



LAKES ERIE AND ST. CLAIR
CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

FAMILLE DES PAROISSES CATHOLIQUES
DES LACS ÉRIÉ ET STE-CLAIRE

September 14 septembre 2025

Exaltation of the Holy Cross La Croix glorieuse

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross refers to the feast day upon which many Christians commemorate the cross upon which Jesus was crucified. This day also celebrates the finding of the true cross, the restoration of the cross to Jerusalem, and the commemoration of churches built upon the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary. The miraculous discovery of the cross on September 14, 326, by Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, is the origin of the tradition of celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on this date.

La Croix glorieuse représente la victoire du Christ sur le péché et la mort, transformant un symbole de supplice en un signe de vie éternelle et d'amour divin. Historiquement liée à la découverte de la vraie Croix par Sainte Héléne et la consécration de la basilique du Saint-Sépulcre, la fête du 14 septembre célèbre le Christ ressuscité, la résurrection du Christ et le don de la vie nouvelle par Dieu. C'est un rappel que la souffrance, à travers la Croix, mène à la gloire et à la réconciliation.

Weekday Masses ~ Messes en semaine

lundi/Monday September 15 septembre 2025
No mass / pas de messe

mardi/Tuesday, September 16 septembre 2025

6:30 pm at St. Peter's (English) Confessions 6:00-6:20 pm

+ Souls in purgatory,
especially those most abandoned and devoid of help
A special intention

6:30 pm at St Francis Xavier (English)

+ Camilla Agatha Trudell by her estate
+ Art Yarkowski by Leo and Liz Trudell
A special intention by David and Louise Ouellette and family

mercredi/Wednesday, Sept. 17 sept. 2025

8h30 à Immaculée Conception (français)

+ Membres défunts de FOSS par la famille Alexandre
+ Pour la famille défunte et vivante de Normand Lachapelle
et frères défunts par Donna Bourgeois

6:30 pm at Visitation (English) Confessions 5:45 -6:15 pm

+ Mae and Donat Tremblay by the family
+ Eugène, Thérèse, Ted, André, Megan and Danielle
by the family
+ Robert Mailloux by Alice Reaume

jeudi/Thursday, September 18 septembre 2025

8:30 am at Visitation (English)

+ Christopher LaBonté by Agnes LaBonté and family
+ Luc Quenneville by Mike and Diane Laliberté
Intentions of Jeannine and Bob Belanger (60th Wed. Ann)

6:30 pm at Immaculée Conception (English) Adoration 7-8:30pm

+ Linda Bechard by Yvonne Marchand and family
+ Rita King by Anita and Robert Dietrich
Intentions of Holy Trinity Prayer Group members

vendredi/Friday, September 19 septembre 2025

8:30 am at St. Francis Xavier (English)

+ Claudette (Labadie) Gregory by her brother Tom Labadie
+ Rose Tourangeau by Kathy McDonald
+ Leonard Tourangeau by Eva Tourangeau

10:00 am at Tilbury Manor (English)

+ Souls in purgatory,
especially those most abandoned and devoid of help
A special intention

12h00 à la Visitation (français)

+ Ursule et Paul Leboeuf par Claire, Pauline et Denise
+ Claudette Gosselin par Rita Huson
+ Bernard Mailloux par la famille

Knights of Columbus - St. Joachim Council

St. Joachim Council was Chartered on February 13 th 1994 with 61 members. Unfortunately 3 years later they closed. But in those 3 short years they helped the Cemetery Board build a Chapel/Storage building that we still use to this day. **On Saturday September 20th we will be holding a Recognition Ceremony at the St. Joachim Cemetery Chapel.** At 11:00 am we will hang the Original Charter on the wall and a Plaque recognizing the work that was done. At 12 noon there will be a light lunch provided by the Squires. If anyone has pictures that they would like to give towards the event Please feel free to let me know. If you would like to attend so we can get a head count PLEASE let me know.

Ted Richardson at 519-566-9013

Weekend Masses Messes de fin de semaine

Samedi / Saturday, Sept. 20 sept. 2025

5:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier (English)

(Confessions 4:00-4:30 pm)

For the intentions of the people of God

5:00 pm at Immaculée Conception (English)

(Confessions 4:00-4:30 pm)

For the intentions of the people of God

Dimanche / Sunday, Sept. 21 sept. 2025

8:00 am at St. Peter's (English)

For the intentions of the people of God

8h30 à la Visitation (français)

Pour les intentions du peuple de Dieu

9:45 am at St. Francis Xavier (English)

For the intentions of the people of God

10:30 am at Visitation (English)

For the intentions of the people of God

11h30 à Immaculée Conception (français)

Pour les intentions du peuple de Dieu



**Pray for the deceased...
Prions pour les défunts et défuntes...**
Philip Donais, Madeleine Beaudette

**Please pray for the sick...
Prions pour les malades...**

from / de
Paroisse Immaculée Conception & Saint-Philippe Parish
Pete Bechard, Jim Brown, Niall Hetherington,
Robert L'Écuyer, Rose-Marie Pepper, Aleks Pinsonneault,
Nicolas Roy.

from/de St. Francis Xavier Parish
Avery Acheson, Nanette Baillargeon, Jim Brosseau,
Ken Dagenais, Bunny Dejong, Denise Dupuis,
Charlotte Gadal-Teichroeb, Bob Garant, Fr. Jack Hurley,
Christine Kilpatrick, Mike Martin, Christopher Powers,
Oliver Reed, Eileen Ruehl, Theresa Slack, Eileen Sylvestre.

from/de St. Peter's on the Thames and St Patrick's
Brad, Evelyn Gore, Katherine Moon,
Pauline Quenneville.

from/de Paroisse de la Visitation Parish
Jeannette Chauvin, Lorraine Chauvin, Marie-Anne Chauvin,
Lawrence Comartin, Pierrette Derikx, Jeannette Foolen,
Brynn Klassen, Jean-Guy Langlois, Charlene Parent,
Doreen Reaume, Randy Reaume, Ted Richardson,
Logan Smith, Steven Trepanier, Timothy Trepanier.

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Our Lady of the Rosary Monastery and Shrine

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Situé à Merlin au sein de notre famille de paroisses

Saint of the Week:

September 17: **St. Hildegard of Bingen** (1098-1179)



was born to a noble family, the youngest of 10. At a young age, she was taught to read and sing the psalms. At 18, she became a Benedictine Nun and later elected the superior. Her holiness, piety and strong devotion to the Holy Spirit attracted many novices to the convent. She was known as a mystic and visionary who founded several abbe, and in natural science with knowledge of herbs and medicinal arts. In 2012, under Pope Benedict XVI Hildegard was declared a Doctor of the Church. An optional memorial was added to the universal calendar in 2021.

Sainte de la semaine :

17 sept. : **Sainte Hildegarde de Bingen** (1098-1179)

Née à Bermersheim (Allemagne), Hildegarde de Bingen fonde vers 1150 le monastère du Rupertsberg dont elle devient abbesse. Passionnée de sciences naturelles et de musique, elle rédige des traités de médecine naturelle qui connaîtront une large diffusion. La richesse de sa pensée théologique lui vaut d'être consultée par des princes et même des papes. Ses nombreux écrits portant sur la contemplation mystique susciteront l'intérêt aussi bien du clergé que du peuple en général. « Si tu décides de courir vers Dieu, c'est lui qui t'aidera », affirmait cette abbesse bénédictine allemande aux multiples talents. Docteur de l'Église depuis 2012.

"Come and see"

with the Capuchin Franciscans

Come and see what life is like as a Capuchin Franciscan. This day is for single men, aged 18+, who are discerning their calling in life. If you feel drawn to a life of fraternity, outreach to those in need and prayer, Capuchin Franciscan life may be for you! We will pray together, learn about discernment and hear from Capuchin brothers about their way of life. You are welcome to join them on Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Francis Friary, 9169 W. Ridge Line, Blenheim. To confirm your attendance or for more information, please contact: Br. Michael Mascarenhas, Vocation Director at (226) 238-4747 or email michaelanthony.m@gmail.com.

Faithcation 2025

Everyone 18 years of age and older is invited to FAITHCATION 2025 taking place at the Holy Family Retreat House in Oxley from Friday night on September 26 to Sunday, September 28. The theme of this year's retreat is PILGRIMS OF HOPE - THE LEGACY OF POPE FRANCIS. Come to relax, pray, and reflect on the gift of being faithful disciples in our world today. For more information, please contact Fr. John Jasica at jjasica@dol.ca.

Pilgrimage Opportunity

The Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes is planning a Jubilee pilgrimage bus trip to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland on Saturday, October 4. The cost is \$70 and includes transportation and admission to the shrine. More details are at <https://sarniacatholic.ca/pilgrimages>.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2025

In the cross is our hope.

The cross, a horrible instrument of death, can be celebrated because there is no evil, no pain, no darkness which cannot be transformed by Christ. He enters into whatever we may be confronting to bring his perfect love, goodness, truth, and life to us. Lift high the cross, for through it, God has worked our salvation.

La Croix glorieuse 14 septembre 2025

La Croix glorieuse

La croix, signe de vie La croix est l'expression par excellence de l'amour de Dieu. Le Fils en croix a le pouvoir de faire vivre ceux et celles qui croient en lui.

The Readings / Les lectures

September 21 septembre 2025

Amos / Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113 / Psaume 112 (113)

1 Timothy / 1 Timothé 2:1-8

Luke / Luc 16:1-13



Join us as we celebrate

Bishop Fabbro's 75th birthday!

Tickets are now available for purchase using the form at the bottom of on this page <https://dol.ca/bishop75>.

Thursday, October 30, 2025

The Ciociaro Club in Windsor

Doors open for cocktails at 5:30

and dinner will begin at 6:30

Join us in celebrating Bishop Fabbro's 75th birthday with a special evening of joy, gratitude, and shared mission.

In honour of this milestone, this event will replace the annual Windsor Bishop's Dinner for this year only, and will support ministries close to Bishop Fabbro's heart.

JUBILEE Pilgrimages

One Jubilee Pilgrimage Celebration Remains!

And it's close to home !

St. Joseph's, Chatham – September 19 to 21

St. Joseph parish in Chatham will be welcoming Jubilee pilgrims for three days of faith-filled events including Mass,

Rosary, Adoration with a Jubilee service, and Devotions to St. Joseph.

Join us, Pilgrims of Hope!

For the full schedule of events go to:

<https://www.dol.ca/jubilee-chatham-events>

Pick up a passport at the back of your church and have it stamped at the Jubilee Pilgrimage site.

Celebrate the Jubilee Year in style

Commemorate this sacred and historic moment with our exclusive Diocesan Jubilee Year merchandise! From sleek t-shirts and cozy sweatshirts to trendy caps, each item is a meaningful reminder of faith, unity, and celebration. Whether you're traveling or staying local, you can still be part of the global Jubilee spirit. Shop now and wear the joy of the Jubilee:

shopgpcanada.com/dol-jubilee.



Attention VISITATION CWL members:

Our General Membership Gathering is Monday, September 15, 2025 @ 7 pm in the Parish Hall

The Autumn Fest BAZAAR is fast approaching on Saturday, September 27, 2025

To all of our members you are reminded:

* Return all sold and unsold tickets by way of the Sunday collection basket or bringing them to the next CWL General Membership Gathering September 15th or earlier if not sold so we can sell them

* Donate an item to the Penny Sale Table: a "new" item of \$10 value would be appreciated. Please bring items to our September General Membership Gathering or deliver donations anytime during the AutumnFest Prep Days, but no later than Friday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m.

* Donation of a Toonie which helps purchase gift cards for the grocery gift card raffle.

* Baked goods - please label if nuts are ingredients. These items must arrive no later than NOON on Friday, Sept. 26th. If you are unable to bake, cash donations will be greatly accepted.

For the Itinerary for Bazaar Prep days please see the sign-up sheets in the foyer - please consider filling in as many spots as possible to help make our main fundraiser event successful.

Thank you, The AutumnFest Committee

2026 St. Francis Xavier Parish Lottery Calendar Sponsorships

The Committee has extended the date for sponsorships for one week until September 22.

We still have approximately 75 days not covered.

If you would like to cover a day or two, please contact Kathy Cottingham 519-809-0057

or Linda Ducedre 519-682-1752 as soon as possible.

We would like to take this time to thank all those who have already sponsored days.

We could not do it without your support.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS FOR AUGUST, 2025

Winners, please pick up your winnings at 24 Lawson Street. Call 519-809-0057 to make arrangements.

- August 1, 2025 \$50 #152 Lillian Maure, St. Joachim
- August 2, 2025 \$25 #745 Steve & Maureen Oliver, Tilbury
- August 3, 2025 \$25 #462 Madeleine Pinsonneault, Pain Court
- August 4, 2025 \$100 #027 David Ouellette, Tilbury
- August 5, 2025 \$25 #182 Lisa Morneau, Windsor
- August 6, 2025 \$25 #387 Brady Watterworth, Blenheim
- August 7, 2025 \$25 #094 Mercedes Paez, Tilbury
- August 8, 2025 \$50 #575 Yvette Roy, Chatham
- August 9, 2025 \$25 #605 Carol Corsetti, Windsor
- August 10, 2025 \$25 #161 Theresa Siebert, Stoney Point
- August 11, 2025 \$25 #496 Bernadette Oliver, Tilbury
- August 12, 2025 \$25 #142 Craig Archibald, Windsor
- August 13, 2025 \$25 #768 Simone Sylvestre, Tecumseh
- August 14, 2025 \$50 GC #486 Mary Cayer, Tilbury
- August 15, 2025 \$50 #444 Marge Labute, Windsor
- August 16, 2025 \$25 #193 Clarence Tremblay, Tilbury
- August 17, 2025 \$100 #761 Tammy Bulley, Tilbury
- August 18, 2025 \$25 #627 Tami Young, Brigden
- August 19, 2025 \$25 #402 Doris Bonneau, Tilbury
- August 20, 2025 \$50 #078 Ryan Ducedre, Windsor
- August 21, 2025 \$50 GC #604 Kim & Randy Donais, Tecumseh
- August 22, 2025 \$50 #017 Katherine Guntensperger (Mae), Seaforth
- August 23, 2025 \$25 #429 Diane or Dan Guilbeault, Comber
- August 24, 2025 \$25 #240 Teena Cichon, Windsor
- August 25, 2025 \$25 #537 Libby & Luc Gagnier, Tilbury
- August 26, 2025 \$25 #626 Cheryl Sylvester, Petrolia
- August 27, 2025 \$25 #265 Larry Thibeault, Tilbury
- August 28, 2025 \$25 #408 Vincent Byrne, Woodslee
- August 29, 2025 \$50 #198 Rose Lefrancois, Tilbury
- August 30, 2025 \$25 #584 David & Lisa Derynck, Tilbury
- August 31, 2025 \$25 #131 Craig DeNeve, Windsor

Congratulations to all our winners.

Next draw is Sept. 28.

All are welcome. Please share if possible.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER LOTTERY CALENDAR DRAW 2026 DONATION FORM

32 CANAL ST. W., P.O. BOX 1029 519 682 1102 TILBURY, ON N0P2L0 eriestclairparishes@doI.ca

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

P.O. BOX NUMBER: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

DONATION DAYS _____

_____ FRIDAY DRAW \$50

_____ \$25 DAILY DRAW

_____ OTHER _____ AMOUNT _____ BUSINESS CARD ATTACHED

_____ SERVICE _____ AMOUNT _____ GIFT CERTIFICATE _____ GIFT CARD

_____ SPECIAL OCCASION INCLUDES SPECIAL WORDING \$100

SPECIAL WORDING _____

PAID BY: _____ DATE: _____ RECEIVED BY: _____

Please return form with money to Linda Ducedre 519-682-1752 or Kathy Cottingham 519-809-0057. **LAST DAY TO SUBMIT IS SEPTEMBER 15, 2025.** Cheques to be made payable to **St. Francis Church Lottery Calendar.** We will try to honour all dates if available and will contact you if there is a conflict.



St. Francis Xavier CWL September Project Boxes of Cereal

Proceeds to support the
Tilbury Information & Help Center

Please drop items off items at:
St. Francis Xavier Church in the
entrance off the parking lot



Thank You



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- How to handle a crisis



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JEANNE LAFORGE

519-551-5022

As seating is limited

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SEPT 23, 2025

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BAND AT 730PM

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**\$30 PER PERSON
30\$ CHAQUE**

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visitationfunraising@gmail.com
or at the main office / ou au bureau principal**



Pasta Dinner

Sat. Sept. 27, 2025

Hosted By:

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Erie St. Clair Conference**



Leisure Center, 10 Canal St. W. Tilbury

Dinner: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**Free will Offering
Proceeds will help those in
our local community.**



Nos Offrandes ~ Our Offertory



Please note that although we have become a Family of Parishes, the finances of each parish will remain separate. You may deposit your offertory envelope at any one of our 4 parishes and it will be forwarded to the parish identified on the envelope.

Veillez noter que bien que nous soyons devenus une famille de paroisses, les finances de chaque paroisse resteront séparées. Vous pouvez déposer votre enveloppe d'offrande à l'une de nos 4 paroisses et elle sera acheminée à la paroisse identifiée sur l'enveloppe.

Paroisse Immaculée Conception & Saint-Philippe Parish

August 30/31 août 2025

Envelopes (29)	\$1020.00
Pre-auth. debit (19 donors)	\$425.00
+ pièces/ loose	\$25.00
	\$1470.00

Thanksgiving appeal/
Campagne d'action de grâce.....\$20.00
Cimetière Immaculée Conception Cemetery.....\$225.00

Projet notre église / Project Our Church

Donations.....\$120.00

September 6/7 septembre 2025

Envelopes (26)	\$1375.00
Pre-auth. debit (18 donors)	\$400.00
+ pièces/ loose	\$17.25
	\$1792.25

Thanksgiving appeal/
Campagne d'action de grâce.....\$470.00

Projet notre église / Project Our Church

Donations.....\$375.00

Paroisse de la Visitation Parish

September 7 septembre 2025

Envelopes (71)	\$2385.00
Pre-auth. debit (42 donors)	\$1173.25
+ pièces/loose	\$62.00
	\$3620.25

Thanksgiving Appeal/
Campagne d'action de grâce.....\$1005.25

Building Fund

Pre-auth. Debit (19 donors).....\$182.00
Donations.....\$440.00
Memorial donations.....\$50.00

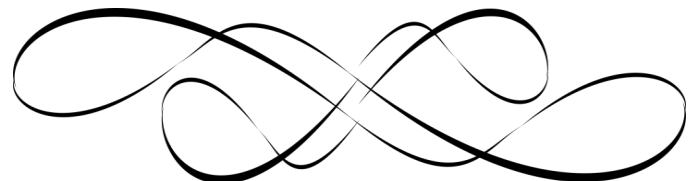
St. Peter's on the Thames Parish

September 7 septembre 2025

Envelopes (6)	\$135.00
Thanksgiving Appeal.....	\$340.00

Capital Projects

Donations.....\$15.00



St. Francis Xavier Parish

September 6/7 septembre 2025

Envelopes (42)	\$1355.00
Pre-auth. debit (10 donors)	\$332.50
+ loose	\$127.30
	\$1814.80

Thanksgiving Appeal.....\$1120.00

Capital Projects

Pre-auth. debit (15 donors).....\$199.25
Donations.....\$60.00



Thanksgiving Appeal
La campagne d'action de grâce

Did you know you can give year round to Thanksgiving Appeal?
To provide pastoral and other care, our parish always needs our financial support. Thank you to those who have already contributed. To the others, know that we are still counting on you. Your donation will help reduce your taxes while helping your parish. Do not miss this opportunity! 100% of the Thanksgiving Appeal stays within the parish of your choosing.

Please do not forget your parish family.
Thank you for your support!!

Saviez-vous que vous pouvez donner toute l'année à La campagne d'action de grâce?
Pour assurer les soins pastoraux et autres, votre paroisse a toujours besoin de votre soutien financier. Merci à ceux qui ont déjà contribué. Aux autres, sachez que nous comptons toujours sur vous. Votre don permettra de réduire vos impôts tout en aidant votre paroisse. Ne manquez pas cette occasion ! 100% de La campagne de l'action de grâce reste au sein de la paroisse de votre choix.

N'oubliez pas votre famille paroissiale.
Merci pour votre soutien !

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES OPPORTUNITÉS D'EMPLOI

The Windsor Lake St. Clair Catholic Family of Parishes (St. Simon & St. Jude Parish), Belle River is seeking a part-time cook . Closing date September 16, 2025

For this and other employment opportunities go to
Pour ce poste et d'autres possibilités d'emploi, voir
<https://dol.ca/employment>