

Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Parish

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Also by appointment.

Baptisms

Celebrated during the Masses on the 1st Sunday of each month. Please call the office.

Marriage

Contact Father Greg one year in advance to book an appointment.

Sunday Friends

Every Sunday from September to June during the 11:15 a.m. Mass.

Vocations

If you are discerning a call to Priesthood, permanent deaconate or religious life, please contact Father Greg at the parish office.

Sunday February 22nd, 2015 First Sunday of Lent

Father Gregory J. Bonin, Pastor Rev. Mr. Frank Lepain, Deacon Mrs. Christine Coyle, Coordinator of Youth Ministry Mrs. Liz Desmarais, Secretary Mrs. Carol Lemire, Custodian / Maintenance Manager

Dear Parishioners,

Why do we not say or sing the Alleluia during Lent? Alleluia means "Praise God", a term of great joy. During Lent however our focus is on the kingdom coming, not on the Kingdom having come. The readings during Lent focus heavily on the kingdom journey of the Old Testament Israel toward the coming of Christ and the salvation of mankind in His death and resurrection. We too are on a spiritual journey toward the Second Coming and our future life in heaven. In order to emphasise that journey, the Church during Lent removes the Alleluia from the Mass. The return of the Alleluia will be at Easter when our joy is complete, when we greet the Risen Lord with Alleluias. Have a great Season of Lent everyone!

40 Days for Life is a cross-denominational, faith based effort made up of three key components. 1) 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 2) Standing for life through a 40 day peaceful and public witness at Windsor Regional Hospital, Metropolitan Campus, and 3) Public visibility and group presentations. Please keep in your prayers this life saving prayer project taking place here in Windsor February 18th – March 29th.

Prayer to the Holy Face

O Jesus, who's adorable Face ravishes my heart, I implore Thee to fix deep within me Thy divine image and to set me on fire with Thy Love that I may be found worthy to come to the contemplation of Thy glorious Face in Heaven.

(St. Therese of Lisieux)

God Bless, Father Greg

Earish Mission Statement

CENTERED IN CHRIST, WE ARE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY SHARING OUR TALENTS AND GOODNESS, JOYFULLY CELEBRATING AND REACHING OUT TO ALL.



MASS INTENTIONS February 23rd – February 27th

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday 7 PM - Linda Centofanti - Family

- Joanne Mader(5th Ann.) - Family

-Souls in Purgatory - Mrs. Rodrigues

Wed. 8:30 AM - Carlos Mallare - Family

- Corine Rivard - Dan & Jeanne Mayea

- Florence MacDonald - Husband

Thurs. 8:30 AM - Santa Terziani - Gerardi Family

-Intentions of Alex Colautti - Family

- John Ulicny - Darlene Lauzon

- David Toth(4th Ann.) - Mother & Family

Friday 8:30 AM In Memory of Brett

-Silvana Mocarski - Elizabeth Temporal

- Dianne Logan - Your Parish Family



Mon. Feb. 23rd - 2 PM Coffee House

-6:45 PM Heart of Worship

- 7 PM Youth Group

Tues. Feb. 24th - 1 PM Knit for Missions

-7 PM Baptism Visitor Mtg.

Wed. Feb. 25th - 1 PM Intercessory Prayer

- 6 PM Communion Helpers

- 7 PM Youth Commission

- 7:30 PM Prayer Group

Thurs. Feb. 26th - 1 PM Quilters

-6 PM Choir

- 7 PM RCIA

Fri. Feb. 27th - 1 PM Rosary Unborn

-6PM Soup & Stations

IF WE WANT TO LOVE GOD BETTER, WE NEED TO HATE JIN MORE."

Mark Hart (BibleGeek...Life teen)

Youth Ministry News

The next 3 Monday evenings will be dedicated to "vocations" and how God is calling each and everyone of us to a certain "vocation". Together as a group we will answer the following questions: How do we listen? How do we respond? What does it mean to live a vocation? During these evening we will hear from single people, married and ordained people who are living out their vocation. Youth meetings are open to anyone in grades 5/6 or 7/8 and run from 7-8:30pm. There is always lots of fun, faith and food. There is no need to sign up or register. Youth group is an open door policy. A bowling trip is in the works. Forms will be given out this coming Monday, Feb. 23rd. Please see Christine if you have any questions.

First Eucharist

The First Communion family information gathering will be on Wednesday, March 4th from 6:30-7:30pm. The children will be taught their first lesson, work booklets will be given out and important information will be clarified to all parents. Please make sure not to miss this meeting. Call Christine if you have any further questions. We are looking forward to celebrating this most special Sacrament with you and your child.

Heart of Worship Hour

Monday, February 23rd will be our Heart of Worship Hour of Adoration from 6:45-7:45pm. This hour of praise & worship is geared towards teens, but anyone of all ages can attend. The youth group will be joining part way for a time of reflection and prayer. We are so fortunate to have Josh Topolie lead us in song.

DID YOU KNOW??

You must not lose faith in humanity.

Humanity is an ocean, if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the entire ocean does not become dirty.

Mahatma Gandhi



A youth alpha program is in the works here at Most Precious Blood beginning in May. I have 3 ladies who have volunteered to help with this amazing life changing program, but we could still use about 3 more men or women. This program is for teens who have never met Jesus yet to those who are still discovering their faith. There will be training. If you feel like you would like to help out with this experience, please contact Christine.

CHURCH CHUCKLE

When my daughter, Kelli, said her prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal. For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls." This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?" Her response, "Because everyone always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men'!"

OFFERTORY GIFTS

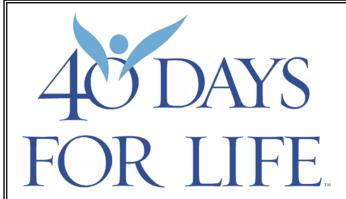
Last week the collection was \$4,786.00
Direct Deposit(avg. per week) \$1,125.00
Total Collection \$5,911.00

Building fund collection last week was \$1,393.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Building fund collection year to date is \$3,187.00

Thank you for your generosity



From February 18 through March 29, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life –40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil for an hour in the public right of way(sidewalk along Tecumseh Road, in front of the main parking lot) outside Met. Campus. If you would like more information or give an hour of your time in support, please contact Right to Life Office at 519-969-7555.

WHAT'S YOUR WHY? Ontario Society(Coalition) of Senior Citizens' Organizations

Why do you want to stay healthy? For your spouse, children, grandchildren, other family members or close friends? Do you have unfulfilled dreams? Whatever your "Why", join us at a Cancer Screening Awareness Workshop on Tuesday, March 3 at 1pm and learn the benefits of early cancer detection, why you should get screened and hear first-person stories from seniors about why they got screened.

To participate in this "What's Your Why?" Workshop, please register with Judy Wheeler at 519-962-5469.

SOUP & STATIONS

We will be having soup and stations every Friday evening during Lent. Various service groups within the parish will be hosting the stations and providing the soup. Soup will be served at 6 pm followed by the stations at 6:30 pm. The sponsor this week is Social Justice.

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