



Holy Trinity Catholic Women's League

Holy Trinity Woodstock Catholic Women's League Council is now on Facebook! Like us or follow us on Facebook for updates on council events and latest CWL news from all levels.

You can email us at cwlholytrinity@hotmail.com

CWL News

During this pandemic it is so appreciated that our membership numbers are very good. With a heartfelt thanks to members who added in a little extra or even covered other member dues, the donation from the CWL Luncheon funds and the Smith-Leroy Funeral Home contributions. In all we were able to assist eleven members.

The CWL is continuing their activities where possible. We are encouraging all members who are able to get their vaccine.

Executive Council



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Next General Meeting

Monday, **May 3, 2021** at 7:00 pm on-line only
Check out: www.knightsofcolumbuswoodstockon.com

2021 Ontario Local Community Charities

50/50 Online Raffles

Get tickets here:
<https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=3515>

Check the Holy Trinity website for details at:
<https://holytrinity.dol.ca>

Draw Date: June 30th—Winner estimated take home is \$25,000+

Cans & Bottle Drive

Drive by on the 1st Sunday after all the Masses!. You can also drop off in the bin 24/7. 100% of the money goes to Missions.

We are collecting aluminum pop & beer cans and alcoholic bottles. Please keep beer cans separate.

Please **NO** tin plates, plastic containers/bottles or non-returnable glass containers.

St. Mary's High School "Memory Book"

Graduating Class of 2021 "Memory Book" Fundraiser! You can mail cheque payable to St. Mary's CHS directly to 431 Juliana Drive, Woodstock, N4V 1E8 or place cheque &/or cash in an envelope marked "Memory Book" in collection basket & KofC will submit. Please indicate "Anonymous" or donor name.

PRAYER LINE ~ If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Line, please call **519-537-3633**.



5th Sunday of Easter – Some Musings

"You have already been cleansed by the words that I have spoken to you."

The spring rains nourish the earth, the early seeds and plants, giving them the strength to develop and grow. The sun warms the world encouraging that growth. After a lovely rain we can smell the damp earth and see the cleansed leaves and grasses. It's a time for the earth to flourish and give praise to its Creator. The teachings of Jesus are meant to do the same for us; to give us a new way of life, a new way of interacting with our sisters and brothers, of caring for one another and the earth. Those teachings are meant to give us life for as Jesus has told us, "I am the way, the truth and the life". We, like the plants, need to give Him glory by our deeds and our words. Being cleansed by the words of our Lord is being washed in His Blood and clinging to Him with every fibre of our being. It's a call to true discipleship.

As those branches cling to the vine to give them life and make them fruitful so too, our lives are meant to give life to others. We do not live in isolation but in a community: Like the branches we cling to the vine and also to one another. There's a lovely story that I read years ago called "The Little Grape Stem" and I'd like to share it with you now.

"Once upon a time there was a little grape stem. This stem was so glad to be alive. She drank water and minerals from the soil and grew and grew. She was young and strong and could manage quite well

ALL BY HERSELF.

But then the rain was harsh, the snow not one bit understanding and the little stem suffered; she drooped, weak and suffering. It would be so easy to stop trying to grow, to stop trying to live. And the grape stem was poor. The winter was long, and the little grape stem was very weary.

But then the little grape stem heard a voice. It was another grape stem calling out to her, 'Here, reach out . . . hang on to me.' But the little stem hesitated. "What would this mean?" she thought. For you see, the little stem had always managed quite well.

ALL BY HERSELF.

But then ever so cautiously, she reached out toward the other grape stem. "See, I can help you" it said. "Just wrap your tendrils about me and I will help you lift your head." And the little grape stem trusted and suddenly she could stand straight again!

And the wind came, and the rain and the snow, but when it came the little grape stem was clinging to many other grape stems. And although the stems were swayed by the wind and frozen by the snow, they stood strongly united to one another. In their united strength they could smile and grow.

Then one day the little stem looked down and saw a tiny stem swaying and frightened and our little stem said, "Here, reach out . . . I can help you." And the other stem reached out to our stem and together all the stems grew, leaves budded, flowers bloomed, and finally grapes formed.

AND THE GRAPES FED MANY."

Author Unknown

Like that little stem let's reach out to one another, unite our strength and cling to the vine. We are meant to live in community and while this pandemic has made that a tough road to follow, let's seek ways in which we can reach out to others. We have access to so many forms of media in which to do that. Let's advantage ourselves of those things and while we may have to keep our distance physically, let's reach out through those devices and through prayer to make sure no one stands alone.

Wishing you a week of many blessings and all those small miracles.
Betty Bruch

First Communion/First Reconciliation 2020

This past year has been unpredictable and challenging for sacraments and preparation. I thank you for your patience and understanding. If your child was scheduled to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2020 but did not due to COVID lockdowns, you can go ahead and schedule your child's sacrament/s if you wish.

There are many parents still unsure and hesitant of wanting to come back to the church and that's okay. Your child's First Communion can happen at any time.

If you want to schedule your child's First Communion and/or their First Reconciliation, please contact me at the parish office either by phone or email – rbutler@dol.ca.

First Reconciliation/First Communion 2021

All information and details for First Reconciliation and First Communion is now on our parish website. This includes an introduction video, workbook, worksheets, videos and registration form. A registration form will need to be completed and sent to Holy Trinity Parish by email or by dropping off at the secure mail slot by Father Rick's Memorial Garden.

We are using the "Blessed" program by Matthew Kelly and all preparation will be done online. There is no timeline or deadlines this year. Each family can take whatever time they need to complete their preparation as we will be celebrating these sacraments over the next several months. All information was sent to our 3 Catholic elementary schools. Please contact me at rbutler@dol.ca if you have any questions.

Confirmation 2021

Confirmation preparation has begun. Please keep all our youth and leaders in your prayers as they journey towards their Sacrament. You can contact the youth office if you have any questions.

From today's Gospel reading:

Jesus said, "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."

Reflection:

If God has any "pruning" to do so that we can become more fruitful disciples of Jesus, it can happen when we are attentive to the Word at our Eucharist. What we hear may help us realize how often we have missed or ignored God's gracious outreach to us. Having heard that Word will keep us connected to Jesus the Vine and give us renewed energy and desire to bear fruit as his disciples.

So, we ask ourselves:

When have I felt God has spoken a special word to me?
What have I done to respond to what I have heard?

Steubenville Livestreamed Youth Conference

We cannot attend in person this year but we can be a part of an entire Steubenville youth conference via Livestream. Steubenville has recognized that many groups in Canada and in the US will not be able to attend a youth conference in person this summer due to COVID restrictions. For the first time ever they are livestreaming two of their High School Youth Conferences to give those of us who are not able to attend in person an opportunity to still experience the weekend with all it's fantastic speakers, music and much more.

Plans are to hold it here at the parish hall/church the weekend of July 9th – 11th, 2021 but everything is dependent on the lockdown being lifted. We are also assuming that if the lockdown is lifted, there will still be number restrictions therefore there will be a cap on the number of people that can attend.

We want to know in advance if there is enough interest to go ahead with this event so please contact rbutler@dol.ca if you would be interested in attending this weekend.

Bereavement News

Holy Trinity Parish extends heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the families and friends who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

We especially remember and hold in prayer:

**** Bernadette Loranger, wife of the late Pierre & mother to Laurent(Helen)**

We offer our prayers to those who grieve their deceased loved ones. In this most challenging and difficult time may grieving families experience inner strength and comfort.

We especially remember and hold in prayer and in our hearts the thousands of corona virus victims and their grieving families.

**God revealed the mysteries of heaven to
His beloved children.**

Baptism Update

The directives received from the Diocese of London, state the following:

"The Baptism of infants and young children must NOT be celebrated...communally, i.e. with several families at the same time. With the exception of maintaining physical distancing among family and friends, and the priest or deacon sanitizing his hands before and after pouring the water and anointing, the sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in the usual manner according to the Rite of Baptism. The water in the font is to be replaced after each baptism. Priests and deacons are to wear masks for the celebration of baptism for the protection of the infants and children being baptized."

Please contact the church office for more information and to set an individual day and time for your child's baptism. You will be individually orientated for the celebration of Baptism. Thank you parents for your patience and understanding during this time of pandemic. Contact: 519-539-0876



Knights of Columbus³⁰

2021 Ontario Charities

50/50 Online Raffle

Draw date: June 30, 2021

Don't miss your chance to win!

100 TICKETS
\$ 40

40 TICKETS
\$ 20

15 TICKETS
\$ 10

BUY TICKETS NOW

To purchase your ticket from Council # **3515 Holy Trinity Woodstock**
please visit this link <https://ontariokofraffle.5050central.com/?c=3515>

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EARLY BIRD DRAWS

April 23 at 9:00 a.m.

1st draw for \$500

2nd draw for \$250

3rd draw for \$250

May 14 at 9:00 a.m.

1st draw for \$500

2nd draw for \$250

3rd draw for \$250



June 4 at 9:00 a.m.

1st draw for \$500

2nd draw for \$250

3rd draw for \$250



MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Intentions For	Requested By	Please Pray For
Sunday May 2	8:30 am Holy Trinity (Live streamed)	For parishioners of Holy Trinity		Rev. Thomas Janisse
Monday May 3				Rev. Matthew Bedard
Tuesday May 4	9:30 am Holy Trinity (Live streamed)	Emanuel Raposo (In Remembrance) For Sick & Deceased Members of KofC The Beatification of Adel Quinn Tricia Freeman (Gift of Healing)	Mom & Dad KofC, Council 3515 Legion of Mary Dorothy Ireland	Rev. Daniel Bombardier <i>Needs of the Prayer Line</i>
Wednesday May 5	9:30 am Holy Trinity (Live streamed)	Arthur & Mary Carlin (Repose) Dang Cao (Repose) Ann & Germain Gagnon (Repose) Bud & Doris Ernewein (70th Wedding Anniversary)	Paul & Marie Vandenberg Friends Perrault Family Family	Rev. Richard (Dick) Bester <i>Homebound Parishioners</i>
Thursday May 6	9:30 am Holy Trinity (Live streamed)	Joseph Tac Vu & Anna Nhan Vu Rog ignagni (Repose) Maria Ramsz (Repose)	Kely Nguyen & Family Nancy VanRyswyck Zofia & John Ekert	Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood <i>Parishioners in Hospital</i>
Friday May 7	9:30 am Holy Trinity (Live streamed)	Maria Pozojevic (Repose) Erna Hatzenbuhler (Repose) Stefan Domitrz (Repose) Maria-Jose Silva (In Remembrance)	Ann Pozojevic Michelle McKee Stella Domitrz Maria, John, Devon & Brandon Velda	Rev. Gary Ducharme <i>Parishioners in Nursing Homes</i>
Saturday May 8	Holy Trinity	For parishioners of Holy Trinity		Rev. James Mockler

70th Wedding Anniversary!

Bud and Doris Ernewein celebrate their 70th anniversary on April 28, 2021. Known for their musical talent and their work with the church choir, they are still very much in love and living on Vansittart Avenue in Woodstock.

Their six children Larry, Dan, Linda, Mike, Joe & Julie and their families will be celebrating with them virtually on their special day.



Activities and Resources for Families

The Diocese of London offers an abundance of resources/activities for parishes, families and individuals for the COVID-19 Pandemic. There are resources for spiritual care, videos, prayers, crafts, games ideas to name a few. Go to the Diocese of London website for all this plus more.

Stewardship Corner



April 11, 2021

This Sunday's monetary offering was \$4,779.75 compared to \$4,479.50 in 2020. Our Debt Reduction contributions for this week are \$283.75. Included are donations from direct deposit plus drop off donations and e-transfers.

April 18, 2021

This Sunday's monetary offering was \$6,423.75 compared to \$4,479.50 in 2020. Our Debt Reduction contributions for this week are \$353.75 and Easter contributions are \$6,772.00. Included are donations from direct deposit plus drop off donations and e-transfers.

We continue to encourage your financial support for the parish during these difficult times as our monthly bills do continue to come in. Your donations can be made through direct deposit, e-transfers, mail or by dropping an envelope off at the church.

God bless and stay safe.

Thank you for your continued generosity in support of our parish.