of the house and direct them as to where the bathrooms are. Once the tour is over, as the gracious host that you are, you will set them up with a beverage and offer them something to eat or show them the way to the snacks. Presuming there are other guests at your home for this social gathering, you next introduce the newcomer to those already present. Maybe, if the opportunity presents itself, you introduce your new guest to someone they will have lots in common with. Yes, you are a successful host!

Now apply this principle to welcoming those that come to us in our parishes. Might not be so easy to talk to someone you don't yet know. Imagine if you are the newbie and don't know your way around the church site. How do you feel? Wouldn't you want to feel welcomed? Yes, taking care of this new person will require a commitment from you, a radical commitment to make sure they feel at home and are comfortable coming into our space. Perhaps there is a coffee social after the Mass? How wonderful if you could take the time to invite and accompany this person to the social. Introduce them to others. Show them where the coffee and snacks are.

How easily we welcome and talk to those we are familiar with. How welcoming is our reaction to greeting a friend we have not seen in a while!

In the scripture for this weekend, Jesus says, "For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." This last line does not mean that we are to be like God who is perfect, but rather to love perfectly as God loves us perfectly.

While on our family vacation, my personal mission was to get all the employees to answer my greeting and smile back at me. We found out that the resort had lots of new hires which explained their lack of experience in dealing with guests. Perhaps they were told not to interact with the guests. Anyway, by the end of the week, the employees not only responded to me with a greeting and a smile, but initiated the conversation before I had a chance to do so. Remember, let your light shine! Practice radical hospitality at all times, even while on vacation!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister



All Saints, Strathroy-Weeks of Feb. 21-March 3

Wed Feb 22, Ash Wednesday Masses

9:00am

12noon

7:00pm



Thu Feb 23, 6:00pm Via Sacra / 6:30pm Mass

Maria Trindade Furtado e Francisco DaSilva

Jose Francisco Da Silva

Jose Lucas Furtado e Guilhermina da Conceicao

Beatriz e Sebastiao DaSilva

Almas do Purgatorio

Defuntos das familias Da Silva e Furtado - Familia

Fri Feb 24, 9:00am Mass / 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Jeff LaMantia - Bob & Judy

Special Intention for Joe Nash/reposed soul of Frances Nash

- Joe Nash

Godfrey VanBree - Maria LeBlanc

Brendan McGahan - Pastoral Care

Pat Howe - Agnes Nicol

Frank Ferguson - Mary Ellen Ferguson

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Mon Feb 27, 6:30pm Lenten Mass

For Solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

Thu Mar 2, 6:00pm Via Sacra / 6:30pm Mass

Francelina Nogueira - Family

Manuel Paiva - Ofelia Paiva

Arthur Macedo - Family

Artur Almeida e Almas do Purgatorio - Angelina Almeida

Manuel & Alzira Catojo - Lino & Idalina Garcia

Gloria & Joao Botelho - Connie Arruda

Fri Mar 3, 9:00am Mass / Adoration following Mass / 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Jeff LaMantia - Uncle Tony & Aunt Dawn

Jerry Thuss - Mary Ellen Ferguson

Laurindo Carvalho & Souls of Purgatory & Deceased Family

- Amelia Carvalho

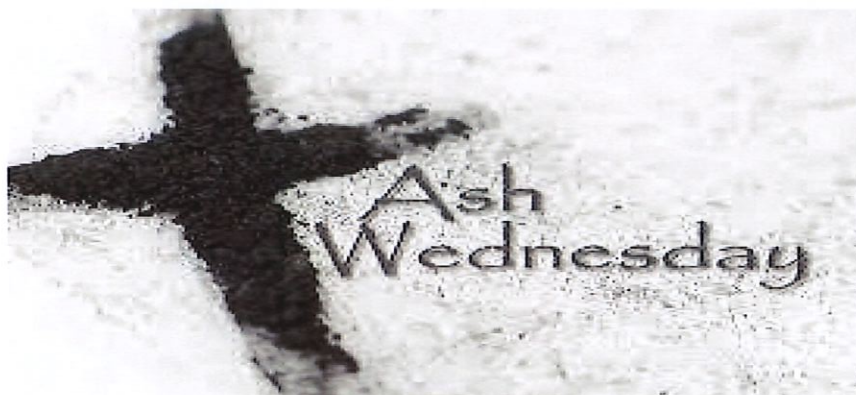
In Thanksgiving to Our Lady - Margaret Adams

Special Intention for Joe Nash/reposed soul of Frances Nash

- Joe Nash

Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen families

- Estate



Sacred Heart, Parkhill Weeks of Feb. 21-March 3

Tue Feb 21, 6:30pm Mass

Steve Soetemans

- Gerry & Karin Lecker



Wed Feb 22, Ash Wednesday, 9:00am Mass

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Tue Feb 28, 6:30pm Mass / Stations of the Cross following Mass

Deceased members of Bernice Cadman

- Cathie Fursman

Steve Soetemans—Adriana Soetemans



St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe Weeks of Feb. 21-March 3

Wed Feb 22, Ash Wednesday, 7:00pm Mass

Manuel & Jesuvina Antunes - Antunes family

Gizele Fournier - Marc Fournier

Special Intention for Fr. Thom Blondin

- Rich & ML DePelsmaecker

Ross Wilson - Family

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Wed Mar 1, 5:45pm Stations of the Cross / 6:30pm Mass

Manuel & Jesuvina Antunes

- Antunes family

Helen Cahill - Rich & ML DePelsmaecker

Neil McWilliams - Rich & ML DePelsmaecker



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.*



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. MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the next event on Feb. 16th, for our Fun Party Game Night.

Thank you once again for your most generous donation prior to Christmas. I was reminded today, getting ready to do the food bank set up, just how generous your people were.



Unbelievably, tomorrow I will use up the last of the soups. It was a gift that just kept on giving and I can not begin to thank you again for the difference it has made in the lives of people trying to make ends meet and feed their families.

Thank you again for blessing us with your donation. I have made it last as long as possible.

Bub'z Soup Kitchen & Foodbank

We're Hiring!

OLI is looking for a Noon Hour Supervisors to support our school community at lunch hour. This is a paid position with the LDCSB and require 1-hour daily, Monday-Friday. However, if you are available part time, we are always looking for supply staff as well.



We would love to welcome you to be a part of our school team for this rewarding opportunity. Please contact the office if you are interested (519-660-2774)!

WEBSITE: westmiddlesexcatholic.dol.ca

All Saints, Strathroy

Email: allsaints@dol.ca

Sacred Heart, Delaware

Email: sacredheart@dol.ca

Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Email: shparkhill@dol.ca

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Email: sacredheart@dol.ca

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.

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



Lent

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 on March 7-9, 7-9pm. Join us in person or virtually. Further details on the Family's website.



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LONDON

Come and See Weekend

St. Peter's Seminary invites you to an in-person discernment retreat for men 17 years old and older that are considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, provides spiritual help for discernment and offers the opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty of St. Peter's Seminary. Friday, March 17th to Sunday, March 19th, at St. Peter's Seminary. Please get in touch with Fr. Danny Santos at vocations@dol.ca for more information. To register, visit our website at www.dolpriest.ca/registration.

Essay Prize from Assumption University for Graduating High School Students

Graduating senior students from a high school in London Middlesex, Elgin, Norfolk, Oxford, Perth, Huron, Lambton, Chatham-Kent or Windsor-Essex County can apply for an Essay Prize from Assumption University. They are now accepting submissions for the 2023 Fr. Paul McGill, CSB. Essay Prize. Qualifications, requirements and other details are on the assumption website

Service Days for Teens

The Youth, Young Adult & Family Ministry office is offering a Service Days for high school students during the March Break holiday, one in the Windsor and one in London. During these days the teens will complete at least 10 hours of community service that they can use as a part of the 40 hours they need to graduate from high school. Thursday, March 16 for the London region (8:30am-8:00pm). Once your teen is registered, Christine Coyle will send more information about locations, drop off & pick up times and the liability forms that must be signed by parents/guardians needed to participate. For more details and for teens to sign up, please have them go to <https://dol.ca/service-day-for-teens>. Spots are limited!

Family Free Skates

The Youth, Young Adult & Family Ministry office will be hosting a free skate on Wednesday, March 15 at Carling Arena from 1:00-2:00pm (London and area). There is no cost to these family fun skates. Please note: Children must wear helmets at all times. To manage numbers for this event, please encourage families to register at: <https://dol.ca/deanery-family-events>. Once people are registered Christine Coyle will send out more details.

King's University College March Break Open House

All are welcome to explore and discover learning opportunities at King's University College on Saturday, March 11, noon – 4:00pm.

Start your day at King's in the Daryl J. King Student Life Centre with opening remarks at noon followed by tours, academic and student support services booths as well as meeting our Campus Ministry team. There will be special seminars on living in residence, scholarships and much more. Please register.

All Saints Strathroy—CWL NEWS



CWL Exec. Meeting Feb 28 at 10am, 480 Second St., Strathroy.

World Day of Prayer will be held at All Saints Catholic Church site, on Fri, March 3 at 2pm. (livestreamed) More info from Gwen Waeijen or Mary Margaret Groot. Organized by Strathroy Churches.



St. Charles Glencoe—CWL NEWS

Next general CWL meeting is changed to Wed. March 22, 2023 at 7:00pm - in parish hall.

ALL 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 by Feb.17th Shirley Gilliland (519) 852-0394 (ride sharing possible)

2023 World Day of Prayer an Ecumenical Worship Service with the 2023 Theme:"

Taiwan -I Have Heard About Your Faith" - all welcome—Fri. March 3 at 10:00am at Glencoe Presbyterian Church, 177 Main St., Glencoe. Prayers, Guest Speaker—coffee to follow (free will donations accepted)



Sacred Heart Parkhill—CWL NEWS



All women are invited to this year's **World Day of Prayer** being hosted by Grace Bible Chapel in Parkhill on Friday, March 3 at 2:00pm. This year's theme is "I have heard about your faith", prepared by the women of Taiwan.

Sacred Heart CWL will lead the Stations of the Cross on Friday, Feb. 24th at Sacred Heart Church, Parkhill at 6:30 pm. Please join us.

If you would like to attend the Diocesan Lenten Retreat, on Sat. Feb. 25th at St. Michael's in London, please let Lucy know as soon as possible (519-294-6413)

We are planning a St. Patrick's Day Social to invite all the members of our West Middlesex Family of Parishes. More info in the next bulletin.

The Knights of Columbus will lead the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March. 3rd at Sacred Heart Church site, Parkhill at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend.



Al-Anon Meetings

You are welcome to attend Al-Anon meetings, every Tuesday at 1:30pm at All Saints church site, in the St. Angela's room, in the lower level.





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. 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)

The Diocese of London has set Wednesday, March 29 as the day of Confession. There will be a priest at all church sites during this day as follows:

All Saints church site
 2pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm
 Sacred Heart church site
 4pm - 7pm
 St. Charles Garnier church site
 4pm - 6pm and following Mass - 8pm

Extra confession times just before Holy Week:

All Saints church site - Saturday, April 1
 3:30pm - 4:45pm
 Sacred Heart church site - Tuesday, April 4
 5pm - 6pm
 St. Charles Garnier church site - Wednesday, April 5
 5pm - 6pm



Ash Wednesday Mass times

All Saints Church site

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

Sacred Heart Church site

- 9:15am

St. Charles Garnier Church site

- 7:00pm



STATIONS of the CROSS

All Saints Church site

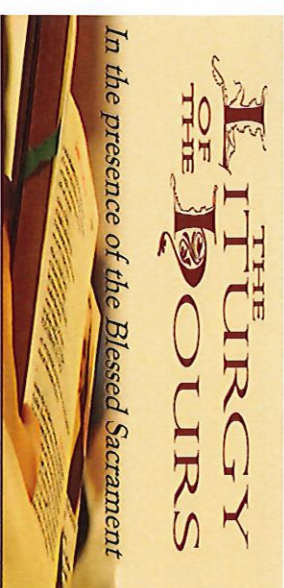
- Fridays 7:00pm
- Thursdays 6:00pm
(Portuguese)

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
- Thursdays 9:00am
- Sacred Heart Church site
- St. Charles Garnier Church site
- Fridays 6:30pm

ONLY DURING LENT....there will be Mass celebrated every Monday at 6:30pm at All Saints Church site starting February 27 through to March 27.

West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday – April 1 & 2

Regular weekend Mass times at all Church sites



Monday of Holy Week, Mass of Chrism, April 3

All parishioners are invited to attend this celebration where the Holy Oils used in the administration of the sacraments are blessed.

Monday, April 3, 7:00pm St. Peter's Cathedral, London.

Holy Thursday, April 6

at All Saints Church site

*Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm followed by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until
10:00pm.*



Good Friday Liturgies, April 7

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

All Saints Church site

11:00am

3:00pm

Sacred Heart Church site

3:00pm

St. Charles Garnier Church site

11:00am

Holy Saturday, April 8

Easter Vigil Liturgy

at All Saints Church site

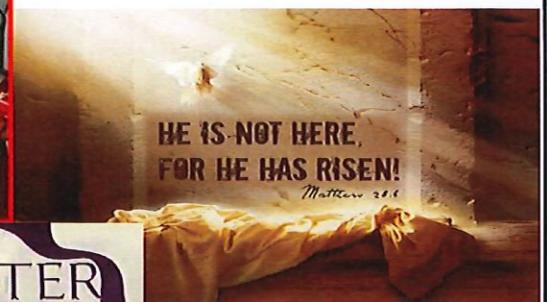
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Easter Sunday Masses, April 9

Regular weekend Mass times

at all church sites



LIFT JESUS HIGHER YOUTH RALLY

STAND

SAT. MARCH 4, 2023

LIMITED
SPOTS
ON THE
BUS



WEST MIDDLESEX
SENIOR YOUTH MINISTRY
IS GOING TO LJH THIS YEAR

Bus departure
from All Saints Church Site
at 5:30 AM

Bus return at approx.
9:30 PM

Pack breakfast and lunch
and bring \$20 for dinner
Registration forms can be found online
Deadline February 20th, 2023.

Cost
\$45

SAT. MARCH 4, 2023 FROM 9:00 AM-5:30 PM

METRO TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE
(JOHN BASSET THEATRE)



LIFT JESUS
HIGHER RALLY

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 March 8th, 7PM

Any questions, contact:
wmsyouthministry@gmail.com

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



WEST MIDDLESEX
SENIOR YOUTH MINISTRY

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

Upcoming Spring Events

Monthly Youth Night

Feb. 19th - 6:30 to 9:00 PM
All Saints Church Site

Mar. 19th - 6:30 to 9:00 PM
All Saints Church Site

Apr. 16th - 6:30 to 9:00 PM
Sacred Heart Church Site

May. 21st - 6:30 to 9:00 PM
All Saints Church Site

Lift Jesus Higher Youth Rally

Toronto - March 4th
Bus from Strathroy

Skating at West Middlesex Memorial Centre

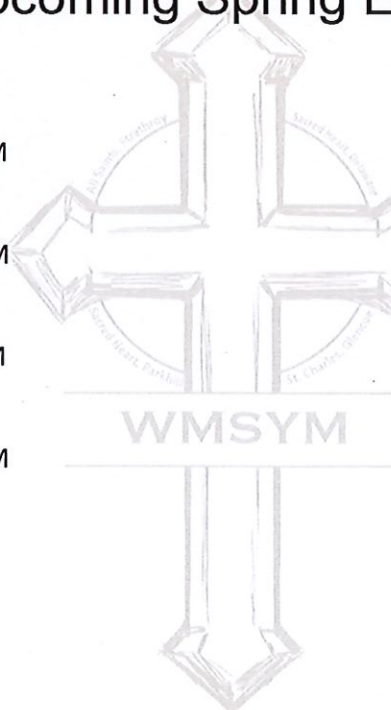
Public skating for the family
March 19th - 1 - 3 PM

Spring Dance

Details to follow
Apr. 21st

A Year in a Day - Summer Kick Off

Details to Follow
June 3rd



Newsletter February 2023

Catholic Women's League, All Saints, Strathroy

Funeral lunch catering. People are very grateful for this catering service our members make available. If you would like to be on the funeral lunch list, please contact Willy at 519-245-0896.

Valentine's Tea for all ladies of our Family of Parishes on Sunday Feb 12 at 2pm.

Vocations Cross - members are invited to volunteer to keep the Vocation Cross in their home and pray the prayer with it, for one month. If you are interested, please contact President Pauline. The 'month' goes from one general meeting to the next.

37 Frank Street meal preparation - we have members helping out in March and April. We only need one member each month for the second Tuesday of the month. Please contact Rosemary (519-244-0537) if you want to sign up for other months this year.

A **CWL Regional Lenten Retreat** is taking place on Saturday, Feb. 25th from 9am to 2:30pm at St. Michael's in London. Fr. Jim Mockler will be the speaker. Cost is \$15. They need to know by the 17th how many are attending (for lunch prep). Please let Rosemary know if you are interested. 519-245-0537. Those going can meet and carpool.

It's never too late to **renew membership**, if intended but not completed yet. Please reach out to Mary Margaret for more details. 519-245-4867. Every member counts!

World Day of Prayer - first Friday in March - Friday, March 3rd at 2pm - is being hosted by our church. This year's theme is "I Have Heard About Your Faith". This is our 1 in 7 years to host/organize. This is a Christian ecumenical day where all Christians are joining and uniting in prayer. Everyone is invited to attend (men, women, children). This year, the theme and outline of issues comes from Taiwan. Each year it changes. For information on the theme and issues, please see <https://worlddayofprayer.net/taiwan-2023.html>

We have been asked by the office about supporting the **Meatless Soup Lunch on Good Friday** April 7th- it was agreed we will do that. Take note that 10:30am soups should be brought in.

Diocesan convention is April 24-26th in Sarnia. More discussion will take place at the March meeting.

On Sunday March 19th - **member Liz Kennes is turning 90**. She lives in Strathmere Lodge and memory is not what it used to be...but she would love receiving wishes by mail...and she would also welcome visits (anytime) from members and parishioners. She was a very friendly face in her visits with many lonely people over the years. If you like, bring your card to the March meeting this Tuesday, the 7th, and it will be taken to the Lodge. Alternatively you can mail or drop off your card at Strathmere Lodge.

Note for members: As this is just a summary of meeting highlights, and not a detailed summary, if you are not using Facebook (to join the All Saints CWL Facebook group) and would like these summaries e-mailed to you, please e-mail Shelley at SMSTEPANUIK@GMAIL.COM

