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Feast of the Holy Family Sunday, December 27th, 2020

First Reading - Genesis 15:1-6;
17:3b-5, 15-16 - *Your very own issue shall be your heir*

Second Reading - Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 - The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac.

Gospel - Luke 2:22 - The child grew, filled with wisdom

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 3rd, 2021

First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6 - The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Second Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 - Now the mystery has been revealed: now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.

Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12 - We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.

Sunday Mass
Saturday 5:15 pm; Sunday 9:00 & 11 am

Weekday Mass
7 pm—Tuesday
12 noon—Wednesday
8:30 am—Thursday
8:30 am—Friday (at 7pm during Lent)

Parish Rosary
Tuesday following mass
Wednesday during Adoration
Thursday & Friday following mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11 am - 12 noon—Wednesday

Children's Liturgy
Suspended at this time

Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment ONLY.
Please call Fr. Don in the Parish Office 519-471-7022

Baptism - Please make arrangements at least 12 weeks in advance with Fr. Don

Marriage - Arrangements to be made one year in advance

Daily mass has been cancelled for the week of December 28th, 2020

During the Provincial Lockdown, the Church will be closed and Mass will be said privately by Fr. Don

Tuesday, January 5th

- Mary Ellen Heidel - The Heidel Family
- Cec O'Malley - The Family

Wednesday, January 6th

- Hubert Carson - Joe & Chris Lohonyay
- Eulene Ryder - Lee & Garry Hill

Thursday, January 7th

- The Perreault Family - Mary Perreault
- Kathryn McMullen - Catholic Women's League

Friday, January 8th

- Deceased members of the Mosey Family - Peter & Lynda Mosey
- Peter Trudell - Ron & Verlyn Clifford

At this time, Confessions will be heard by appointment only. Please leave a message for Fr. Don at 519-471-7022



2021 Offertory Boxes are

available for pick up in the Parish Office. Please call 519-471-7022, after January 4th, and leave a message for Pam in the Parish Office to make arrangements to pick up your box. These envelopes and envelope number should not be used until 2021.

Should you wish to begin using *pre-authorized payments* to make your Offertory donations, Pam can give you that information as well.

Please be advised that the Parish Office will close at 12 noon on Thursday, December 24, 2020 until Monday, January 4th, 2021.

From January 4th to January 23rd, while the province continues to be in lockdown, the Parish Office will be closed and staff will be working from home. Should you need to come to the Parish Office please call 519-471-7022 and leave a message. Messages will be checked on a regular basis.

Some things to remember:

- Donations for 2020 must be received or post-marked by December 31st, 2020, to be included in your 2020 donation receipt.
- Any donation by cheque that is post-dated into 2021 cannot be included as a 2020 donation.
- Any 2020 envelopes received in 2021 will be considered a donation for the new year.
- Some 2021 Envelope boxes have been picked up from the Parish Office. Please do not use these envelopes or the envelope number until 2021.
- For contact-less donations, please consider e-transfers (stjd@dol.ca) or using CanadaHelps.org



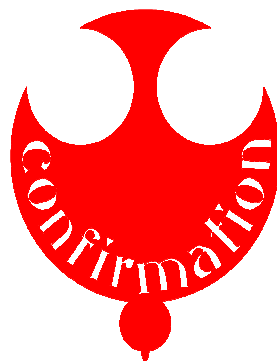
St. Mary Catholic School Choir & Orchestra Program Application Information - St. Mary's School has begun the application process for entrance to Grade 5 for 2021/2022. Application to the program is open to all Grade 4 students of the London District Catholic School Board. All applicants must meet the admission requirements. Brochures with application forms are available in all LDCSB Catholic elementary schools. Please contact your Principal for further details of the application and audition process or call St. Mary School at 519-675-4423. Application Brochures are also available on the St. Mary School Website (<https://mal.ldcsb.ca/>) Applications are due by February 19, 2021.

Confirmation 2021 - Registration is open!

All the information regarding the formation and registration for Confirmation 2021 can be found on the website buildingfamily.ca

The first round begins January 18th and runs until March 12th; and the second round begins March 22nd and runs through to May 13th. Please register for one round as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please check out the website or email Bridget Corneil, Parish Catechist at bcorneil@dol.ca



Turkey, chicken and beef meat pies are now available for \$4 each.

Please contact Mary Anne 519-472-6049 or mwgrenier@bell.net to place your order.



Tree Talk: *The verified oldest measures ages of trees are:*

1. *Great Basin bristlecone pine (Methuselah) Pinus longaeva: 4,844 years*
2. *Alerce: 3,366 years*
3. *Giant sequoia: 3,266 years*
4. *Sugi: 3,000 years*
5. *Huon-pine: 2,500 years*



THANK YOU – The Parish Team would like to thank all the volunteers involved in the screening, ushering and lectors for keeping our doors open for public worship. Unless these volunteers were in place and volunteering we would have had to close our doors. Our prayers go out to you all and best wishes for a blessed safe and healthy Christmas season.

THANK YOU – We would also like to thank all the people involved and responsible for the joint Family Christmas Choir Concert which can be viewed on St. George site under “Concert Series”. It was done very professionally. Well worth the time to sit and watch.

THANK YOU to everyone for everything that you have been doing throughout this past year. Yes it has been difficult, at times testing us. Continue to take whatever measures necessary to stay safe and stay healthy. Hopefully with many prayers from all of us we will make strides this coming year to rid ourselves of COVID-19. Should you need anything please contact the Parish Office and leave a message.

RCIA 2021 - A new RCIA is beginning mid-January. If you have had thoughts about becoming a Catholic, this is a perfect time for you to join us. The groups are small and are done by using ZOOM. This is a perfect set-up if you have little time and this has been your reason for not participating. The process is as follows: you will be asked to watch a video on your own time and then we will go over what you viewed in a one hour Zoom meeting. Being in the comfort of your own home is a way we are all doing any type of ministry. If you are interested, please contact Nives at ndavies@dol.ca