

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday February 6 8:00am	Robert Béchard ~ his wife Pauline & family Shirley Sampson ~ Joe & Betty Ann Kelly Shannon Strybosch & Barbara St. Pierre ~ Cathie St. Pierre
Wednesday February 7 8:00am	K of C members, sick, deceased or in distress Laura Derdaele ~ Bob & Carmel Chauvin Jason Dupuis ~ John & Pauline Levesque
Thursday February 8 8:00 am	Ed & Norma Sauvé ~ the estate Archie A. Jones (24 th Ann.) ~ his wife Colette Louise Catton ~ Catholic Women's League
Thursday February 8 10:00am	CHAPEL AT SEASONS LAKESHORE Rosaire Sylvestre ~ Eleanor Sylvestre & family Wilfrid Marentette ~ Marr & Rita Huson Henri St. Louis ~ Ed & Diane Girard
Friday February 9 9:30am	St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners Joseph ~ Shaji Shyma T. M. Joseph ~ Shaji Shyma
Saturday February 10 9:00am	Ralph Mulhall ~ his sister Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners Denis Robillard (25 th Ann.) ~ Bernadette & family


 **WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**
www.catholicboard.ca

Tuesday, February 20th to Friday March 2nd, 2018.
The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board invites you to attend an Open House/Evening Registration at your local Catholic School on Wednesday February 21st from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Requirements: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate,
Health Card and Immunization Record

Junior Kindergarten:
Children must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2018


Senior Kindergarten:
Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2018

 **THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
The K of C needs more members as our population ages. Please consider joining us. For more info, please contact the K of C office and leave a message at 519-728-2828.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- MONDAY FEBRUARY 5**
• CWL Friendship Luncheon, 12:30pm, Blue Room
- TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6**
• Prayer gathering every Tuesday, 7:15pm
• K of C 4th Degree meeting, 7:30pm, Blue Room
- WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7**
• Staff meeting, 10:30am
• Youth Group, 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Hall
• Pastoral Council meeting, 6:30pm
• K of C 3rd Degree meeting, 7:00pm, Blue Room
- THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8**
• Choir practice every Thursday, 7:00pm
• Bingo every Thursday, 7:00pm, Hall
- SATURDAY & SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10 & 11**
• First Reconciliation Mass meeting, Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 11:00am
• Baptisms, Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 11:00am

EVANGELIZING THE SECULAR WORLD

 On Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00pm, Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB., CEO of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, will speak on "Evangelizing the Secular World: Are we telling our story in the right way?" The talk will take place at Ste. Anne's Parish, Tecumseh. Admission and parking are free, with discussion and refreshments to follow.

WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

- RYLEE MORAND**
DAUGHTER OF MATTHEW MORAND & NATALIE (BERTRAND)
- ÉLI MOUSSEAU**
SON OF MARCEL MOUSSEAU & KIMBERLY (HOWELL)
- RYAN VILLEMAIRE**
SON OF SHAWN VILLEMAIRE & SHERRY (ROSS)
- BLAKE MORAND**
SON OF WESLEY MORAND & CAROLINE (LAPORTE)

ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE PARISH

OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday – Friday 9 am - 3 pm
Closed between 12 pm & 1 pm

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Belle River ON NOR 1A0
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Fax 519.728.1772
stsimonstjude@dol.ca
www.stssimonjude.dol.ca



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES
Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 am
Friday 9:30 am & Saturday 9:00 am

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 4, 2018

MISSION STATEMENT
ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE IS A VIBRANT, LIFE-GIVING, CHRIST-CENTERED PARISH COMMUNITY THAT IS GENEROUSLY AVAILABLE AND CHALLENGING IN THE TRUEST SENSE OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE.

PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION

- ADMINISTRATOR**
Rev. Antony Kolenchery ext. 33
akolenchery@dol.ca
- PASTOR EMERITUS**
Rev. Dan Morand
- PERMANENT DEACON**
Deacon Don Hamelin
- PASTORAL MINISTER**
Sue Hofgartner ext. 26
shofgartner@dol.ca
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COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY**
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mhewer@dol.ca
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- Temporary Administrative Secretary**
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- Music Ministry** Linda Bellaire
- Organist** Loma Cameron-Price
- Custodian** Wayne Walsh
- Housekeeper** Andrea Gabrieau
- Hall Manager** Dennis Bowering
dbowering@dol.ca 519.728.1652
- Cemetery Manager** Joe Lanoue
lanoshr@bell.net 519.728.2064

FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. ANTONY

My Dearest Parishioners in Jesus Christ,

Prayerful greetings from Fr. Antony. I hope and pray that all is well with you and your family. It's hard to believe that we just got over the Christmas Celebrations and now we are just about to begin the Season of Lent. **February 14 is Ash Wednesday this year.** As we are about to begin the Season of Lent, I would like to remind you of the **Shrove Tuesday** Celebration we had last year. It was our first attempt and we had over 180 people at the event. It attracted many young families of our community and it was well received by our community. The donations we received at this event were spent to support the less privileged in our community. With grateful heart, let me share with you my dear Sisters and Brothers that we were able to support a few individuals and families, who struggled to make ends meet, and they are truly appreciative of our generosity. We have never sent back people who knock at our door for help, disappointed. continued...

INFORMATION ON THE SACRAMENTS

- BAPTISMS**
Please call the office to register and make an appointment with our Pastoral Minister - Sue Hofgartner
- ANointing OF THE SICK**
This is primarily a sacrament of physical healing and spiritual strengthening. The sacrament is administered to those facing serious surgery or illness. If you desire this sacrament please call Fr. Antony. We offer a communal Anointing Service in the spring and fall.
- MARRIAGE**
Couples desiring to marry please call the office and contact Fr. Antony. Arrangements must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding.

WE THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN:

- Floor Coverings International 519-735-5515
Lanoue Insurance Brokers Ltd. 519-728-1432
Strong's Appliance Service Ltd. 519-728-2334
- Victoria Greenlawn Funeral Home & Cemetery by Arbor Memorial
David Bombardier - 519-969-3939
- Melady Funeral Home by Arbor Memorial www.meladyfuneral.ca
Michael Sutton - Managing Funeral Director - 519-728-1500

FROM FR. ANTONY, continued

We used the donations from last year's Shrove Tuesday Dinner to buy food certificates from our local grocery stores to support our needy Sisters and Brothers. I have been truly amazed at your generosity and good will. Your generosity is a reminder that what we have also belongs to the poor.

Many of you suggested last year that we should keep this tradition going as part of the building up of our Faith Community, and that we should keep using the free will offering to support the needy in our community; it is a great way of beginning the Season of Lent. The main focus of the Season of Lent is a sharing in the passion and death of Jesus. We do this, by being sensitive to the dire needs of the less privileged around us. Let us imbibe the true spirit of the Season of Lent, by sharing what we have with the needy and the poor.

The Shrove Tuesday celebration in our community is on Tuesday February 13 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The Shrove Tuesday Dinner includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice and various amazing kid friendly toppings. I can guarantee that this is going to be a great night with fun and excitement.

I am writing this to request you to help us organize this event better. We can only proceed with this event, once we have the confirmation from the parishioners. **Hence I am requesting you to kindly call the Parish Office and confirm your attendance at your earliest convenience.** Please encourage the families you know to join us at this event. Once again I thank you for your continued generosity and support.

With kindest regards,
Fr. Antony Kolenchery

FROM OUR PASTORAL MINISTER, SUE HOFGARTNER

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe we are in the month of February already and soon we will enter the season of Lent. As Lent approaches, it is a perfect time to reflect on our relationship with Jesus.

In my last few articles, I shared a few thoughts and reflections on the recent death of my father-in-law. As we know, after a death, the first year is a difficult journey as we adjust to a life of change and a "new normal".

I found myself, during a period of sacred silence, this morning reflecting on an experience that occurred during our Christmas festivities.

I'd like to share this brief experience from my first Christmas after my father-in-law's death. I often share short reflections from my personal experiences with the intent to also encourage you to connect to your own life experiences and notice how God is present and at work in your life. No one voice or perspective can speak to all people, but we are all enriched by the experiences and perspectives that are not our own.

As my family gathered around the Christmas tree this year, we were all gifted, from my mother-in-law, with the same tree ornament decorated with symbols that represented elements of my dear father-in-law. It is a wonderful memento, to be cherished each year, which includes on it a German pretzel and a beer stein. Then, my mother-in-law asked each of us to share a memory of our father, father-in-law and Opa. We each took a turn and expressed our love in our diversified ways. It was a great way to honour him during the holidays. I was particularly moved by the way one of my sisters-in-law shared her memory. She described their relationship at the beginning as being a little tense, edgy or even stressed. It included some arguing, butting heads, challenging differences, and it moved to a relationship of understanding, acceptance, approval and deep love for each other. She described it as an evolution of love. I love the term she used – an evolution of love! It is a beautiful term. As I reflected on this experience, I quickly realized this is very much like our relationship with Jesus. It too is an evolution of love.

We are a culture of progress and efficiency, impatient with gradual growth. Some things need to be allowed to come to fullness slowly in order to make sense of them. Notice how love originates, is nourished, and grows. Notice too as our love grows, how our prayer life deepens, our faith is enriched, our capacity to love increases, there is great joy in serving others, and our hearts are filled with peace.

And so as we begin to prepare for the season of Lent, I pray our relationship with Jesus grows ... our evolution of love!

Sincerely,
Sue



SHROVE TUESDAY

St. Simon & St. Jude Parish

SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13TH FROM 5PM - 7PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice
& various **AMAZING** kid friendly toppings!!!

Donations will be forwarded to needy families.
Please contact the office to confirm your attendance.

Donations over \$20 will be issued a tax receipt at year end.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday February 5th

Friendship Luncheon, General Meeting, 12:30pm

Friday February 9th

Rosary – 9:00am at LaChaumiere. Mass – 9:30am

Wednesday February 21st

Parish Lenten Soup & Stations of the Cross. We are hosting the first one, 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. We need volunteers to make "vegetarian soup" (meatless). Please contact Fran Dufault at 226-787-2012 if you can help. Stations of the Cross begin in the church at 6:45pm.

Friday March 2nd,

"World Day of Prayer" Time and place to be determined

SOUP AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The parish planning for the Liturgical seasons and events occurs well before the celebration and it is hard to believe but in a few weeks we will begin the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday this year begins on February 14th. For the past two years we have included as part of our Lenten observance, the opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross as a community. Once again we will provide you with this opportunity. We begin this prayerful experience each Wednesday following Ash Wednesday, with a simple meatless soup dinner in the parish hall, followed by praying the Stations of the Cross in the Church. Each week a different group, or groups, in the parish hosts this event. This year we thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to have one week as an open invitation to any parishioner willing to provide a meatless soup ready to serve in a pot or crock pot on Wednesday March 7th.



The details are as follows:

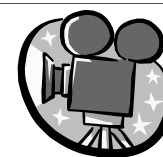
- Wednesday March 7, 2018
- Provide a meatless soup, hot and ready to serve in a pot or crock pot.
- Arrive at the parish hall at 5:30 pm. Soup is served at 6:00 pm.

If you would like to donate a pot of soup please contact Sue Hofgartner at the parish 519-728-3381 ext. #26 or via email at shofgartner@dol.ca.

Many thanks for your consideration.



Be a "Shining Star" for God
In our Live Stations of the Cross Play!
~No acting experience necessary,
No lines to memorize!~
~Earn your service hours!~



Who: Calling youth, teens and young adults to be actors, narrators, lighting & props assistants and more!

Where & When:

St. Simon and St. Jude Parish, Palm Sunday, 7:00 pm

Interested?

Don't delay – Rehearsals start soon!

More info at church entrance

Contact Mrs. Hewer at our Parish Youth Office

519-728-3381 ex.29

Or email: mhewer@dol.ca

Join us for pancakes after school, before our first rehearsal, Tuesday, February 13th

Lenten Tuesday Evening Masses

This year for Lent, our Tuesday Masses will take place at 7:00pm rather than 8:00am in order to encourage greater participation. Please join us as we grow spiritually as a community in this time of grace.

TRAVELLING VOCATIONS CHALICE ~ FEBRUARY 3 & 4

4:30 pm: Mike & Theresa Mullins

9:00 am: Jim & Pauline Trottier

11:00 am: Rita & Mike Levesque

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

JANUARY 28, 2018

REGULAR OFFERING	5,481.55
REGULAR OFFERTORY - DIRECT DEPOSIT	415.00
LOONIE & TOONIE	262.75
INITIAL OFFERING	35.00
RESTORATION CAMPAIGN	1,058.00
RESTORATION - DIRECT DEPOSIT	80.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	55.00
CHRISTMAS	20.00
ASH WEDNESDAY	5.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$7,412.30



Your continuing generosity
Thank You is greatly appreciated!

Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4	~ Rev. Gilbert Simard
February 5	~ Memorial of St. Agatha Mrs. Rachelle Leslie, Pastoral Minister
February 6	~ Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions Ministers to the Bereaved in the Diocese of London
February 7	~ Deacon Ronald Vermette
February 8	~ Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita Mrs. Rita Butler, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
February 9	~ Mrs. Leonia Downie, Pastoral Minister
February 10	~ Memorial of St. Scholastica Rev. Gerald Crain, O.F.M. Cap

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

DIANE REAUME	DIANE LAUZON	RICHARD HARGREAVES
KIM O'NEIL	CLAIRE RUGGABER	RENE TELLIER
LISA BOND	A.J. LALIBERTE	THERESA BEAULIEU
LUCILLE TELLIER	LOUANNE HAMELIN	MAY DUROCHER
MADELEINE DUPUIS	DONALD POISSON	CARMEL LETTENBICHLER
ALICIA DAVEY	LINDA LEE CASSIDY	JACKIE BARRETTE MOJESKE
JIM LIGHT	LUCILLE ROY	MIKE LANOUE
SHAELYN POISSON	MADALAYNA DUCHARME	RICHARD GAUTHIER
MARI SCHROEDER	STEPHEN ILIJANICH SR.	DONNA MAE HARDING

PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE TO HAVE SOMEONE'S NAME ADDED OR REMOVED

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES, PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS,
ESPECIALLY PAUL MASSE.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND MAY THE LORD SEND
COMFORT AND CONSOLATION TO THEIR FAMILIES.