

# Merry Christmas

WINDSOR-LAKE ST. CLAIR  
CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES  
ST. JÉRÔME | STE. ANNE | GOOD SHEPHERD | ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE



FAMILLE DE PAROISSES CATHOLIQUES  
WINDSOR-LAC-STE-CLAIRE  
ST. JÉRÔME | STE. ANNE | GOOD SHEPHERD | ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE

# Joyeux Noël

DECEMBER 25TH, 2025

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

*From the Pastor's Pen ~* 

It is so exciting celebrating my first Christmas as Pastor of this Family of Parishes. My thanks to all those who have been so welcoming since my arrival in July to myself, Fr. Pio, Fr. Christophe and the renewed appointment of Fr. John. We have gone through some changes, and no doubt we will discern more in the new year, but the spirit within the parishioners of this Family is inspiring. We are blessed in so many ways and I look forward in hopeful anticipation of how the Holy Spirit will guide us as we move forward.

As we celebrate Christmas, I invite you to take a moment to look at the Nativity scene. Think about all the people whose lives were changed as a result of Jesus' conception and birth. Joseph and Mary were certainly changed. The Magi, the shepherds – so many people were touched and changed by the good news of Christmas. How has the birth of Jesus changed your life? How can his birth change your life this year? God's plans for us are good, but if we want to know the true blessings of God's plans, we have to be open to them. Fortunately, Mary, Joseph and the others recognized the need, even if they did not fully understand it at the time, to put their plans/needs aside and follow the direction God was inviting them to. Their encounter with God and their decision to follow his plans enabled them to do great things for him and his people. It wasn't always easy, but it was always rewarding.

Today Jesus is asking us to take up his plans. The needs are so great in the church and in the world. But history shows us that God is prepared to bless everyone who answers his call to serve him. If we remember that Jesus came into this world because he loves us, that memory will help us put our trust in him. Remembering who Jesus is and what he did for us naturally makes us open to God's will. It moves us to pray and to celebrate in the community of the Church. It moves us to forgive others as he forgave us. It moves us to serve his people and to get involved. The world tells us we don't have time for any of that; there are "more important" things to attend to. Look again at the Nativity scene - where would we be if those in the scene had adopted this "world view"? Likewise, what is this Family of Parishes missing each time you follow the "world view" and what do we gain each time you don't? Thanks for being a part of our parish this Christmas. On behalf of myself, our priests and deacons, our pastoral team, and our staff, I would like to wish each of our families and visitors a very blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year. It is a privilege to serve this parish and may 2026 be a special year for all of us! May you and your family be blessed during this holy season and be a blessing for all those you meet.

Fr. Matt ~ Pastor



FIND US ONLINE



Instagram.com/wlscfamily  
@WLSCFamily



CatholicFamily.ca  
FamilleCatholique.ca



Facebook.com/WLSCCF  
@WLSCCF

# FREE ICE SKATING

**Saturday December 27th - 1pm to 3pm**

**Sunday December 28th - 2pm to 4pm**

## Atlas Tube Recreation Centre

447 Renaud Line Rd. Belle River, On



**FREE HOT CHOCOLATE FOR THE FIRST 100 ATTENDEES**



**SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FROM THE WINDSOR-LAKE ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES**

## THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

**DECEMBER 31ST, 2025**

STE. ANNE

5:00PM, 11:00PM (BILINGUAL)

GOOD SHEPHERD

5:00PM

ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE

4:30PM

**JANUARY 1ST, 2026**

ST-JÉRÔME

10:00AM (FRENCH)

STE. ANNE

9:30AM

GOOD SHEPHERD

11:15AM

ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE

10:30AM



## FAMILY OF PARISHES OFFICE

### Good Shepherd

462 Advance Blvd, Tecumseh, ON N8N 5G8

Phone: (519)735-9517

Email: [goodshepherd@dol.ca](mailto:goodshepherd@dol.ca)

### Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9am to 4pm

*The office is closed for lunch between  
Noon and 1pm*



**The Office will be closed from Noon on  
December 24<sup>th</sup> and reopen on January 2nd.**

***Please note that all other office locations are closed to the public.***

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES / MESSES DOMINICALES

### SATURDAY / SAMEDI

4:30pm St. Simon St. Jude  
16h30 Ste. Anne (fr.)  
5:00pm Good Shepherd  
6:00pm Ste. Anne

### SUNDAY / DIMANCHE

8:30am Good Shepherd  
9:30am Ste. Anne  
10h St-Jérôme (fr.)  
10:30am St. Simon & St. Jude  
11:15am Good Shepherd  
12:00pm Ste. Anne





**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** AGES 4-8



STE ANNE SUNDAY 9:30 AM  
GOOD SHEPHERD 11:15 AM

**LEARN, SERVE, BELONG**

ARE YOU IN GRADE 2 (AND MADE YOUR FIRST COMMUNION) UP TO GRADE 12? CONSIDER BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER!




[CATHOLICFAMILY.CA/ALTAR-SERVERS](http://CATHOLICFAMILY.CA/ALTAR-SERVERS)

Are you thinking of Becoming Catholic?  
 • Are you baptized?  
 • Baptized in another faith practice?  
 • Never baptized?  
 Let's talk!  
[CatholicFamily.ca/rcia](http://CatholicFamily.ca/rcia)

Would you like to deepen your faith? Get to know God better?  
 Do you want to learn how to open up to God, trusting Him more?  
 Let's connect!  
[CatholicFamily.ca/connect](http://CatholicFamily.ca/connect)

Would you like to become more involved in your church? We have something for everyone.  
[CatholicFamily.ca/volunteer](http://CatholicFamily.ca/volunteer)

Do you need help dealing with grief?  
 Have you experienced a loss?  
 We are here to support you.

[CatholicFamily.ca/grief](http://CatholicFamily.ca/grief)

**Register  
For  
Baptism**

Up to age 6



[CatholicFamily.ca/baptism](http://CatholicFamily.ca/baptism)

Have you thought about Baptism for your child and beginning their journey of faith?

**RCIA ADAPTED FOR CHILDREN (AGES 7-14)**

IS YOUR CHILD UNBAPTIZED OR MISSING SACRAMENTS?

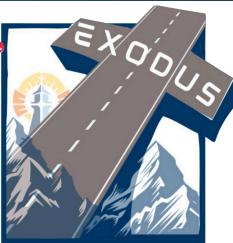


JOIN US AS WE HELP THEM LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH AND PREPARE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS, CULMINATING IN A BEAUTIFUL CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION, AND CONFIRMATION.

[CATHOLICFAMILY.CA/RCIA-CHILDREN](http://CATHOLICFAMILY.CA/RCIA-CHILDREN)



# OUR TEEN AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY HAS A LOT GOING ON, DON'T MISS OUT!



In Grades 8 to 12 and eager to explore your Faith?

Join Exodus—fun, faith-filled events across Windsor-Essex to meet friends, explore faith, and hang out! Monthly Teen Bible Talks at Good Shepherd.

[CatholicFamily.ca/exodus](http://CatholicFamily.ca/exodus) [CatholicFamily.ca/feedmysheep](http://CatholicFamily.ca/feedmysheep)



A Young Adult, eager to explore your Faith?

Join us at a local bar for **Theology on Tap**, at Ste. Anne's Parish for our **Bible Studies** or in the community as part of our **Service Projects**. (High School Grads to age 35)

[CatholicFamily.ca/youngadultministry](http://CatholicFamily.ca/youngadultministry)

**CORNERSTONE**

Teens, looking to go Deeper?

March 6 - 8

Join us for the Best Retreat of your Life!

[CatholicFamily.ca/cornerstone](http://CatholicFamily.ca/cornerstone)



Want to keep up with our Teen & Young adult groups?

Be sure to follow our Instagram page @WLSCYOUTH



Confirmation is just around the corner, join our email list to be notified when it opens!

[CatholicFamily.ca/confirmation](http://CatholicFamily.ca/confirmation)

[CatholicFamily.ca/Youth](http://CatholicFamily.ca/Youth)

## MINI-PASTO (4-7 ANS)

Catéchèse - Parole - Rencontre - Amitiés

## TOUP'TITE PASTO pour les 2-4 ans



Pendant la messe du dimanche à l'exception du dernier dimanche du mois



## SOIREE ADOS

pour les 13-18ans  
jeux, collations, chocolat chaud, prière, partages  
le vendredi 9 janvier 19h-21h

Paroisse St-Jérôme



## ARCHANGES

pour les 8-12ans  
le vendredi 23 jan 18h30-20h

Paroisse St-Jérôme

# COMMUNAUTÉ FRANCOPHONE

[familleCatholique.ca](http://familleCatholique.ca)

## SOIREE DE FOI POUR ADULTES

Fraternité

Partage



samedi 31 janvier 18h - 20h

Paroisse St-Jérôme

## SOIREE DE FOI POUR JEUNES ADULTES

Fraternité

pour les 18-35ans  
Paroisse St-Jérôme

Partage



samedi 17 janvier 18h - 20h