## Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ November 8th – 15th

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| **(FIRST) Saturday November 7** | | |
| **SJ** | 9:00am | Jayden Dowdall ~ *Jason, Julie, & Justin Dowdall* |
| **SJ** | 5:00pm | For the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus, Council #3531 ~ *KoC Council #3531* |
| **SHP** | 7:00pm | Eugene Whyte ~ *Georgette Whyte* |
| **Sunday November 8** | | |
| **SJ** | 9:00am | *Mass for the People of the Parish* |
| **SJ** | 11:00am | Dr. Greg Walsh ~ *Arlene Walsh* |
| **Monday November 9 ~ The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** | | |
| **SJ** | 8:30am | *Prayer for the Sick & Suffering* |
| **Tuesday November 10 ~ St. Leo the Great** | | |
| **SB** | 9:00am | Sean O'Grady ~ *John & Cathy Conway* |
| **SJ** | 4:30pm | Wayne Kirkham ~ *Dorion & Patti Lamarche* |
| **Wednesday November 11 ~ St. Martin of Tours** | | |
| **SJ** | 9:00am | Catherine Williams ~ *Bonny Godfrey* |
| **LL.** | 10:00am | Lanark Lodge Mass |
| **SJ** | 1:15pm | St. John's Elementary School Mass Brian Peters ~ *Ann Buchanan* |
| **Thursday November 12 ~ St. Josaphat** | | |
| **SHP** | 9:00am | End of wildfires in Canada ~ *Pat Molyneaux* |
| **SJ** | 12:00pm | Earl Sonnenburg ~ *Shirley Kindellan* |
| **Friday November 13** | | |
| **SJ** | 8:30am | *Prayer for the Sick & Suffering* |
| **SJ** | 9:00am | Kevin McNaughton ~ *Nina Stewart* |
| **SJ** | 9:30am | *Holy Adoration & Benediction* |
| **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* |

*Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Weekly Donation $4285.*
*E-Transfer Weekly Donation $620.*
*Monthly PAD Donation $7777.*

**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.***

## PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

Let us go for the lamp of Wisdom, because without wisdom, we may be travelling in the dark. We need wisdom to be able to manage the two aspects of life presented in the readings today: the Gospel, which speaks of rejoicing, and the second reading, which speaks of grieving. We can attend a birthday celebration today, and tomorrow, we may attend a burial ceremony. The Gospel of this weekend introduces us to the meaning of life through the parable of the ten virgins. What constitutes wisdom and foolishness? What is wisdom in life, and what is foolishness in life?

According to Pope Francis: "All those bridesmaids are there to welcome the bridegroom, that is, they want to meet him, just as we too desire a happy fulfilment of life: the difference between wisdom and foolishness is therefore not in goodwill. Nor does it lie in the punctuality with which they arrive at the meeting: they were all there. The difference between the wise and the foolish is another: **'PREPARATION'**. The text says: the wise '*took flasks of oil*' with their lamps, the foolish, on the other hand, did not. Here is the difference: **the oil**. And what is one of the characteristics of the oil? That it cannot be seen. It is inside the lamps, it is not conspicuous, but without it the lamps have no light."

The Gospel gives us the right advice so that we do not neglect the oil of our inner life, the "oil of the soul": the oil of kindness, love, charity and sacrifice. This oil of virtue cannot be transferred from one person to another, but we can acquire it through our own personal efforts and through our relationships with our neighbours.

The sellers are the people out there who are looking for kindness and a sense of belonging. We must go to the sellers, buy the oil, and put it in our lamps.

– 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. 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!
- ***Project Rachel at St. Mary's Refuge Retreat:*** November 13-15, 2026, for women who have been hurt by abortion. You can speak with someone who understands, and you will have a chance to begin healing from loss and grief. Phone 613-473-2679 or e-mail ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org, and visit stmarysrefuge.org/rachel.
- ***Is Life Always Worth Living?:*** Many of you will remember Amanda Achtman, Ethics Director at Canadian Physicians for Life, who gave us a presentation/workshop last November at St. Johns. She is providing another workshop on "Is Life Always Worth Living?", on Saturday, November 14th, 2026, from 10am-2pm, at Holy Spirit Parish in Stittsville. Cost: $25 before November 10th, $30 after. Lunch is included. For more information email Deacon James at jgkubina@gmail.com.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 "The 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 613-264-0076, Marleen at 613-264-0960, or cwl.stjohn@gmail.com.

### LifeMatters Information Sessions

There is much conflicting information surrounding today's life issues, making it difficult to know what is accurate and where to find the truth.
This month, Life Matters is launching a new initiative: a series of short Info Sessions offering reliable information on a variety of life issues. Each session will be presented by an expert in the subject area, with time provided for questions and discussion. Sessions will be held at several parishes in our area. Please watch upcoming bulletins for details.

### Important Information from St. Bridget's Cemetery Committee

1. St. Bridget's Cemetery continues to serve all the Parishioners and Members of the Community. Burials and visits to loved ones are ongoing. **The Cemetery does, however, close from November 15th thru May 1st for**
2. **winter burials.**
3. New volunteer/committee members are needed to assist in various roles. Please contact Diane Quinn (613-267-8081) if you can help in any way.
4. Tenders are being sought for the job of grass cutting for the 2027 season. Contact Diane Quinn with your written quote.

## 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.



*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind."*
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.

## 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 are held at 15 Church St,
**Tuesday evenings at 5pm.**

### First Communion & Confirmation Sacramental Preparation

**Upcoming Classes:**
**First Communion:** Class #2 is Sunday, November 8th, beginning with the 11:00am Mass.
**Confirmation:** Class #2 is Sunday, November 15th, beginning with the 11:00am Mass.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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| **CWL Monthly Meeting *Thursday, November 12th** | **2nd Thursday of each Month @ 4pm** |
| Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details. | Mondays @ 10am |
| **Parish Council Monthly Meeting *Tuesday, November 10th** | **2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm.** |
| Life Matters Monthly Meeting | 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 10am |
| Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting | 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 7pm |
| Pastoral Care Committee Meeting | TBD |
| Wednesday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details. | Wednesdays @ 7pm |
| St. John's Holy Face Group Monthly Meeting | Last Thursday of each month, after the Mass |
| Thursday Bible Study Group – Contact Evelyn Goodfellow | Thursdays @ 1pm |
| Sunday Mass 11am Choir | Thursdays @ 7pm & Sundays @ 10:15am |
| St. John's Movie Club | TBD |
| Life Matters Men's Group – Contact Dave Lapointe for details. | 3rd Saturday of each month |
| Saturday Mass 5:00pm Choir | Saturdays @ 4:45pm |