Welcome! 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2026

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ November 15th – 22nd

Saturday November 14		
SJ	5:00pm	In thanks to St. Jude ~ *Bonnie Switzer*
SHP	7:00pm	Gertrude Parks Beadle ~ *Doris Quinn*
Sunday November 15		
SJ	9:00am	*Mass for the People of the Parish*
SJ	11:00am	Doris, Stanley, & Lyman White ~ *Jim & Fran McGuire*
Monday November 16		
SJ	8:30am	*Prayers for the Sick & Suffering (No Mass)*
Tuesday November 17 ~ St. Elizabeth of Hungary		
SB	9:00am	Bill Garry ~ *John & Cathy Conway*
SJ	4:30pm	Stephen McNamee ~ *Marie White*
Wednesday November 18		
SJ	9:00am	For the protection of all human life ~ *LifeMatters Core Group*
Thursday November 19		
SHP	9:00am	Julia Wong ~ *Rose & Walter Tam*
SJ	12:00pm	Brian Peters ~ *Alan & Shirley Chaplin*
PCCC	2:00pm	Perth Community Care Centre Mass
Friday November 20		
SJ	8:30am	*Prayer for the Sick & Suffering*
SJ	9:00am	Gerard, Marlowe, & Wayne Kirkham ~ *Elaine Cavalier & Family*
SJ	9:30am	*Holy Adoration & Benediction*
Saturday November 21 ~ The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
SJ	5:00pm	Zofia & Marian Raczek ~ *Daughter & Family*
SHP	7:00pm	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ *Don & Dianne Adam*
Sunday November 22 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe		
SJ	9:00am	Chuck Stewart ~ *Nina Stewart*
SJ	11:00am	*Mass for the People of the Parish*

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Weekly Donation $4131.
E-Transfer Weekly Donation $100.

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for November: For the proper use of wealth.

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less. ***Amen.***

PASTORAL CARE

Any parishioner or family member unable to attend Mass and would like a home visit please call Parish Office at 613-267-1043.

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

DO NOT BURY YOUR FORTUNE

Many people are uncomfortable when talk of hell is raised. Some preachers rarely preach on the subject. Certainly, we should be uncomfortable with the thought of hell – it is a terrible fate to be avoided at all costs – and we are right to concentrate on heaven. This is possible if only we could use rather than bury our talents.

The question this Gospel poses to us may be uncomfortable: what exactly did the third servant do wrong? If we can answer that, I think we will understand what God is asking of each of us as we draw close to the end of this liturgical year.

The third servant began with what he believed about his master. He looked at a man who had just placed a fortune in his hands, an act of astonishing trust, and he saw only a harsh judge waiting for him to fail. So, he buried the talent. He was trying to be careful.

God is not asking whether we were careful. He is asking whether we trusted Him enough to risk something for love.

This week, choose one thing you have buried. One gift, one act of forgiveness, one word of faith you have been afraid to speak. Dig it up. Put it to work for love.

If someone has the talent or gift of writing, they should take care of that gift and strive to become a good writer. We can only grow in our talents if we use them rather than bury them. No one will know what we can do until we show them, just as no one will know the quality of a product unless we showcase it. We need to EXPRESS ourselves like the first and second servants rather than REPRESS ourselves like the third servant, who bottled up his God-given gifts.

The servant in the Gospel kept his fortune perfectly safe and lost everything. The worthy woman of Proverbs in the first reading spent herself freely, and "her works praise her at the city gates." May we be people who dig up what fear has buried, so that when the Master returns, we hear those words meant for each of us: "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy." – Fr. Cyprian Ihedoro

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Claudette Timmerman, Susan Beaudoin Watson, Pascal Proulx, Camille Bozozuk, Nellie Pajaczkowski, Rita Steele, Edith Clark, Teresa Donnelly, Danielle Gervais, Bernie Boucher, Father Moses Nwosu, Andrew Brosso, George Donnelly, Paul Donnelly, & Bonnie Bulmer.

Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially Elizabeth & Patrick Fahey – sister and brother-in-law of Fr. Don Cummings, Theresa Kirkham, Patrick Kavanagh, father of Andrea McKinnon, & Diana Meldrum. Jesus, I trust in You.

In need of prayer? Connect with our strong prayer warriors, Father Cyprian, 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ***Foy Hall Garage Sale:*** Open Fridays & Saturdays from 10am – 2:30pm! There are always amazing deals to be found! 91 Princess St. in Lanark. Many Christmas items in stock. Hope to see you there!
- ***Social Sunday! Next weekend!*** Join us next weekend, November 22nd, for fellowship and refreshments, **hosted by our St. John's Bible Study groups!** Come meet the groups, learn what they have to offer, and discover how studying Scripture together can deepen your faith and bring the Word of God to life!
- ***Family planning that reflects your faith and values:*** St. Francis Parish welcomes you to a Natural Family Planning presentation by Raquel Fararr Nurse Practitioner and Marquette Method Certified professional on **November 28th** at Hanley Hall, 30 McGill St N, Smiths Falls. Raquel will introduce the science behind NFP, explain how it supports women's health, and highlight its role in strengthening marriages through shared responsibility and respect. The presentation begins at 10am followed by a Q and A period. For further information see https://www.lifemattersnetwork.ca/.
- ***Solemn Vespers:*** The Knights of Columbus are hosting Solemn Vespers in honour of the Feast of St. Andrew on Monday, November 30th, at 7:00pm at St. John's Church. Men of the parish are warmly invited to a social gathering afterward in the Knights Hall at 15 Church Street, Perth.
- **St John's CWL Christmas Bake Sale:** The highly anticipated annual CWL Christmas bake sale will be held on **December 5th and 6th**. Homemade baking and preserves will be available for cash purchase in the Narthex after each Mass. Donations for our charity fundraisers will also be accepted. Anyone wishing to provide baking would be appreciated – please provide before each Mass. Thank you in advance for your support! See you there!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John LifeMATTERS group presents...

FRUIT CAKES FOR LIFE!



In collaboration with Campaign Life Coalition, St. John's lifeMATTERS Group are taking orders for delicious Christmas Cakes & Treats in the Narthex **until November 29th.** These treats are made using the original recipes of the Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey (formerly Oka) and are perfect for holiday gift-giving. Religious **Advent Calendars are also available** in two sizes, as well as religious Christmas cards … and whole Bean Coffee! … so don't wait to order. All proceeds go towards local pro-life work and the Monks of Val Notre Dame Abbey. Thank you for your support for Life, from conception to natural death. Please see posters in the Church for more information, or call Elaine @ 613-264-4071

Important Notice: Cheque Deposits

BMO now requires all cheques to be made payable using the **exact account name**. Please ensure cheques are written to the appropriate account:



CHURCHES
Parish of St. John the Baptist
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
St. Bridget's Church, Stanleyville
CEMETERIES
St John Cemetery
Sacred Heart Cemetery
St. Bridget's Church Cemetery
St. Columbkill Cemetery

Cheques with names that do not match the account name exactly may be refused. Thank you for your cooperation.

HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!

Donations are needed for this year's Children's Christmas Shopping Event in Lanark! We welcome new or gently used, gift-worthy toys, clothing, accessories and small household items that children can choose as Christmas gifts for their parents and siblings.

Wrapping paper, gift bags and tape are also needed!

Event takes place on Saturday, December 5 | 10am – 2pm.

St. Andrew's Church, 115 Clarence Street, Lanark

Please drop off donations at the parish office or contact Doris Quinn no later than Wednesday, December 2nd.

Thank you for helping make Christmas special for local families!

CWL Membership for 2027

All women are warmly invited to join the Catholic Women's League in 2027! Annual membership is $40, payable by cash or cheque (**made out to "St. John Catholic Women's League").** Please use the blue CWL envelope provided in your parish donation box or clearly mark a regular envelope "CWL." Be sure to include your name and current contact information. New members are always welcome! For more information, contact Marianne at 613-430-4275, Marleen at 613-264-0960, or cwl.stjohn@gmail.com.



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MATTHEW 22:37

"Bible Study has given meaning to the readings I have heard in church, my whole life." **— Bible Study Participant**

In Matthew 22:37, Jesus shares the Greatest Commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind." Loving God with all your "mind" means studying our faith and the truth by reading the scriptures in the Bible and seeking to know more about God through His Word. Join us for Bible Study on Monday mornings, Wednesday evenings or Thursday afternoons as we seek to love God more with our mind. Contact Jenny Salte at 613-264-7794 for details, locations, and times.

