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

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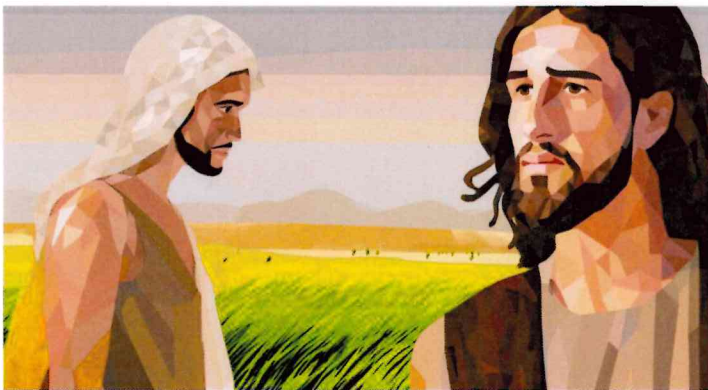
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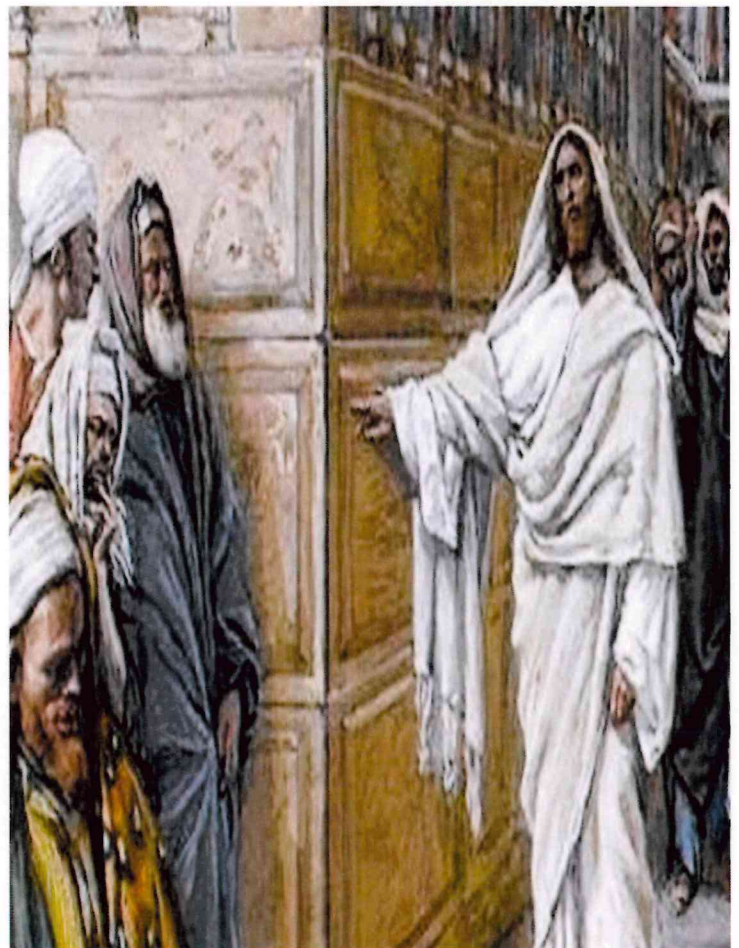
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October 1, 2023 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time & October 8, 2023 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time




Please keep in your prayers Sunday, October 1

- ♦ the Church, that as the Synod on Synodality begins this week in Rome, that listening and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit, be the foundation to move forward with hope. 
- ♦ World Leaders, that they act with justice, compassion, and mercy, sharing their resources with countries most in need.
- ♦ our Indigenous brothers and sisters, that they continue on the journey towards reconciliation, healing, and peace.
- ♦ those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit, that they come to know the goodness of God's infinite love and compassion.
- ♦ all those who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood, that they may receive the graces of clarity and vision to do the Father's will.
- ♦ our Family of Parishes, that the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus as we pray, worship, and serve together to strengthen our communities.
- ♦ those disciples who have died, that they experience the fullness of life in God's presence.
- ♦ Deacon John White, Deacon Cap Van Au, Rev. Ivica Majstorovic O.F.M., Rev. Stephen Marsh, Rev. Richard Tremblay, Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, Rev. Nelson Cabral



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, October 8

- ♦ Miss Leigh Duckworth Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Deacon John Vezina, Rev. Donald Lococo C.S.B., Deacon Charles (Chuck) Stillwell, Rev. Gregory Bonin, Rev. Francis (Jack) Hurley, Rev. Mukucha Kathemo 

At a glance ...

- The Truth & Reconciliation collection will take place on the weekend of November 11/12.
- Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is collecting funds to support rescue and relief efforts in Morocco. See their website for more details.
- Deadline for High School Youth Ministry survey is October 2. Fill out your survey online from our website.
- See last page of the bulletin for details about Our Lady of Fatima Festival and Mission. Note Mass time changes from Wednesday through to Sunday at All Saints church
- Save the date: Saturday, December 16th—Family Christmas Square Dancing—more details to follow. Fun for the whole family!

Hello everyone, our next **Take a Break** will be on **Monday, October 16th, at 10:30am - 1:00pm at Sacred Heart Parkhill.** Lunch will be served at 11:30am. Let us know how many will be joining us and if there are any food restrictions.



RSVP by Wednesday, October 11th.

Hope to see everyone on Monday, October 16th!

Tammy Vandersanden: tvandersanden@execulink.com
Lucy Hendrikx: lulouhendrikx@gmail.com
Anne Roelands: pandaroelands@gmail.com

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, Oct 17
at Sacred Heart, Parkhill and
at All Saints, Strathroy

**dates changed due to Fatima Festival & Mission*

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

**cancelled this month due to scheduling conflict*

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



Thank you for purchasing the hand-painted cards made available at St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe, and for your continued support. In total, over the two years, \$1400.00 was raised and sent to the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund.

What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the name given to the process by which those seeking to join the Catholic Church, go through as they seek to know more about themselves and their relationship with God.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a spiritual journey of formation, prayer and discernment by both the individual and the Parish community. It is designed for adults and children of catechetical age (in their seventh year) who consciously and freely seek God and want to enter into the life of faith as disciples of Jesus. This journey of faith leads to the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

RCIA is also appropriate for those who are baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to become Catholic and for Catholics who were baptized as infants but did not complete their initiation as a young person.

RCIA begins Tuesday October 3, at All Saints parish center. Contact Father Thom (tblindin@dol.ca) or Julie de Gouw (jdegouw@dol.ca) for more information.

Donations Made by Cheque

If you are contributing/donating by cheque for any fund, be it Offertory, Building Fund, Thanksgiving Appeal, etc., please make the cheque payable to your parish i.e. All Saints, Sacred Heart, St. Charles.



Please DO NOT make cheques payable to West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes or to any specific fund. Each parish has its own financial identity.

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support.



Weekly Reflection

Reflection for October 1st and October 8th, the Twenty Sixth and Twenty Seventh Sundays in Ordinary Time

A number of years ago, it was popular to have a mission statement for your organization, group or club. This was true too of our parishes. When I started in ministry, I thought this was a great idea. This would be the perfect way to communicate to others what we are all about. Parish councils all over the diocese must have been thinking the same thing or perhaps we all read the same book. Mission statements appeared in bulletins, billboards, websites and in the narthex of many churches.

In hindsight, I realize now how silly this may have been. There was nothing wrong with the exercise of discovering who we were as a community which was both educational and enlightening. At the same time though, it was totally unnecessary. You see Jesus came to this earth, to give us our mission in life. We hear in Matthew 28.18:20, "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This then is the mission statement of all times. We as the people of God and collectively as the church here on earth, are to go and make disciples of all nations. The operative word here is "go!" We are not to sit in our lovely churches week after week taking it all in while we attend Mass, but we are to go! The sign of an evangelized church is not how full our pews are on Sunday but is reflected in what we do outside of the church the rest of the week. Actions speak louder than words! Lead by example.

The scripture reading this week is about a man with two sons. The man asks his sons to go out into the vineyard and work. One says no but then changes his mind and goes. The other says yes but does not go at all. Many of us with kids can relate to this reading. Sometimes it is hard to get your kids motivated to help you out. One particular child of mine when asked to do something, would respond with a quick "yep, I'm on it." After a while I would ask again and get the same response. Curious, I sneak up on the child to find my child sleeping. My presence in the room immediately motivated this child to get going!

Jesus is really challenging us in this Gospel. Many of us have said yes to Jesus through our baptism and later our Confirmations but did we know what we were agreeing to at the time? If you were baptized as an infant, you most likely will answer "no." Just because we are practicing Catholics does not mean we have answered the call to "go." Easy to say "yes" when we are sitting at Mass listening to the homily but not always easy to follow through on what we have heard when we leave the parking lot.

One of my sons calls Catholics hypocrites. He claims we do not live out our Gospel values. There is room for much improvement. From the minute someone comes through our church doors, hospitality is vital for an open welcome and I don't just mean greeting with "good morning." Radical hospitality is required to accompany those who come to us and need to be walked with wherever they are at. This kind of accompaniment should make us quite uncomfortable at first.

Ask yourself this week as you reflect on the Gospel, which son in the scripture am I? Evangelizing is an attitude and a way of life. You do not have to go out and stand on a street corner proclaiming the Word of God on top of a soap box. It is very simple really. Just live your life according to how Jesus asked us to. Be an example for others. Always! Your mission statement is inscribed in your heart.

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister.



All Saints, Strathroy-Weeks of Oct 3-13

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

Tue Oct 3, Rosary/Perpetual Help 6:00pm-Mass 6:30pm

Mary & Gerry Derks

Manuel & Luisa Alcaldinho – Family

Terezinha Picanco – Friend

Nellie Vanderburgt – Mary Ellen

Herb Vandervelden – Mary Ellen

Ray Larche – Claudette Larche

Wed Oct 4, 9:00am Mass

Liz Kennes - Senese Family

May Richard, Bob & Patsy Martin - Suzanne Murray

Ada & Bill Murray - Suzanne Murray

Special Intention for Pauline deJeu - June & Malcolm Benn

Special Intention for healing of Mary Baggetta – Agnes Nicol

Special Intention for Marie Claire Mugisho & Salah Tegel

- WMCFP Sponsorship team

Thu Oct 5, 6:00pm Rosary – 6:30pm Mass

Arthur Macedo - Family

John Santos e defuntos da familia- Mulher e Irmaos

Jose Moniz e Urbano Teves - Albert e Teresa Soares

Rosarinha Arruda - Jose e Gilda Viveiros

Jose e Rosalina Ponte - Lucia Ferreira

Modesta da Ponte e Almas do Purgatorio - Alzira da Ponte

Fri Oct 6, 9:00am Mass followed by Adoration

Deceased Family of Joao & Teresa Viveiros

Laurindo Carvalho & Souls of Purgatory & Deceased Family

- Amelia

Manuel & Isolina Pereira - Family

Olivia, Angela & Alda Aguiar - Family

Special Intention of Vicki Rosedale

Francisco DaPonte - John VanHeeswyk

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**Tue Oct 10, 6:00pm Rosary/Perpetual Help – 6:30pm Mass**

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

Gerry Lecker - Chris & Barb Vander Vloet

Piet (Pete) VanderBurgt - Frank & Catherine VanderBurgt

**Wed Oct 11 - 10:30am Mass at Country Terrace, Komoka**

*Wed, Thurs, Fri—Our Lady of Fatima Feast & Mission*

*Rosary at 6:30pm / Mass at 7:00pm*

**Wed Oct 11**

Constantina Eduarda Botelho - Agostinho e Deolinda Pereira

John Paiva - Maria Paiva

Liz Melo - Pais

Andy Arruda - Hubert & Juanita Vandenberg & fam

Debbie Wreaks & Margaret Mary Renders

– Rich & ML DePelsmaecker

Mary & Bernard Burm – Rich & ML DePelsmaecker

**Thu Oct 12**

Francelina Nogueira - Family

Manuel Paiva - Ofelia Paiva

Francisco DaPonte e defuntos das familias DaPonte e Rocha- Judite

Pais e Sogros de Albert e Teresa Soares

Jose e Maria dos Anjos Ponte - Lucia Ferreira

In Thanksgiving for Joseph Ashok & family

**Fri Oct 13**

John Santos - Maria Gabriel

Deceased members of Alcaldinho, Correia & Garcia families – Anna

Hermiterio Santos - Isabel Santos

Luis Couto – Eduarda

Lena da Costa - Isabel Santos

Jose Antonio Costa - Family



## **Sacred Heart, Parkhill**

### **Weeks of Oct 3-13**

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

**Tue Oct 3, 6:30pm Mass**

Deceased Members of VanderVloet &

Meeuwssen families - Estate

Adriana Roelands - Pete & Anne Roelands

**Thu Oct 5, 9:00am Mass**

Josef Sitar - Family

**Fri Oct 6, 9:00am Mass followed by Adoration**

In Thanksgiving for Lucio & Alice Facchina – 50<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary and Jeff & Michelle Facchina – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Anniversary

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Tue Oct 10, 6:30pm Mass

Emile & Irene Masschelein - Family

Thu Oct 12, Rosary 6:30pm / Mass 7:00pm

at All Saints, Strathroy

Week of Our Lady of Fatima Feast & Mission



St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Weeks of Oct 3-13

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

Wed Oct 4

11:30am Mass at Babcock

1:00pm Mass at Beattie

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*Wed Oct 11 - Rosary 6:30pm / Mass 7:00pm*

*at All Saints, Strathroy*

*Week of Our Lady of Fatima Feast & Mission*



## **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**

### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

**September 30th – October 9th**

Please place your non-perishable food items in boxes located in main hallway at All Saints Church.

Collections at all weekend masses at All Saints church site. Your generosity will help so many who are in dire need.

Food Drive collections will be held at all locations.





## From the Diocese of London

### Year of Prayer Video

Bishop Fabbro has recorded a video for the Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. It is on the diocesan homepage at [www.dol.ca](http://www.dol.ca) and our [YouTube](#), Facebook and Twitter channels.



### Family & Youth Diocesan / WECDSB Event - Seize the Day with Fr. David Michael

All families and youth are invited to this amazing event on Wednesday, October 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (4401 Mt. Royal Drive. Windsor). Come and hear from Fr. David Michael Moses - an up-and-coming priest from Texas. He has a powerful message to share with young people. Please help spread the word.

Life Chain takes place tomorrow/today at various locations within our family of parishes.

Life Chain in Parkhill is from Noon until 1:00pm. Meet in front of the Post Office on Main Street.

Life Chain Strathroy is from 1:00pm to 2:00pm meet at Caradoc and Metcalfe.

Life Chain in London takes place at Richmond Street and Fanshawe Park Road from 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

### West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes—Men of Faith

*Men of Faith is a gathering of men who seek to grow in appreciation of how God is working in their lives. We meet weekly for prayer, personal stories, the reading of Scripture and sharing of insights about the coming Sunday Scriptures. There is no cost and the coffee is always fresh. Come and experience the fellowship of Men of Faith each Saturday, from 8:30 to 9:30am in the All Saints parish office.*



## St. Charles Glencoe—CWL NEWS



Next CWL meeting Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00pm in the parish hall. Guest Speaker 'Sister in Christ' Kathy Kerrigan will share details of her trips to a community in Nicaragua (Central America).

Milk Bag Mat Program - drop off box in Narthex. Donate clean used milk Bags (Help Save the Environment). Bags are cut into strips, then woven into mats for use in Third World Countries & for Community Displaced Persons . Thank you to everyone for your continuous support!

Wishing All a Safe & Blessed Thanksgiving Weekend.

## All Saints Strathroy—CWL NEWS



Just in time for your thanksgiving dinner, we're making apple pies this week. They will be available for sale, unbaked for \$12.00 and can be picked up on Oct 3, 4 or 6 from 11:00am till 1:00pm at the brown door outside. If you'd like to come out and help, you're very welcome. If you would like to order ahead phone Pauline at 519 282 1309

Next CWL meeting is Tues, Oct 3rd after the 6:30pm Mass.

Watch for information on our upcoming bazaar on Nov 4th in the next bulletin.



**EDGE - All youth from the West Middlesex Family of Parishes in grades 5-8 are invited to join EDGE for a night of fun and food on Wednesday, September 20 at All Saints. Weather permitting, we will be outside. We have some fun water activities planned, so come prepared to get wet! If inclement weather forces us indoors, we still have a lot of fun activities planned. Parents are required to sign their child(ren) in at 6:30PM and sign them out at 8:00PM.**

### Mark your calendars with the following dates and locations

October 18 at Sacred Heart  
November 15 at All Saints  
December 20 at Sacred Heart  
January 17 at All Saints  
February 21 at Sacred Heart  
March 20 at All Saints  
April 17 at Sacred Heart  
May 15 at All Saints

\*Please note that these dates/locations are subject to change. Remember to check your bulletin for announcements regarding Edge.



**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 VanderBurg, Secretary ex. 24**

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

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

### **Mondays Cards & Pool**

Starting on Monday, October 2, at 1:00pm,  
at All Saints, in the Columbia Room.



All welcome! Call Frank for more details

519-245-3119



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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### **Office Hours**

**Monday through Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm**

#### **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

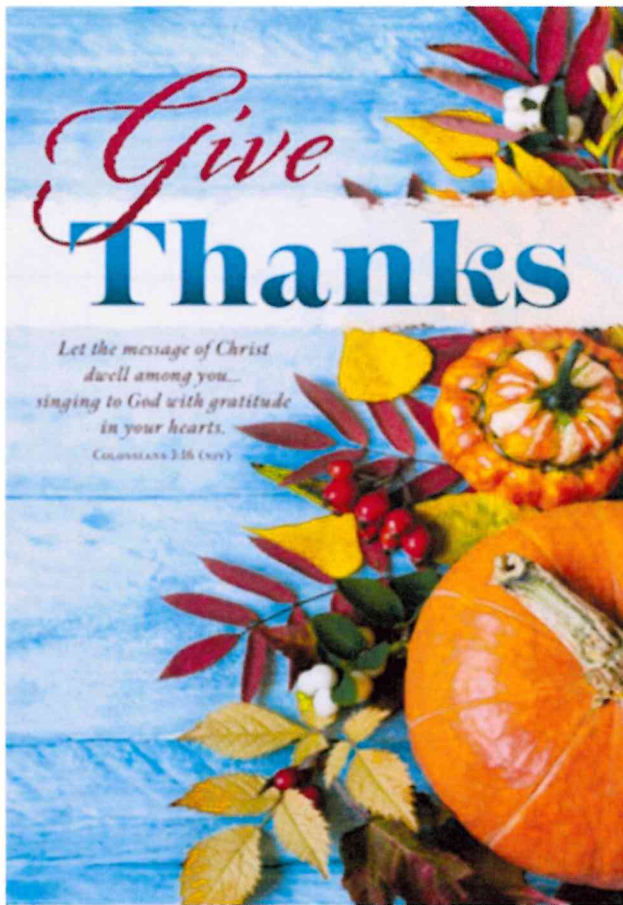
***Did you know?*** Our website has a comment page where you can ask questions, submit comments, or offer constructive criticism. You can ask for a response by submitting your email address or submit anonymously. Click the **ABOUT** tab and then the **CONTACT US** tab to leave the office a message.

### **Revenue & Expenses August 2023**

|              | All Saints   | Sacred Heart   | St. Charles |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| Revenue      | \$ 50,289.55 | \$ 9,120.77    | \$ 8,860.15 |
| Expenditures | \$ 45,964.90 | \$ 13,048.94   | \$ 7,328.53 |
| Surplus      | \$ 4,324.65  | \$ -(3,928.17) | \$ 1,531.62 |

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





### Annual Thanksgiving Appeal

On Thanksgiving Day, we reflect on the many blessings we have received. With hearts full of love and generosity, we ask parishioners to give financial support to help meet the needs of our parish and those we serve, locally as well as across our diocese.

Caring for others and seeking social justice are deeply rooted in our faith. In the Gospel, Jesus directs us to help the poor, feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

Together, people and parishes are united in our incredible mission to bring Christ's light to the world.

With your support and the strength and nourishment given to us in the Holy Eucharist, we will carry out the work of the Church in the year ahead. Please give as generously as you are able.

"Offer to God a sacrifice of Thanksgiving" Psalm 50:14

### From the office ...

The office will be closed on Monday, October 9th to observe Thanksgiving.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving!



**A huge thank you to everyone who made the Second Annual West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes Picnic such a success!**

**The Knights, the CWL, and all the volunteers, especially the Parish Council, who did a fantastic job organizing!**

**Can't wait to see everyone next year in Glencoe!**



### Leave a Legacy

Leave a legacy of faith by remembering the Church in your Will. By planning a gift now to your parish, the seminary or the diocese, you can support the Church today and for generations to come.

[www.dol.ca/legacy](http://www.dol.ca/legacy)



### 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.



### 2023 Ontario Charities

## 50/50 DRAW

In support of  
Homeless Shelters  
and Coats for Kids

**EARLY BIRD  
DRAWS**

October 1st and  
November 1st at 9am

**\$500, \$250,  
\$250  
Cash Prizes**

**Grand Prize draw date: December 31, 2023**

**\$40 FOR  
100  
Tickets**

**\$20 FOR  
40  
Tickets**

**\$10 FOR  
15  
Tickets**



West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes  
Our Lady of Fatima Festival & Mission  
October 11 – 15, 2023  
Theme: "Keepings" of the Heart



*Schedule of Masses and Events at All Saints Church*

**Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm Rosary  
7:00pm Mass

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm Rosary  
7:00pm Mass

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm Rosary  
7:00pm Mass with Anointing of the Sick

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

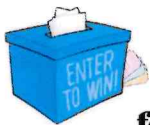
**NO 5:00pm MASS**  
7:00pm Mass with Candlelight Procession followed by a Reception in the parish centre.

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am & 11:00am Mass  
12:30pm Dinner at the Portuguese Canadian Club

**Floral Donation in Memory of a Loved One.**

Envelopes will be available at all church sites for donations in memory of your loved ones. All names will be published in the bulletin on the weekend of October 14/15



**Try your luck and buy draw tickets! \$2 each or a book of 6 for \$10.**

**Prize #1: Ashley Brickham Chair**

**Prize #2: Adirondack Chair**

**Prize #3: Steamridge Vintage Kids Winter Sleigh**



**Ticket Cost: \$40.00**  
Adults, \$20 Children (under 10 Years) 3yrs & under-free

**Menu:**

Chicken Soup, Salad, Roasted Chicken, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Dessert, Rolls

**Tickets can be purchased at the office during office hours during the week or you can purchase draw tickets and dinner tickets by reaching out to any of the committee members:**

**Olga Ferreira, Anna Garcia, Mark & Lisa Nagel, Lucia Lilbourne  
Danielle & Joe Lima, Ruth Alcaidinho, Lucy Martins, Connie Jesus**



**Donate an item towards the Silent Auction table!  
Contact.....**

**Ruth Alcaidinho 519-871-6249**

**Mark Nagel 519-639-6925**

**Danielle Lima 519-691-5708**

**Connie Jesus 519-245-5451 or the parish office.  
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

**Massa donated for the reception Saturday night after the procession will be greatly appreciated 😊**



**On Thanksgiving Day weekend, October 7 & 8 a bake sale will take place at All Saints church after all weekend Masses. Donated**

**baked goods are welcome and can be dropped off on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.**