

Welcome! 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ August 16th – 23rd

Saturday August 15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
SJ	5:00pm	Nancy Kearney ~ <i>Robert Kearney</i>
SVDP	5:00pm	Brian Letts ~ <i>Marion Letts</i>
Sunday August 16		
SJ	9:00am	Birthday Intentions of Lianne Kevan ~ <i>A Friend</i>
SHP	9:00am	In Thanksgiving ~ <i>Pat & Eadie LaFreniere</i>
SB	11:00am	Pauline Quigley ~ <i>Denise Tobin</i>
SJ	11:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
Monday August 17		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
Tuesday August 18		
SB	9:00am	Marlowe Kirkham ~ <i>St. Bridget’s CWL</i>
SJ	4:30pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ <i>Allida Rubino</i>
Wednesday August 19		
SJ	9:00am	For the protection of all human life ~ <i>LifeMatters Core Group</i>
Thursday August 20 ~ St. Bernard		
SHP	9:00am	Joan Comfort ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
SJ	12:00pm	Joseph Carroll ~ <i>Maxine McEachern</i>
PCCC	2:00pm	Perth Community Care Centre Mass
Friday August 21 ~ St. Pius X		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
SJ	9:00am	Earl Sonnenburg ~ <i>Elaine Cavalier</i>
SJ	9:30am	<i>Holy Adoration & Benediction</i>
Saturday August 22 ~ The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
SJ	5:00pm	Special Intention ~ <i>Bonnie Switzer</i>
SVDP	5:00pm	Sean O’Grady ~ <i>Butler Family</i>
Sunday August 23		
SJ	9:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
SHP	9:00am	Rhonda Shepherd ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
SB	11:00am	Marlowe Kirkham ~ <i>Theresa Kirkham</i>
SJ	11:00am	For the Consitt family & fellow parishioners ~ <i>Consitt Family</i>

Thank you for your contributions!
Regular Sunday Weekly Donation \$4182.
E-Transfer Weekly Donation \$670.

CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES

St. Bridget’s Cemetery: Saturday, August 29th @ 11am
***Please join us for a potluck at BVM Hall after the cemetery Mass.
St. John’s Cemetery: Saturday, Sept. 5th @ 11am

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

I do reflect sometimes that the greatest prayer is not the prayer we say beautifully, but the prayer we refuse to stop praying. Today, Jesus meets a Canaanite woman who is desperate for her daughter. She is an outsider, yet she comes to Jesus with remarkable faith: **“Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David.”** Initially, Jesus seems silent. Then comes a difficult response from Jesus. Yet the woman does not walk away. Instead, she kneels and says simply, **“Lord, help me.”** Her persistence reveals something profound: faith is not always getting an immediate answer; sometimes faith is **holding on to God when the answer seems delayed.** We all know something about this woman. **A parent who keeps praying for a struggling child.** A family that refuses to give up on someone who has wandered away. Someone who quietly says every morning, **“Lord, just give me strength for today.”** That is faith. St. Paul assures us that **“the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.”** God does not give up on us. So today, bring your impossible situation to Jesus. **Kneel before Him. Cry if you must. Ask again. Trust again.** Because the hands that seemed silent are **still the Hands of Mercy.** Likewise at this Eucharist, we discover the greatest answer to every prayer: **Jesus Himself.** When we receive Him, we receive not merely what we ask for, but the One our hearts ultimately need. **Lord, increase our faith, especially when You seem silent. Teach us never to give up on Your mercy. Amen.**

✠ **Foy Hall Garage Sale:** Open Fridays & Saturdays from 10am – 2:30pm! There are always amazing deals to be found! 91 Princess St. in Lanark. Hope to see you there!

✠ **St. Bridget’s Social Sunday – Final Sunday Mass:** Sunday, August 30th will mark the final Sunday Mass at St. Bridget’s Church. While the church will continue to celebrate one weekday Mass each week, we invite everyone to gather at BVM Hall following Mass for fellowship and to mark this important day together.

✠ **Catholic Women’s League – Fall Retreat:** We warmly invite all women to our Fall Retreat on Saturday, September 26th, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at St. Francis de Sales Church and Hanley Hall. We are pleased to welcome Father Justin Pulikunnel as our special guest speaker for a day of faith, reflection, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Lunch and refreshments are included. A free will offering will be accepted. Please RSVP by September 21st by contacting Melanie at 613-326-1003 or cwsmithsfalls@gmail.com.

✠ **Archdiocese of Kingston 200th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** Join Fr. Justin and Fr. Price on a faith-filled pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 5-15, 2026. Please see the itinerary in the church and this week’s Flocknote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



St. John the Baptist Parish Window Restoration Fund

What an incredible blessing! Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our parish family, **we have raised an amazing \$40,790 for our Window Restoration Fund - far exceeding our original goal!** We are *deeply* grateful for your generosity, prayers, and love for our historic church. The window restoration is currently in the planning stages and will begin as soon as possible. Your generosity will help us preserve and care for our parish home for generations to come. Thank you for helping make this possible! May God bless you abundantly for your faithful stewardship.
-Father Charles Enyinnia

200th Anniversary Bicycle Pilgrimage

What an incredible journey! The 200th Anniversary Bicycle Pilgrimage was a tremendous success, covering an amazing **200 miles** and filled with wonderful people, prayer, song, Scripture, and faith. A heartfelt **thank you** to all who participated, and to everyone who supported the pilgrimage through accommodations, meals, prayers, encouragement, or otherwise. And a very special thank you to Terry Stewart and his team of organizers, who took this wonderful idea from vision to reality and created such a memorable celebration of faith and community. **Job well done!**

Volunteers Needed at Sacred Heart Church

We are looking for volunteers to help clean Sacred Heart Church. **Please stay after Mass on Thursday, August 20th to lend a hand.** Many hands make light work, and your help is greatly appreciated!

Food Bank Donations

Since January, St. John’s parishioners have collected and donated **571 pounds of food** to help fill the Food Bank shelves! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed. **Please continue to bring your food donations and help us keep the shelves stocked! God Bless!**

SACRAMENTS

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Persons interested in learning more about the Catholic Church - its beliefs and practices - are invited to participate in a series of conversations (formerly RCIA) that will be held at 15 Church St, Tuesday evenings at 7 pm, starting September 15th.

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czap, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Claudette Timmerman, Mary Rorwick, Susan Beaudoin Watson, Pascal Proulx, Camille Bozozuk, Nellie

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Pajackowski, Father Sebastian Amato, Rita Steele, Edith Clark, & Lisette Vaillancourt. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Sister Annette Mary Valade, R.H.S.J. Jesus, I trust in You.
In need of prayer? Connect with our strong prayer warriors, Father Charles, Father Anthony, or one of our Parish Prayer teams through the Parish Office (for St John’s Pastoral Care, CWL, or KOC Prayer group). Jesus, I trust in You.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Celebrating Our Priests

Please join us in congratulating **Fr. Charles** and **Fr. Anthony** as they celebrate their anniversaries of ordination to the priesthood!
Fr. Charles celebrates his **28th Anniversary of Ordination on Saturday, August 15th.**
Fr. Anthony celebrates his **15th Anniversary of Ordination on Thursday, August 20th.**
We give thanks to God for the gift of their priestly ministry and for all they do in service to our parish and community. **Please keep both Fr. Charles and Fr. Anthony in your prayers,** asking God to bless them with continued joy, strength, and grace in their priestly vocations.
Congratulations, Fathers, and thank you for your faithful service to God and His people!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

[St John Parish Meeting Place, 15 Church St, Perth]

CWL Monthly Meeting *Meetings on hold until fall	2 nd Monday of each Month @ 7pm
Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details. *Meetings on hold until fall	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting *Meetings on hold until fall	2 nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm.
Life Matters Monthly Meeting	2 nd Wednesday of each month @ 10am
Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting	2 nd Wednesday of each month @ 7pm
Pastoral Care Committee Meeting	TBD
Wednesday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Wednesdays @ 7pm *Meetings on hold until fall
St. John’s Holy Face Group Monthly Meeting *Next Meeting is August 20th, a week early, for this month only.	Last Thursday of each month, after the noon Mass
Thursday Bible Study Group – Contact Evelyn Goodfellow for details.	Thursdays @ 1pm *Meetings on hold until fall
Sunday Mass 11am Choir	Thursdays @ 7pm & Sundays @ 10:15am
St. John’s Movie Club	No meeting in August
Life Matters Men’s Group – Contact Dave Lapointe for details.	3 rd Saturday of each month
Saturday Mass 5:00pm Choir	Saturdays @ 4:45pm