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Mass Schedule Diocesan Bishop Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. **Pastor** Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com Saturday 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Sunday Deacons Deacon George Newman 11:00 a.m. **Deacon Brian Jeynes** Confessions **Director of Music** Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration Christine Buckley Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



April 23, 2023 Third Sunday of Easter

Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards, we know our lives are a sojourn toward the ultimate destination of heaven. Our Gospel passage today describes the sojourn of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered the empty tomb of our Lord and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. They had been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported.



How much more obvious could the Good News be? And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own stewardship journey, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, and the support of our parish family. Yet, we often lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God.

But notice what happens to the two men when their eyes are opened once again, and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — the "breaking of the bread." They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them. When we find we have lost our way, we can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on our journey towards heaven.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Parish Calendar

Monday, April 24 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Rita Markle †

Tuesday, April 25

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Rose McCabe †
Special Intention

Wednesday, April 26

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Patsy White † Josephine & Martin Kobe †

Thursday, April 27 - No Mass

Friday, April 28

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Francis Patterson \dagger Mary & Redmond Power \dagger | Special Intention

Saturday, April 29

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Michael Koch † Special Intentions

Sunday, April 30 9:00 a.m. - St. Peter Family Mass Rose Bonasheski † | John Matthews † 11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People





Msgr. Leo Clutterbuck will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 7th, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in St. Alfred's Church, 272 Vine Street, St. Catharines. A Reception will follow in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Please keep me in your prayers and know that you and your family are welcome to join us for this celebration.

Msgr. Leo

Are You Being Called?

Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others?

Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for "Sacraments and Rituals"

at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 25th in our Divinity Hall.

Did you know....

...that God calls each of us to serve him? When Jesus began his ministry he chose a group of twelve to be his friends and apostles. In the choice of the twelve, we see a characteristic feature of God's work: Jesus chose very ordinary people. They did ordinary things, had no special education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. When God calls us to serve, we must not shrug back because we think that we have little or nothing to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom.

CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!



Catholic Women's League Corner: April 22nd & 23rd

- April 26 is the feast day of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. We will mark it by gathering for Mass at 11:30 am and a pin ceremony celebrating milestone years of membership for many of our members. a buffet lunch at Cat's Caboose will follow.
- To mark National Hospice and Palliative Care Week, we invite all parishioners to attend an information night on Tuesday, May 9 at 7 pm in Divinity Hall. Guests from Hotel Dieu Shaver, Hospice Niagara and Paramed will first speak to the nature of palliative care in Niagara and then answer questions.



- Please sign up since space is limited.
- https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TTYTG3K
- Mother's Day weekend is around the corner and so is our CWL BAKESALE, RAFFLE and FLOWER SALE. We are in need of baked goods (cut, wrapped and ready for sale) which can be dropped of in the Divinity Room after 4pm on Saturday May 13 or before the Masses on Sunday, May 14



FEEDING HUNGRY STUDENTS PROGRAM IN NEED OF FINANCIAL HELP



Every day in Niagara, one in five students goes to school hungry, forced to rely on school food programs. In some recent school years, in cooperation with Niagara Nutrition Partners, over one million meals have been served annually in Niagara Catholic District School Board nutrition programs. Now, there are serious concerns because schools are facing unprecedented need and the financial support required to maintain the current levels of quality food programming. Triggering these budgetary challenges are the increase in the number of students who rely on being fed at school, and an increase in the cost of food and delivery. To assist in ensuring that this program continues, the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is reaching out to the community for any level of financial support possible. If you can help feed students in need please make cheques payable to Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. Mailing address, 427 Rice Road, Welland, Ontario L3C 7C1 Visa and Mastercard also accepted. Donate on line through Foundation website at www.nfce.org phone (905) 735-0247 extension 210, Email, jim.marino@nfce.org

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