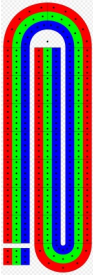


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February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



Games Night, Thursday, February 12

Everyone is welcome to come for supper followed by games. 5:30 pm supper sponsored by Kili Landscapes: Schnitzels, Czech potato salad & dessert. Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm. Cost is by donation. Proceeds to support meals at local shelters.



Sandwich Sunday for St. Lawrence Centre
Feb. 8, after 9 am Mass. Please join us to help assemble sandwiches.

Catholics Returning Home, beginning February 19

You Are Called! You Matter! You Belong! This is an opportunity for non-practicing Catholics, and those who are practicing but would like a “refresher” course, to learn about the Church. Thursday evening after the 7 pm Mass in the Grouard Room until March 26 (no session March 19.) Bring a friend. Brochures can be found on the literature rack in the back of the church. Register at the parish office or just come on the first night!

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 finance@saintjoseph.ca

2025 Income tax receipts available mid February.

2026 Donation envelopes are available from the parish office during office hours.

For donation options please see our website saintjoseph.ca

February 8 - 15 Dates to Remember

Sun. 8: 10 am, Sandwich Sunday, Tranquille Hall

3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Mon. 9: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Tues. 10: 6:30 pm, Parish-based Reconciliation class,
Modern Martyrs

7 pm, CWL meeting, begins with Mass in church

7:30 pm, K of C Meeting, Liguori Hall

Wed. 11: 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

Thurs. 12: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group, St. JP II Room

5:30 pm, Games Night, Tranquille Hall

7 - 8:30 pm, SALT, St. JP II Room

Fri. 13: 7 pm, Mardi Gras, Tranquille Hall

Sat. 14: 8 pm, Coffee & Cookies, Tranquille Hall

Sun. 15: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Mardi Gras 2026, Friday, Feb 13, 7 - 11 pm

Theme: *Cupid goes to the Carnival.*

ALL AGES costume party!

Join us in Tranquille Hall. Bring your friends. DeeJay, dancing, bouncy castle (7 - 8 pm). Costume ideas: dress as something you love! (Or pink/red).

Free tickets after Mass in the back of the church.

Volunteers needed. Sign up [here](#).

Women's Faith Retreat: *Ignite your Passion*

Sponsored by the Grouard-McLennan Diocesan CWL
February 21, Tranquille Hall, beginning at 10 am

Speaker: Cecilia Mzvondiwa

Cost: \$25 includes lunch. Pay at the door.

Open to all. Members are welcome to bring a guest.

Please pre-register with Joanne at the parish office.

Samaritan's Basket is low on toiletry supplies for both men & women: Travel and regular size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrushes, etc. We also gratefully accept gift cards, in denominations of \$25, for grocery stores.

Sacraments

Anastasia ext. 228 sacraments@saintjoseph.ca

Parents of school-age children receiving sacraments this year (Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation)

If you have not yet registered your child to receive a sacrament this year, please email Anastasia, or call the office, ext. 228.

Baptism Jean-Marc ext. 229 baptism@saintjoseph.ca

Parents are required to complete Baptism preparation. For information call the parish office or check saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/

During Lent we do not schedule baptisms.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. For the six weeks of Lent we are in the desert *preparing* for new life - the resurrection. Baptism is when we first *encounter* new life with Jesus. Therefore, we will not celebrate baptism during Lent as we are *preparing* for baptism. We will resume celebrating baptisms on Easter Sunday.

Young Adults

@ignitegrandeprairie or [StJoesYoungAdults](https://www.facebook.com/StJoesYoungAdults) 



Check their Facebook page for updates.

Mass Intentions

February 9 - 14

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
SH - Mass at a Senior's Home
Mon. 9, 12:15 pm: ✠ Gerard Pinto & Pinto family
Tues. 10, 7 pm: CWL / ✠ Alice Brick
Wed. 11, 12:15 pm: ✠ Mascarenhas & Pinto families
7 pm: ✠ Raymond Garant
Thurs. 12, 7 pm: ✠ Bohdana Andruszkiw
Fri. 13, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Elvine Boulet
12:15 pm: ✠ Jessie Lofstrom
Sat. 14, 9 am: Lydia Claud-Smith

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext. 230 family@saintjoseph.ca

Many more active, screened and trained volunteers are needed to sustain our children's program during Mass. Praise God He keeps bringing us more children. Please become one of the many who serve. We need you! Call Kristen today! God equips us as we step out in faith to do as Jesus said "let the little children come to me". Both youth and adults needed.

Vacation Bible School Team meeting: February 28
1:30 - 3:30 pm. Prayer, planning and workbee. Join this team early and make a difference in the lives of many!



Grade 3 - 6 youth group
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Next gathering: February 12
Invite a friend! Register [here](#).

What are the shoes of the gospel of peace? What is going to happen next in Queen Esther's story? Come have fun as we find out how God gives us armour!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, for children 3, 4 & 5 years old. CGS is a Montessori-based international program for children to grow in relationship with God. Register on parish website under [Ministries](#).

Youth Ministry

April ext. 232 youth@saintjoseph.ca

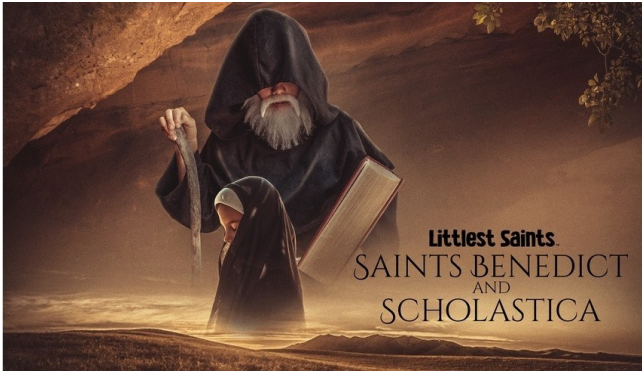
Check out our programs for youth at saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth/



Gr. 7 - 12
Next Gathering: February 14
Pizza at 5:30 pm, choir practice at 6 pm. Youth Group to follow Mass in SJPII Room.

Help raise money for Discovery Camp. Drop your bottles at any Bottle Depot with this information on them: St. Joseph Youth Group #1479-2351. Your donations and assistance are greatly appreciated!

General Information



FORMED: Sts. Benedict & Scholastica - A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict & Saint Scholastica.

Sign up for FORMED at: saintjoseph.ca

Ladies Bible Study, Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 am,
St. JP II Room. All ladies welcome.

Coffee & Cookies February 14, (note corrected date) after 7 pm Mass Saturday, in Tranquille Hall. Join us for refreshments & fellowship.

World Day of Marriage is Sunday, February 8.

We celebrate the beauty and sacred gift of marriage and ask God to bless all couples.

CWL February meeting, Tuesday the 10th, beginning with Mass in the church at 7 pm.

K of C monthly meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7:30 pm in Liguori Hall.

Know someone who can't come to Mass due to illness or infirmity? Our Communion Team takes the Blessed Sacrament to those who are homebound, in the hospital and senior's homes. For information please call the parish office.

Quilting Bee-Levers, meet Mondays to make quilts which are donated to community organizations who help those in need. Do you have any Fortrel fabric? Yes, they make those quilts that our grandmothers made that last forever.

Save the Date: **Women's Retreat, May 1 & 2**

Standing Firm in Who You Are

Mothers, daughters, sisters, friends - join us for prayer, sharing and reflection.

Be Involved

Call the parish office for these, and more, volunteer opportunities.

Holy Communion to the Sick - Take Holy Communion to those who are homebound, in the hospital and other care centers.

Adults needed to assist in parish-based classes. (*All programs involving children require 2 adults to be present.*) Share & grow in your faith, and help children to grow in theirs. Call Anastasia, ext. 228.

Screen Volunteers - Operate our projector screens at Sunday Mass. No experience necessary. Training provided. For information email mcibach@telus.net

Gift Shop Volunteers - Help people with purchases after 7 pm Saturday Mass & Sunday 9 & 11 am Mass.

Offertory Gift Bearers bring the Bread & Wine to the altar during Mass. Families and individuals welcome.

Occasionally provide bag lunch supplies for our emergency food service. These lunches contain specific items, so please do not drop off a donation without calling first.

Do you have old palm branches from previous Palm Sundays? The ashes on Ash Wednesday come from the palms used on Palm Sunday the previous year. In preparation for Ash Wednesday we invite you to bring your old palm branches and leave them in the box in the entrance to the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

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| Fr. Cyril Joseph | Denise Kruchten |
| Lee Fitzpatrick | Helen Buck |
| Amanda Sideroff | Sooraya Nuthall |
| Ivan Romkes | Emma Wilson |
| Marc Gauthier, father of Donna Mostowy | Kendra McKenna |

The deceased, especially

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| Toni Luck | Bernadette St. Croix |
| Graham Burris, brother of Rob Burris | |
| Peter Boychuk, uncle of Mary-Rose Manzano-Leal | |
| Anita Hanson | Emeline Quilaneta-Galvez |

Come & See Weekend with the Redemptorist - February 11, at the Redemptorist Community House. *Discover your call and join us in our mission of evangelization.* Register [here](#). For information contact 416-789-3217, vocations@redemptorists.ca, or redemptoristvocations.ca

Ordination of Dcn. Thomas Wollis to the priesthood: May 25, 7 pm, St. John the Baptist Cathedral in McLennan. Let's continue to offer our prayers for Deacon Thomas as he prepares for this pivotal milestone in his vocation.

Please be mindful of our church neighbours:

Do not park in driveways or in the Hillcrest Church's parking lot (south of our parking lot).

Church Parking Lot - Do not park along curbs or in laneways to allow a clear exit from the parking lot for emergency vehicles, or parishioners who have to leave Mass unexpectedly. Leave adequate space at the end of rows - at least 3 car widths for vehicles to turn corners. *FYI:* damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your responsibility.

Sunday Readings

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Spreading the Light of Christ

Isaiah 58:6 - 10. True fasting

1 Cor. 2:1 - 5. Paradox of God's choice

Matthew 5:13 - 16. The similes of salt & light

Key passage: [Jesus said,] "In the same way, let your light shine before human beings, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

Question: In what way might you be hiding the light of Christ from others? What could you do to improve this?

Child: How can you let the light of Christ in you shine for others this week?

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Frequently Asked Questions

Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 5 pm

Sunday Masses

Saturday evening 7:00 pm

Sunday morning 9:00 & 11:00 am

Daily Masses (September - June)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12:15 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 7:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am

Senior's Lodge Masses at 10:30 am:

1st Tuesday - The Gardens 1st Friday - Heritage Lodge

2nd Friday - Wild Rose Manor

3rd Friday - Pioneer Lodge

Confessions: Saturday evenings, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, or by appointment (call the parish office)

Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help at Wednesday Masses

Baptism for Infants & Young Children:

Check saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/ or call Jean-Marc, ext. 228 (even prior to the birth of your child) about Baptism preparation for parents.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in a Catholic Church **must begin preparation at least 8 months** prior to their wedding date. Call Karen G, ext. 224, or email adultsacraments@saintjoseph.ca
Interested in joining the church or completing Sacraments for adults? Contact Karen G, ext. 224, or email adultsacraments@saintjoseph.ca

Parish Pastoral Council: st.joes.ppc@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League: cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus: kofc3241gp@gmail.com

Prayer Chain Requests: Confidentiality assured. stjosephprayers@gmail.com, or call the parish office

Religious Gift Shop/Library: Available after weekend Mass.

Information Centre in church New? Know of any newcomers/visitors to our parish? Questions/need information? On weekends see volunteers at the Centre.

Event Promotion: Fill in a Request to Promote form on our website saintjoseph.ca/contact/promote/. Bulletin submissions due noon Wednesdays. Maximum poster size 8.5 X 11. All requests subject to approval.