

# Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Parish

#### Parish Office

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#### Office Hours

www.mostpreciousblood.ca

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon 12:30 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 7, 2016 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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,

This Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, marks Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent in the Roman Catholic Church, and many Catholics attend Mass on Ash Wednesday to be marked with ashes as a sign of their own mortality. Lent is a period of fasting, moderation, and self-denial. It begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter Sunday. The length of the Lenten fast was established in the 4<sup>th</sup> century as 46 days (40 days, not counting Sundays). Lent began as a way for Catholics to remind themselves of the value of repentance. The austerity of the Lenten season was seen as similar to how people in the Old Testament fasted and repented in sackcloth and ashes (Esther 4:1-3; Jeremiah 6:26; Daniel 9:3)

#### Is Ash Wednesday a Holy Day of Obligation?

While all Roman Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday in order to begin the Lenten season with the proper attitude and reflection, Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

#### Soup & Stations

Every Friday during Lent, February 12<sup>th</sup> – March 18<sup>th</sup> Soup (meatless) will be served at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. This year we will be praying the Stations of the Cross in a new way which is more personal and solemn.

May God Bless you and your families on this wonderful and inspirational 40 day journey of Lent! 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 8<sup>tht</sup> - February 12<sup>th</sup>

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday 7 PM - Janet Jones - Winnie Boots

-Mae Gava - Carol Koski

- Theresa Dietrich, Donald & Michael

Wed. 8:30 AM Ash Wednesday

- Michael Kvolek - Anka Jurecko

-Girlie Gallego Arquelles - Gallego Family

- Fr. George Beaune - Chris & Pat Gillen

7 PM -Pat & Loretta Lauzon - Darlene

-Don Momney - Lillian George & Family

- Mel Hodgins - Family

Thurs. 8:30 AM - Maura Mallare - Family

-Intentions of Alex Colautti - Family

- Rita Leveque - Joe & Bernadette

Friday 8:30 AM - Reg Parent - Saundra Parent

-Joseph Edmondson - Tony & Agnes

- Eduardo & Elmira Melo - Mrs. Rodrigues



Mon. Feb. 8th - 6:30 PM Youth Group

Tues. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> - 4 – 6 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

- 5 PM Youth Choir Practice

- 6:30 PM Holy Face Devotion

Wed. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> - 1 PM Intercessory Prayers

-7:00 PM RCIA

Thurs. Feb. 11th - 1 PM Quilters

-6PM Choir Practice

- 6 PM Refugee Volunteers

Fri. Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> - 1 PM Rosary Unborn

-6 PM Soup

- 6:30 PM Stations

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly, you are doing the impossible."

St. Francis of Assisi

#### **Youth Ministry News**

There is a youth group night on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm. Youth group meetings are open to anyone in grades 5 through 8. We are going to start opening up the "Works of Mercy" and seeing how, as a youth group, we can accomplish them together.

#### Save the "Family Skate" Date

Youth Ministry will be hosting a "Free Family Skate" hour on Family Day (Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>) at the Tecumseh Arena (12021 McNorton St., Tecumseh) from 3-4pm. Please bring the family for some skating fun!

#### **Youth Choir**

If you would like to join our youth choir, practices are every Tuesday from 5-6:15pm. New people are always welcome to come out and share their talent with our parish family. We sing every other week at the Saturday evening mass. The next mass we will be singing at is Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any other questions please contact Christine at ccoyle@dol.ca.

#### **First Eucharist Family Gathering**

Congratulations to all the children for making their First Reconciliation this past Thursday evening. Now, on to the next Sacrament... First Eucharist. Our family gathering will take place on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm. The children will receive their first lesson, so it is very important that the child who is preparing for the Sacrament attend with their parents. Please contact Christine if you have any questions.

# Best-Lent-Ever Don't Give Up Chocolate This Lent!

Maybe it's time you try something different. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's email program Best Lent Ever®. Each day you'll receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. Using Matthew's new bestseller Rediscover Jesus as their guide, they will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourself—in a deeply personal way.

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#### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

From February 10 to March 20, 2016 you're 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 of your choosing, in the public right-of-way (sidewalk along Tecumseh Road E, in front of the main parking lot) outside Windsor Regional Hospital Metropolitan Campus from 7 am to 7 pm.

# 2016 Awake-a-thon Teen Event (Save the Date)

If you have a teen in grades 8 & up, they may be interested in participating in the much anticipated 2016 Awake-a-thon. We will be joining with Mt. Carmel teen group for this event. More details coming soon!!

#### **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES**

The Knight of Columbus will be serving Pancakes and Ham on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm. Tickets are purchased at the door. Adults \$4, Children \$3 and a family of four 2 adults & 2 children \$12.

#### **OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Last week the collection was \$6,800.50
Direct Deposit(avg. per week) \$1,108.50
Total Collection \$7,909.00

Building fund collection last week was \$107.50

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Building fund collection year to date is
\$1,894.50

#### **SOUP AND STATIONS**

We will be having soup and stations every Friday evening during Lent. Various service groups within the parish will be providing soup. Soup will be served at 6 pm followed by Stations at 6:30 pm. This week soup is provided by Parish Council.

#### **LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

During Lent, Society of St. Vincent de Paul requests food donations. Week 1 – Pasta Sauce.

#### CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT NETWORK

We Can – Catholic Young Adult Network(ages 19-35). Our next young adult fellowship night will take place on Friday, February 12 at 7pm. We meet every second Friday of the month. We will be gathering together at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2401 Columbus Dr., Windsor, right by Lajeunesse High School.

# 2016/17 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FEBRUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 26, 2016

For your added convenience, the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board invites you to attend an Open House/Evening Registration at your local Catholic School. Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Requirements are: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Health Card and Immunization Record. Junior Kindergarten: Children must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2016 and Senior Kindergarten: Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2016.

#### **TAX RECEIPTS**

You can save the parish 85 cents for each tax receipt that we do not have to mail. Please pick up your 2015 tax receipts in the hall after all masses or during office hours Tuesday thru Friday.

#### **CWL MEAT/CHICKEN PIE'S**

Ladies will be taking orders for meat/chicken pie's the next two weekends, Feb. 13/14 & 20/21. Prices remain - 10" \$9.00 and 5" \$4.50.

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