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## August 6, 2023 The Transfiguration of the Lord & August 13, 2023 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please keep in your prayers .... Sunday, Aug 6

- ♦ all believers who keep their eyes on the light of Christ, given them in Baptism, that they may one day be radiant with his glory
- ♦ peace in our world, that all war, violence and acts of terrorism will end, especially in Niger, Ukraine and Myanmar
- ♦ all those who have dedicated their lives to the priesthood, that this feast of our Lord's transfiguration may flood their souls with a renewed vision of faith to give them strength in sharing their vocation
- ♦ all those who are sick or suffering in any way in mind or body, that God's healing graces may restore them
- ♦ the safety of all travelers in this holiday season, that they reach their destinations in peace
- ♦ all who have died, that they may be welcomed at the Supper of the Lamb
- ♦ High School Campus Ministers, Rev. Michael Bechard, Deacon Morgan Treacy, Ms Katherine Marsh Pastoral Minister, Rev. Thomas Blondin, Rev. Lawrence (Larry) Brunet, Deacon Alex Litt



Please keep in your prayers .... Sunday, Aug 13

- ♦ Parish Sacramental Preparation Volunteers, Mrs. Pat Vandevenne Pastoral Worker, Rev. William Capitano, Mrs. Val Walter Pastoral Minister, R.C.I.A. Teams in the Diocese of London, Mrs. Catherinanne George Campus Minister





## At a glance ...

- ♦ **NOTE:** For the weeks of August 14 and 21, we are on a one priest schedule. Before heading out to weekday Mass, please check the bulletin for changes to Mass times!
- ♦ **SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday, September 24th, West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes Annual Picnic. Everyone welcome! See bulletin insert for more details. See you in Parkhill!



## From the office ....

*Wishing everyone a happy civic holiday Monday. Enjoy your long weekend!*



## Helping Hands serves meals each Thursday from 11:30am until 12:30pm, except the second Thursday of each month.

If anyone has any extra produce from your gardens that could be used for a community sharing table, please drop your fresh produce at All Saints Church (back door) from 8:00am until 11:00am on those Thursdays.



Thanking you in advance for your generosity!

## Parish Office Summer hours for July 3 – September 5



<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>9am – 4pm</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>9am – 4pm</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>9am – 4pm</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>9am – 12noon</b>

## 75 Hand Painted Cards for Sale at St. Charles Garnier

Need a lovely hand painted card for that special someone or special occasion? Pick up a card in the narthex at St. Charles Garnier after Mass on Sunday. All proceeds going to Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity fund again. \$1000 was raised in the previous year for this worthwhile cause.

Thank you for your continued support!



**The Spanish Speaking Migrant Ministry group, will celebrate Mass in Spanish on Saturday, August 19 at 8:30pm.**

**All welcome to attend!**

In the Diocese of London, we are committed to accompanying migrant workers during their stay in Canada, providing comprehensive support in all areas of their lives. Our focus encompasses spirituality, family, health, finances, and social aspects. We want them to know that they are not alone on this journey. Through the **Migrant Workers Ministry**, which has supported them since 2003, and now as part of a government-funded project supported by TNO and other organizations, we can provide greater reach and support to this population.



Since May, All Saints has opened its doors to support and include migrant workers in the region. We held our first Spanish Mass, specially dedicated to their participation and welcome in the community. Additionally, we organized a hospitality dinner to provide them with a warm and welcoming space where they could connect and share with other church members.

Most of these workers come from Mexico and Jamaica, leaving their families for 6, 8, or even 12 months to work in Canada's agricultural sector. Over 60,000 workers arrive each year. We recognize their challenges, such as language barriers, adapting to a new culture, and the longing to be away from their loved ones.

We invite all those who wish to participate as volunteers in this ministry to contact us. Together, we can strengthen not only the lives of migrant workers but also the families they have left behind in their home countries. We appreciate your support and commitment to inclusion and hospitality in the community.

Sincerely,

The Migrant Workers Ministry Team, Diocese of London

Ximena Lara, Outreach Worker, 226-973-9932 ximenalara@dol.ca

## Holy Hour of Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you promised always to give your Church shepherds. In faith, we know your promise cannot fail. Trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church, we pray you raise up sacred ministers from your holy people, that the sacrifice in which you give your body and blood may be daily renewed in the world until we come to that kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



**Tues, August 8**  
**at Sacred Heart church, Parkhill and**  
**at All Saints church, Strathroy**

**Wed, August 9**  
**at St. Charles Garnier church, Glencoe**

Following the 6:30pm Mass, please join us for a Holy Hour of Prayer to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

**PRIESTHOOD**  
**Not An Ordinary Life**



# Weekly Reflection

**Reflection for the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Ordinary Time, August 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

What do you think about when you hear of a public figure who has made a mistake? What if that person was a priest or a bishop? My inclination would be to think that this highly esteemed person should have known better. But what if this person tries to hide that mistake? Then what do you think? Do you think less of that person and criticize them for their mistake? If though on rare occasions the person owns up to the mistake, do you still think badly of them?

Such is the case with Peter in the Gospel readings for the next two weeks. Poor Peter! He wears his heart on his sleeve. His emotions are an open book. You can't fault Peter for trying!

Has it ever entered your mind as to why the writers of the Gospels left the mistakes and outbursts of Peter in the Gospel? Peter is the first Pope of the Church. Surely the writers would want to portray a perfect man worthy of this honour. Use your imagination for a minute or two. What if the writers presented Peter with the manuscript for him to proofread and had edited out certain reactions and events where Peter was portrayed in a less than perfect light? Would this have helped us to understand Peter? Would this have helped us to handle times in our lives when we are less than perfect? The answer is no, of course not.

Peter is up the mountain with Jesus, James and John and when Jesus is transfigured, Peter wants to stay there and set up dwellings for them all. The experience is so amazing, Peter does not want it to end. Did Peter miss the message? This is not about being on the mountain top to talk with Moses and Elijah, but in believing Jesus is the Son of Man. Perhaps Peter had a glimpse in that transfigured Jesus, the mystery of faith.

Caught out on the water in a storm, the disciples are terrified they will die. They are even more terrified when they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. Peter jumps into action and asks Jesus to call him out to walk on the water with him. Peter walks successfully at first but lets his fear and doubt take over and he begins to sink. Once again, Jesus saves Peter by extending his hand to him and helping him back into the boat.

Can you see yourself in any of these scenarios? I can. There are times when I think I can do anything I set my mind to. The only problem is my body, and my energy does not always keep up. Perhaps I didn't think the project or the task all the way through. Maybe I started out strong with Jesus at the center of my work but somewhere along the way, I lost sight of him. Perhaps I was just too ambitious and thought God would see me through my latest undertaking. God is there for support, but God is also practical when I am not.

Yes, the first leader of the Church is human. He made mistakes, he denied Jesus not once but three times, he acted rashly, first saying to Jesus "no, you cannot wash my feet" to then insisting that Jesus was his whole body. When Jesus questions his love for him asking, "Peter, do you love me?" Peter is indignant that Jesus even had to ask and misses where Jesus is going with his questions. Jesus makes Peter the leader of the Church.

Peter is an example for us all. God can see our mistakes, our short comings, and our failures, even those things that we are able to hide from others. Honest and wise is the person that can admit their failings, faults and blunders. If God chose imperfect Peter to be the head of his Church and had faith in him to be the leader he needed to be, just imagine what God can do with you!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister





## **All Saints, Strathroy-Weeks of Aug 8-18**

Confession times: Saturdays 4:00pm – 4:45pm

### **Tue Aug 8, 6:00pm Rosary/Perpetual Help; 6:30pm Mass**

Special Intention for Joe Nash/reposed soul of Frances

Nash – Joe Nash

Paul Arcese – Arcese Family

Liz Kennes – Rita Hughes

John Paiva – Maria Paiva

Guiomar Regalo – Maura Goulart

Jack Armstrong – Tom Wheeler



### **Wed Aug 9, 9:00am Mass**

Delfim Desa – Family

Bonnie Owens – Suzanne Murray

Michel & Yvette Grant – Suzanne Murray

Special Intentions of Brigitta Immaculata – Brigitta

### **Thu Aug 10, 6:00pm Rosary; 6:30pm Mass**

Serafim Salgado, Horacio Sousa, Isabel Miranda – Teresa Salgado

Manuel Alves & Altino Sousa – Lucia Martins

John Santos – Maria Gabriel

Francisco Azevedo – Maria Azevedo & Family

Giselia Soares – Silvana Paiva

Luis Manuel Pereira e intencao especial para a mulher e filhos

– pessoa amiga

### **Fri Aug 11, 9:00am Mass**

Deceased Family of Joao & Teresa Viveiros

Arthur & Maria dos Anjos Correia – Family

Manuel & Isolina Pereira – Family

Pat & Kristopher Howe – Fran Donohue

Deceased Members of VanHeeswyk, Vermeer & Verhoeven families

– John VanHeeswyk

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### **Tue Aug 15, 6:00pm Rosary/Perpetual Help; 6:30pm Mass**

Maria Lena DaCosta & Deceased family – Jose Lino DaCosta

Antonio & Maria Faria – Fatima Arruda

John Santos – Jose Lino DaCosta

Rosarinha Arruda – Zita

Francelina Nogueira – Family

Arthur Macedo – Family

### **Wed Aug 16 NO MASS**

### **Thu Aug 17 NO MASS**

### **Fri Aug 18, 9:00am Mass**

Francisco DaPonte & Deceased DaPonte e Rocha families

– Judite DaPonte

Ada & Bill Murray - Suzanne Murray

May Richards, Bob & Patsy Martin - Suzanne Murray

Gene & Barry Donohue - Fran Donohue

## **Sacred Heart, Parkhill**

### **Weeks of Aug 8-18**

Confession times: Tuesdays 5:30pm – 6:15pm



### **Tue Aug 8, 6:30pm Mass**

Emile & Irene Massschelein – family

Cornelius Vermunt - Joe & Joanna Minten

Martin Peeters - Joe & Johanna Minten

Bill Boere – Family

In Thanksgiving – Jose Romeo Bellosillo & Family

### **Thu Aug 10, 9:00am Mass**

Josef Sitar – Family

Pius, Elisabet & Gary Scheib -Konrad Scheib

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### **Tue Aug 15 NO MASS**

### **Thu Aug 17, 9:00am Mass**

Special Intention for Theo Zettler - Candace Schiestel

Erhard & Annelise Sinewe & Deceased family

- Konrad Scheib

Jan Mirek Statkiewicz, Eugeniusz Jurski, Zosia

Makowska - family

## **St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe**

### **Weeks of Aug 8-18**

Confession times: Wednesdays 5:30pm – 6:15pm

### **Wed Aug 9, 6:30pm Mass**

Josef Sitar – family

Gisele Fournier - Marc Fournier

For vocations to the Priesthood

- Rich & ML DePelsmaeker

Mary Szanto - David Skipper



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### **Wed Aug 16, 6:30pm Mass**

In Memory of Thomas Simpson - Kerrigan family

Margaret Therrien - David Skipper



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*Check out our Diocesan website for latest news,  
upcoming events, employment and volunteer  
opportunities.*

*Visit [www.dol.ca](http://www.dol.ca) for all your information needs  
with respect to the Dioceses of London.*

A heartfelt "Thank you", for your  
warmth, kindness and hospitality.  
You are all in our prayers.

Fr. Murray Sample and  
Fr. Jim Mockler





## From the Diocese of London

### Summer Diocesan BeReal Teen Retreat Experience – Webpage with registration now available



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Help spread the word on this summer's most amazing faith experience for teens. The Diocese's new student hires Ebrahim Neamah and Angela Metron are working hard at creating a powerful, faith-filled, disciple-making and fun retreat weekend for all teens. The weekend retreat will be taking place Friday, August 11-Sunday, August 13 at Holy Family Retreat House in Oxley. Registration and more details are posted at this link and there is shareable content on YYAFM's social media. We ask you to consider approaching 2-3 teens from your Family of Parishes to attend this retreat. There will be a bus provided for those outside of the Windsor/ Essex and Chatham/ Kent Deaneries that want to attend if transportation is an issue.

### Pilgrimage to Martyr's Shrine

All are welcome to join the St. Josephine Bakhita African-Caribbean Catholic Community on a pilgrimage to Martyr's Shrine in Midland on Saturday, August 19. The bus departs from Mary Immaculate Parish in London. All the details are on the flyer at this link, which can be used to promote this event in your parish.

### Catholic Faith Fest

It is time to celebrate as a big Catholic Family! This year this first Catholic Faith Fest will be in the Windsor/Essex area on Saturday, August 19 at Good Shepherd Parish. The evening will begin with Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by a Food Truck Extravaganza, Games, Live Entertainment, a Family Dance under the stars, and a Fireworks Display. The evening is open to everyone in our huge Diocese. All ages are welcome. More details in the coming weeks. Please contact either Christine Coyle (ccoyle@dol.ca), Chris Laforet (claforet@dol.ca), or Christa Mailloux (cmailloux@dol.ca) if you have any questions.

### Becoming a Faithful Disciple

The Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes is hosting a discipleship conference called "Becoming a Faithful Disciple" with David Wells from England on Saturday September 23, 2023. The event will take place from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Spirit & Life Centre (St. Joseph Church Hall) in Chatham. This event is open to all parish staff and parishioners are welcome. Limited seating is available. The event is free but donations to the conference, which includes lunch, are welcome. More information and registration is at this link: <https://revjj.ca/david-wells/>

### Job Opportunity

The Elgin Catholic Family of Parishes is seeking a bookkeeper. The details are posted at [www.dol.ca/employment](http://www.dol.ca/employment).



## St. Charles Glencoe—CWL NEWS



Next CWL meeting will be on September 27, 2023, at 7:00pm in the parish hall.

Milk Bag Mats Program (Help Save the Environment)  
Donate clean used milk bags, which are cut into strips then weaved into mats for use in Third World & Community Homeless. Thanks for all your support!

Remember to keep our fellow ' Sisters in Christ ' in our prayers always ! Wishing a wonderful and safe summer season to all.

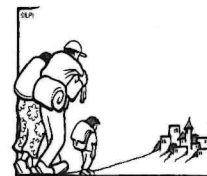
## Fall Pilgrimage of Peace to Medjugorje

September 26 to October 6,  
2023

Departure from Pearson Airport,  
Toronto to Split, Croatia.

Price \$2450.00 (all taxes included)

For additional details, please contact Jack or Patricia Duggan at 613-756-2655, medjugorje2023@bell.net or dugganpatricia @bell.net



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.*





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**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 VanderBurg, Secretary ex. 24**

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

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

### **The Friends of the Bothwell Catholic Cemetery Board**

**We invite everyone to attend our Annual Meeting on Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 1:30 pm at the St. Ignatius Cemetery, Bothwell.**

There will be no memorial service this year.

We would like to thank everyone who has generously donated in the past and to those who choose The Friends as a charity of choice when making arrangements for burial of loved ones. These donations help defray yearly maintenance costs of the cemetery. For those wishing to donate, please mail your cheques to:

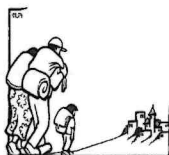
The Friends of the Bothwell Catholic Cemetery  
c/o Mrs. Dianne Feys  
8228 Fansher Road, RR5  
BOTHWELL, ON  
NOP 1C0

Tax receipts will be issued.

### ***The Holy Land Pilgrimage—April 1-11, 2024***

*Please come and join me as I walk in the land that Jesus lived in. Visit the places where Jesus proclaimed God's love to us—Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee.*

For information contact Fr. Murray Sample  
msample@dol.ca or Joan Bolt 519-471-6373.



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### **Summer Office Hours**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am to 4:00pm**

**Friday 9:00am to noon**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)**

5:30—6:15pm Tuesday at Sacred Heart Parkhill church

5:30—6:15pm Wednesdays at St. Charles Garnier church

4:00—4:45pm Saturdays at All Saints church

Also by appointment, or just ask a priest anytime.

### **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

### **ALPHA**

**coming September 2023!**

**Check website and insert for details.**



### **Revenue & Expenses June 2023**

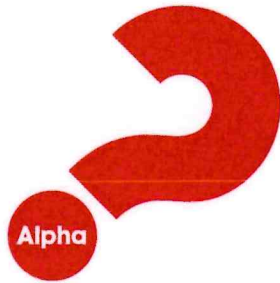
	All Saints	Sacred Heart	St. Charles
Revenue	\$ 46,507.92	\$ 10,430.10	\$ 6,851.05
Expenditures	\$ 40,200.54	\$ 8,679.58	\$ 7,351.62
Surplus	\$ 6,307.38	\$ 1,750.52	\$ <b>-(500.57)</b>

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

## **Priest Pension Fund**

*Envelopes will be available at all church, starting this weekend, for anyone who wishes to donate.*

*Thank you for your continued support of our retired priests.*



## **ALPHA** - Let's share in the good news of Jesus!

### **Who & How Can you Invite to Alpha?**

**Coming in August:** Alpha Prayer Cards along with Alpha Information Cards will be available after our masses in August.

**Alpha Prayer Cards:** will help in our daily prayer as we ask the Holy Spirit to help us contemplate on who we can invite to try Alpha; perhaps a family member, friend, neighbour or co-worker!

**Alpha Information Cards:** make it easy to share the news about our upcoming Alpha season. Please feel free to pass along to anyone who may ask for more information or looking to register.

### **Have you taken part in the Alpha program previously?**

For anyone who has previously participated in Alpha, we ask you to prayerfully consider to join our Alpha Team. The Alpha Team is comprised of:

- Hosts and Helpers to help with our small groups,
- Greeters
- and a Prayer Group.

We work together to bring the Alpha program to our participants, sharing the good news of the Gospel. We come to share in the potluck meal with old and new friends on our Alpha journey. If you are interested please submit your registration as a Host/Helper and we will contact you and work out where you would like to help on the team.

<https://westmiddlesexcatholic.dol.ca/alpha-course>

Any questions, please reach out: Ruth Alcainho (CPM) Alpha Co-Ordinator  
519-871-6249



*You're  
Invited!*



to the West Middlesex Catholic Family of  
Parishes Annual Picnic  
September 24, 2023

at Sacred Heart, Parkhill  
from 2pm-5pm

BE CREATIVE... MAKE YOUR OWN NAME  
TAGS - ON HATS, SHIRTS,  
NECKLACE....USE YOUR IMAGINATION !!

**GAMES FOR KIDS**

**MUSIC**

**FUNDRAISER: THROW A WET SPONGE  
AT FR.THOM**

**Bring drinks and  
lawn chairs**

**K of C supplying food  
(Good will offering)**

**PLAY**

**enjoy**



**fun**