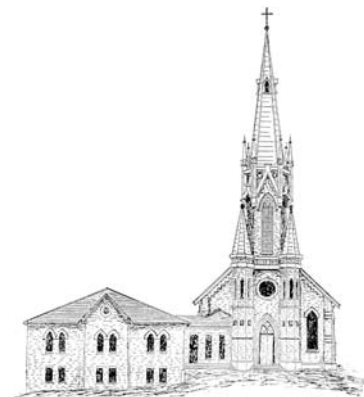


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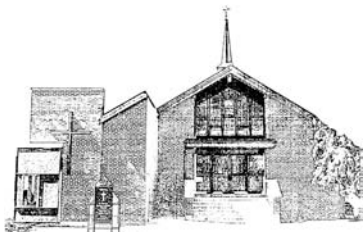
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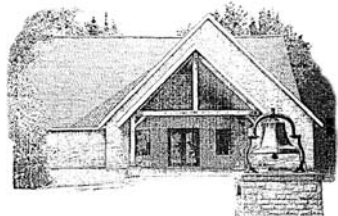
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**St. Mary of the Assumption  
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Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am



**St. Vincent, Meaford**  
Sunday 11:00 am



**St. Thomas The Apostle, Tobermory**  
Saturday 11:30 am



**St. Mark, Lions Head**  
Saturday 9:30 am

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**Holy Family, Sauble Beach**  
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Sunday 9:00 am (Apr-Oct)

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Owen Sound: Monday-Friday ..... 9:00 am

Tuesday, Thursday ..... 7:00 pm

Sauble Beach: 1st, 3rd, 5th Wed. of the month ..... 7:00 pm  
(Apr-Oct)

Hepworth: 1st, 3rd, 5th Wed. of the month ..... 7:00 pm  
(Nov-Mar)

Meaford: 2nd, 4th Wed. of the month ..... 7:00 pm

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-12 noon; 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

## CONFESSIONS

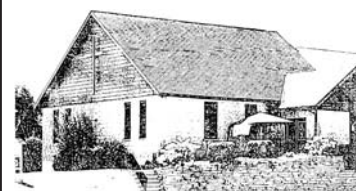
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## NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to your new parish! You will find registration forms in the pews. Fill one out and drop it in the collection basket.



**St. Stanislaus, Chatsworth**  
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Sunday 1:00 pm

## From the Pastor's Desk

Hello again my dear brothers and sisters in Christ. A new season is starting with our bulletins being printed once again. This is our first bulletin after the summer months, and I must admit that I've become a bit possessive with this first print, choosing to use it all myself. Margery will begin her regular bulletin items for next weekend. In this bulletin I'd like to feature some updates from what's been happening in our parish over the last two months, as well as some ideas I have for the upcoming year/years. God's love is our certainty, and I pray that we will continue to ask for the grace to be open to that love and share God's love within our community and beyond.

## Pastoral Team

The summer months brought a few changes to our pastoral team. At the start of August Fr. James left for his well deserved sabbatical, which will last for 5 months. During Fr. James' absence I've been able to recruit two retired priests to help us on Sundays: Fr. Anthony Azzopardi and Fr. Tom Moisin. Even though Bishop Crosby offered to send us a replacement priest for the duration of Fr. James' sabbatical, I've decided to forgo getting a full time third priest. I did this for two reasons: to make things easier for our Bishop by freeing one of the priests, and to save our parish some money during the time of Fr. James' absence. Fr. Emmanuel and I will do our best to work a bit harder during the weekdays, and with the help of our two retired priests on Sundays we should not see any changes in our ministry.

## Seminarian "hello and goodbye"

During the month of August, we said goodbye to seminarian Paul, who completed his pastoral year and left the parish. Our house was not without a seminarian for long though, since three days after Paul's departure a new seminarian moved in for his pastoral year. The new seminarian's name is Matt Gunnarson, and we are very happy to have him with us. I'm sure you'll get to know him. Please pray for him and encourage him. It is a privilege for our parish to play a part in the formation of future priests.

## Some "small" repairs

Since we take care of many church buildings as St. Mary's and the Missions parish, it is not surprising that there are always small repairs that need to be

done to maintain our structures. This summer we have been working on a number of projects:

- After the flooding of the church basement at St. Vincent in Meaford, we've been working with the insurance company to do proper clean-up and rebuilding. The clean up has now been completed and the work of rebuilding the hall and the kitchen has begun. We hope to be finished before winter.
- The leak in the roof above the kitchen of the rectory in Owen Sound has been looked at, and a small work of patching it before the snow comes is under way.
- The roof on St. Stanislaus Church in Chatsworth is in need of complete replacement. We've now received a number of quotes and we hope to have the roof replaced in the next few months. I've submitted an application to Ex Corde foundation with the hope that we can receive some money to help us pay for this project.
- St. Mary's in Hepworth will be transitioning from a propane furnace to a natural gas furnace. The job has been priced and we've asked Ex Corde foundation for a grant to pay for this project.
- Holy Family mission at Sauble Beach is looking to install natural gas furnace in order to move away from electric heating. This will be a great cost saver for us. I've applied to Ex Corde foundation to help us pay for this project.
- Due to the generosity of one family in our parish, we have purchased a pipe organ for St. Mary's church in Owen Sound. We are in the process of completing the installation of this wonderful instrument. Thank you to our anonymous donors for helping us pay for this wonderful addition to our church.
- St. Thomas Aquinas mission in Warton is still waiting to have a new sidewalk and stairs poured before the winter. Ex Corde foundation has provided us with a grant for this project.

Now you are all up to date. And you thought that I had nothing to do during the summer months!

## Bishop Crosby's visit

On August 4 Bishop Crosby visited our parish. The Bishop came on Saturday, in time for the Irish Block celebration Mass and the blessing of the new gates and fence. An amazing showing of people, around five hundred, along with beautiful weather, provided for a truly blessed event. On Saturday afternoon the Bishop met with the Seminarian Formation

Committee, parish staff, priests, and with Paul. This was to evaluate Paul's formation year with us and to discern if Paul is being called to the priesthood for the Diocese of Hamilton. On Sunday morning the Bishop and I travelled to Cape Croker for a Mass with the parishioners there. Many members of the Cape Croker Catholic parish came to Mass, and offered a nice reception for the Bishop after Mass. Bishop Crosby's visit with our parish was brief, but filled with many events and many blessings. We thank the Bishop for taking the time to visit our beautiful parish.

### **Changes to the bulletin**

Our parish bulletin will no longer be printed at the parish office by Margery, but will now be printed by Liturgical Publications company in Oakville. For some time now our own Knights of Columbus took care of paying for the cost of the bulletin by finding local advertisers. I decided to make the change by asking Liturgical Publications to take care of our bulletins for a number of reasons:

1. This will greatly reduce the amount of work that we must do, which included printing and folding bulletins each week. The bulletins will be now delivered printed and folded at no cost to us.
2. This will also allow us to extend the life of our photocopier, which is getting old and cannot handle massive printing jobs very well.
3. Liturgical Publications will still rely on the advertisement of our local businesses, and there will be no cost to the parish for the bulletins. This means that by advertising with our bulletin local businesses are supporting our parish.
4. Since there is very little work involved in the production of the bulletins on our part, we will now offer bulletins to our parishioners year round, including during our busy summer months.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for all the work they did in helping the parish with the cost of printing our bulletins for many years. Please encourage local businesses to continue advertising in our bulletin and in so doing supporting our parish.

### **New year, new programs**

As our new school season begins, please keep an eye open to our various programs and events. I'm not going to list them here, they will be listed in following bulletins. For now please know that our life of faith depends on all of us, not just the priests. I am hoping that we can look at ways of involving more of our parishioners in the various committees and programs within our parish.

### **Shaking things up**

If you would like to know how I hope to shake things up in our parish over the next few years, please read the book "Divine Renovation" by Fr. James Malon. In this book Fr. James proposes a number of strategies aimed at one goal: transforming a parish from being "maintenance oriented" to being "mission oriented". This book is available for sale in our office. I will be looking for people who have read the book and are interested in the ideas found there.

### **For fun**

What do you like to do for fun? This is a question that many people like to ask me. Well, here are a few things I've done over the last summer which were "just for fun":

- I've read a new biography about Elon Musk, the founder of Tesla, Space X, and Solar City. I've been very interested in new technologies, but particularly in this man who has captured the imagination of so many people. After reading the book about his life I was amazed how clear of a thinker he is, how much he cares about making a positive difference in the world, and how many big businesses dislike him.
- I've done a few motorcycle trips this summer, 3 days around Lake Huron, and 2 days going to Wilno, Ontario (known as the first Polish settlement in Canada). I hope to squeeze in one more trip early in September (2-3 days) exploring the areas around Elliot Lake.
- I've been recording my music again, taking the time to practice different arrangements of music that I learned long ago, as well as music that I've written over the years. I really should spend more time on music, it gives me such a boost when I do.
- Presently I'm reading a beautiful spiritual book "Holy Longing" by Ron Rolheiser. In it I am learning and relearning how to live my life in a contemplative way, namely, how to slow things down and recognize the beauty of God in all things.
- I love listening to Podcasts. I usually listen to these when I'm working on the car or motorcycle, when I'm doing my laundry, or walking. Here are my favourites: Bishop Robert Barron (spirituality), Ben Shapiro (politics), Fr. Larry Richards (homilies), First Things (philosophy), and Catholic Spirituality with Fr. Kuzma (my favourite).

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