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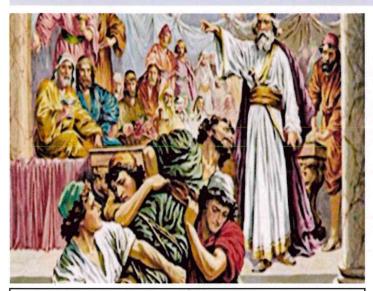
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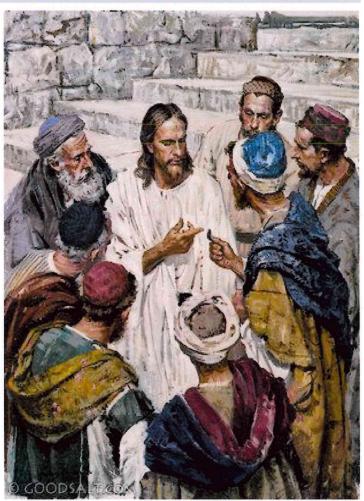
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October 15, 2023 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time & October 22, 2023 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time





- Church Leaders, that they become models of hospitality and welcome through listening and dialogue.
- areas of our world torn apart by violence and war, that justice and mercy will prevail and peace will be restored.
- a deepening respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.
- those chosen to follow Christ more closely in the priesthood, that they will respond with humble readiness.
- our parish community, that we proclaim the gospel with courage and integrity, trusting in God who strengthens us.
- those disciples who have died, that they see God face to face.
- Sister Elizbieta Mruczek A.H.J. Pastoral Minister, Deacon Gerard Clement, Rev. Kieran Alaribe C.S.Sp., Rev. Romeo Fernandes O.F.M. Cap., Rev. David Boutette, Rev. Keith Morrison, Mr. Mark Owdeesch Pastoral Worker



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, October 22

Rev. David Johnston, Deacon Cyril Cogghe, Mrs.
 Lisa Wright Coordinator of Sacramental
 Preparation, Rev. Miro Grubisic O.F.M., Rev. Jason Kuntz,
 Rev. Brian Jane, Rev. Patrick Beneteau

At a glance ...

- A reminder that the SSVP monthly collection at All Saints church will take place on the weekend of October 28/29.
- Refugee Ministry extra collection will take place on the weekend of October 28/29 at All Saints(5:00pm & 11:00am) and St. Charles Garnier(9:00am), followed by a collection at Sacred Heart on November 4/5 weekend (5:00pm & 10:00am), and All Saints at 8:00am.
- A collection for Truth & Reconciliation will take place on the weekend of Nov 11/12 at All Saints (5:00pm & 11:00am) and St. Charles Garnier(9:00am), followed by a collection at Sacred Heart on November 18/19 weekend (5:00pm & 10:00am), and All Saints at 8:00am.
- World Mission collection will take place on November 18/19th weekend at all churches.
- Save the date: Saturday, December 16th—Family Christmas Square Dancing—more details to follow. Fun for the whole family!
- LOOK FOR: Bible study starting in January. More information in this bulletin and on our website.

SAVE THE DATE

FRANCE SPAIN PORTUGAL WITH FR. THOM

APRIL 8 - 22 2024

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

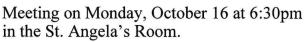
St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

*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.



All Saints—St. Vincent de Paul



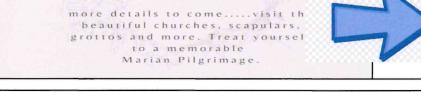


Marian Pilgrimage for April 8—22, 2024

Information Meeting

Sunday, November 5th

2:00pm in the Parish Centre, All Saints





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

Weekly Reflection

Reflection October 15th and October 22nd, the 27th and 28th Sundays in Ordinary Time

How disappointing for the host who throws a huge party, and no one shows up! So much work goes into organizing such a wonderful celebration. Invitations are created and sent out. The food needs to be prepared and cooked, the table set with linens, china and glasses. Perhaps the host takes the time and care to create a seating plan for guests. Most likely, as the host, you may have bought something new to wear.

In the Gospel from Matthew this week, a King throws a wedding banquet for his son. Those invited were not worthy, so others were invited in for the party instead.

So, the message in short in this week's Gospel, is this; Jesus throws the party, and we are invited. Do we accept the invitation or do we turn him down. What keeps us from saying yes? Are we too busywith our own interests in life that we forget there is eternal life to come? Do we think we have lots of time to reply but then miss the deadline and find ourselves out of luck and uninvited?

We are all called to the banquet that Jesus prepares for us. Do we hear the call or are we too wrapped up in ourselves to hear it? How many times have you asked someone how they are doing, and their response is "I am so busy!" That particular response does not relay to anyone how you are. Are you well? Are you sick? To answer with "I am so busy" gives us the impression that we should not intrude on another person's time or ask anything of them. But what if the invitation I extend is for supper or dinner out and I am going to pay? Would you still be too busy to accept? We wear the badge of "busyness" like it is something that weighs us down preventing us from doing what we really want to do. Sometimes the "busyness" badge is worn like an award, hanging around our necks waiting for others to recognize it thereby giving the wearer attention.

The Gospel reading about the wedding banquet, is all about the history of our salvation story. God sent prophets and messengers to us to spread the Good News and invite us into the Kingdom of God.

Likewise, the call of Christ, in its specifics, can be inconvenient. Like the invitees, we find it easy to accept Christ in principle, and, like them, we find it less easy to accept the particulars—Christ's call to serve. The place where the rubber hits the road can be pretty gritty. We are sorely tempted to reserve our discipleship for the parts of life that don't require us to change—that don't force us out of our comfort zone.

The guest who came without the wedding robe, symbolizes us who have refused to put on Christ. Does God enforce a dress code in order to get into heaven? Remember the white garment we are given at our baptism? We are told to come back with the white garment unstained on our judgement day. At a baptism, the priest says "you have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." So, how clean is your white garment? Better have it cleaned and ready to go as we never know when we will be called upon to attend the banquet Christ invites us to!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister



All Saints, Strathroy-Weeks of Oct 17-27 Confession times: Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45pm

Tue Oct 17, 6:00pm Rosary/Perpetual Help - 6:30pm Mass

Maria Ines Azevedo - Enzo & Carmela Palcich Wil & Riet Van Gorp

- Van Gorp, Van Geffen & Kremer families Herb Vandervelden - Larry & Mary MacDonald Arnolda "Nelda" Dwyer - K of C Joseph Sitar & George Miholic - Sitar family Urania Teves - Teresa Soares



Wed Oct 18

NO MASS

Thu Oct 19, 6:00pm Rosary - 6:30pm Mass

Arthur Macedo - Family

Serafim Salgado, Horacio Sousa, Isabel Miranda - Teresa Salgado

Modesta DaPonte e Almas do Purgatorio - Monica Leech

Horacio Duarte - Carminha Duarte

For all Souls - Joseph & Helen Ashok & family

Altino Sousa - Marcelina Sousa

Fri Oct 20, 9:30am Mass with OLI

Josef Sitar – Family

Angelo Brum & Deceased family - Liliana Brum

Delfim Desa – Family Jose Moniz - Laudalina Moniz

Valmont & Priscille Grant - Suzanne Murray

Michel & Yvette Grant - Suzanne Murray

Tue Oct 24, 6:00pm Rosary/Perpetual Help – 6:30pm Mass

Jeff LaMantia - Dad & Mom

Herb Vandervelden - Rick Pepers

Natalia & Jose Andrade - Jina Andrade

Frank Ferguson - Mary Ellen Ferguson

Rosemary Fishback - Tony Giesen & Family

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima - Maria da Silveira

Wed Oct 25

10:30am Mass - Strathmere Lodge, Strathroy

9:00am Mass

Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen families - Estate

Michel & Yvette Grant - Suzanne Murray

Valmont & Prescille Grant - Suzanne Murray

Bill & Marion Cochrane - Bobbie & Jerry Vens

Angelo Brum & Deceased Family - Liliana Brum

Peter Healy - Jerry & Bobbie Vens

Thu Oct 26

Mass 1:30pm @ Our Lady of Lourdes, Delaware school 6:00pm Rosary ~ 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 Oct 27, 9:45am Mass with SVP school

Carlos Camara & All Souls - Madalena Camara

Helio Mendonca & Deceased family - Maria Mendonca

Francisco Pedro – Evelina Pedro

In Memory of Thomas Simpson - OLPA Board & School

Herb Vandervelden - John & Mia Van Heeswyk

Gene & Barry Donohue - Fran Donohue

Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Weeks of Oct 17-27

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



Thu Oct 19, 9:30am Mass with SHP school Mathias & Rosa Meisberger & Deceased family

- Konrad Scheib

Tue Oct 24, 6:30pm Mass

Luigi, Maria & Luisa Facchina - Family Marinus, Lucia & Mary de Gouw - Family For the special intentions of McLellan family Bill Boere - Family

Deceased de Gouw, Facchina families - Family

Thu Oct 26, 9:00am Mass

Living & Deceased Members of the Nash Family

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe Weeks of Oct 17-27

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



Wed Oct 18, 6:30pm Mass

Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen families – Estate

Gisele Fournier - Marc & Family

George Hesketh - David Skipper

Mary O'Brien & special intention for healing for the family - Ben & Sarah Small

Wed Oct 25, 9:30am Mass with school

Bishop Gervais - ML & Rich DePelsmaeker



From the Diocese of London

Panel Discussion on Spirituality, Compassion and Community

Are you interested in exploring the role that compassion and spirituality can play in building up communities? On October 25 from 12:15 to 1:15 at Parkwood in London, spend an hour with panel of specialists on "Exploring the Intersection of Spirituality, Compassion and Community." Co-hosted by St. Joseph's Health Care London and the St. Joseph's Health Care Society and in support of Spiritual Care Awareness Week. This is a free event with free parking.

An Invitation from the Sisters of the Precious Blood

The Sisters of the Precious Blood invite you to join them in celebrating the Perpetual Profession of Sister Teresa Kim Lien Nguyen & Sister Lucia Hong Nhung Tran at Holy Family Parish, 777 Valetta Street, London on Saturday, October 21st at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome! Reception to follow.

Bishop's Dinner in Windsor/Essex

The 17th Bishop's Dinner will be held on October 26, 2023 at the Ciociaro Club. For more information and to purchase tickets (\$150 per person or \$975 for a table of eight) contact Frances at bishopsdinner@spseminary.ca.

St. Charles Knights of Columbus will be hosting a

Fish Fry

Friday, October 20th

From 4:30 to 7:00 pm

St. Charles Garnier Church

Adults \$20

kids under 12 \$10

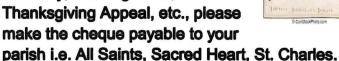
kids under 6 are free

Eat-in or Take-out



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

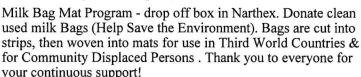


Please DO NOT make cheques payable to West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes or to any specific fund. Each parish has its own financial identity.

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support.

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).



Prayers & God's Blessings to our CWL 'Sisters in Christ'

All Saints Strathroy—CWL NEWS

Our Annual Bazaar is back! It will be held on November 4 from 9:30 to 1:00 PM in the Parish hall. We will have baking, sewing, knitting, craft, country store and penny tables, and of course, a great lunch will be available. Donations are needed of baking, new items for the penny table, gently used items for the Country store (books, dishes toys etc) and newly made items for the craft table. Please leave your donations on the table just inside the door on Nov 1, 2, and 3 between 9 and 5 pm. We invite everyone to please come out and support us!

Please join our facebook group CWL - All Saints Church Strathroy Ontario. It's a great way for us to communicate.

Our meeting time is changing. Starting November 7th our new meeting time will be 1:30pm in the Columbia Room.

Sacred Heart Parkhill—CWL NEWS

We would like to thank all those who donated canned goods on the Thanksgiving Weekend. We want to remind you to give generously to the Thanksgiving Appeal. All your donations will help to keep our Parish stay vibrant for years to come with maintenance and programs that will sustain our journey here and towards our eternal goal.

Please join us for our next CWL meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17th at 6:30pm (no Mass on this day). We will be discussing our plans for Advent and support for Parish and Community in this upcoming Christmas season.

Knights of Columbus All Saints—General Meeting on Monday, October 23 at 7:00pm, in the Columbia Room.



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**, **October 18 at Sacred Heart**. 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
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

*Please note that these dates/locations are subject to change. Check the bulletin for announcements regarding Edge.

May 15 at All Saints

Pastoral Team/Staff office: 519-245-0644

Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22

Fr. Christian Amogu, Associate Pastor ex. 25

Deacon Henry Tomaszewski

Deacon Jim Vandersanden

Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister ex. 26

Olga Ferreira, Office Administrator ex. 21

Anna Garcia, Secretary ex. 0

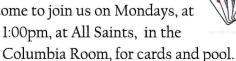
Marg VanderBurgt, Secretary ex. 24

*personal emails can be found on the website

* messages can be left at the office for both Deacons

Mondays Cards & Pool

All are welcome to join us on Mondays, at



Call Frank for more details 519-245-3119

The Gift of Catholic Spiritual Direction

Amidst the hustle and bustle of life, we often long for a deeper connection with our Catholic faith and a more vital awareness of God's presence in our journey.

Catholic spiritual direction, guided by a trained mentor like Caroline, deeply rooted in the tradition of Jesuits Ignatian Spirituality, invites us to embrace this sacred path. It provides an opportunity to explore our Catholic beliefs, seek answers to our spiritual questions, and navigate life's experiences under the guidance of a trusted companion.

If you would like more information, please get in touch with Caroline @ littlepetal.dupuis@gmail.com

May we cherish this precious gift, allowing it to nourish our Catholic faith and lead us on a journey that deepens our understanding of God's unwavering love.

In faith and contemplation, Caroline Dupuis





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

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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.

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.

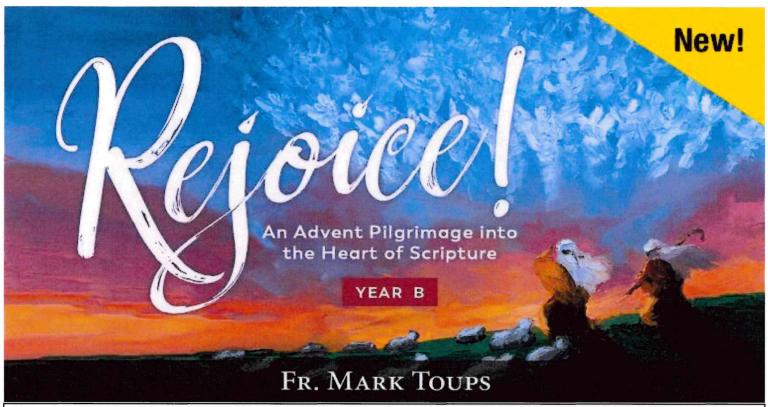
Revenue & Expenses September 2023

Sacred Heart St. Charles All Saints \$ 49,267.20 \$ 10,238.85 \$ 7,505.02

Revenue Expenditures \$ 40,216.38 \$ 9,262.96 \$ 11,255.48

Surplus 975.89 \$ (-3,750.46) 9.050.82

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



Experience a more peaceful, more joyful, and more meaningful Advent than ever before.

Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture, Year B is a prayer resource that offers daily reflections on the Sunday mass readings that will help you enter more deeply into the season of Advent.

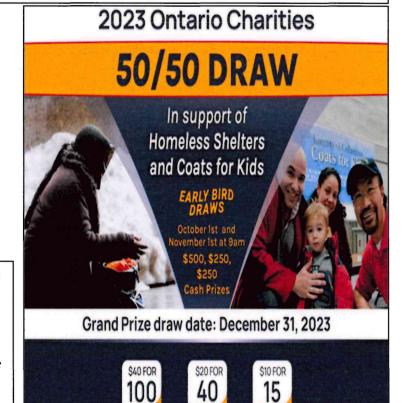
Together with the weekly videos, this journal will help you to grow in your understanding and appreciation for the incredible gift of Christ's Incarnation. As you slow down and meditate on the readings each week, you'll find your experience of Advent transformed. By contemplating the coming of the Prince of Peace at Christmas, you'll find your own heart filled by his peace and joy.

Order your journal from the link on the website, or drop into the office to place an order. Cost is \$15.00.



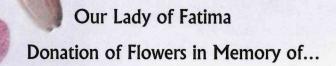
West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes—Men of Faith

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.



Tickets

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Natalia & Jose Andrade

Carlos Camara & Deceased Family

Alzira Catojo

Arthur & Maria dos Anjos Correia

Luis e Margarida Couto e filhos Donária e Luis Couto

Fr. Paul Crouch

Hector Emery

Ray Emery

Frank Ferguson

Antonio & Luiza Ferreira

Jeronimo Gomes

Manuel Gomes

John Hartman

Jeff LaMantia

Deceased Members of Mendonca & Pereira Families

Paul LeBlanc & Tony Vanderheyden

Deceased family of Isabel Santos

Deceased family of Antonio & Josefa Silva