

Church Open/Office Hours 7:30 am to 7:30 pm 7 days a week
Mass, Adoration & Reconciliation at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Weekday Mass

Mornings: Monday to Saturday 8:30 am

Evenings: Monday to Friday 6:15 pm

Sunday Mass

Saturday vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass in Tofield: 11:00 am St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday to Friday: *Immediately Following Morning and Evening Mass*

Saturday 9:15 am to 11:00 am

Adoration

*****EVERY FRIDAY a Holy Hour prior to each daily Mass*****

7:30 am prior to Morning Mass and 5:15 pm prior to Evening Mass

Every Wednesday Holy Hour 5:15 pm prior to Evening Mass:

1st Wednesday hosted by Mary's Servants for Christ: March 6

2nd Wednesday hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul: February 14

****special time for Ash Wednesday, 6:00 pm then mass at 7:00 pm***

3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL: February 21

4th Wednesday hosted by K of C: February 28



We have a NEW YouTube Channel! For the benefit of the faithful whose health or other circumstances prevent them from attending the church in person, **all Masses and Adoration will now be livestreamed at:**

<https://www.youtube.com/@olpparishsherwoodparkab/streams>

WATCH the 8:30 am Mass, seven days a week, live on Telus Optik TV Channel 877.
(Must be a Telus Optik subscriber.)

LISTEN to the 8:30 am Sunday Mass live – or anytime – from your landline or cell phone.
Dial **888-OLPH-808** (888-657-4808) and then follow the simple instructions.

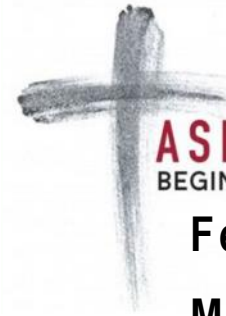


Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish ~ A Roman Catholic Christian Community

Sunday February 11, 2024 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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ASHWEDNESDAY
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

February 14

Mass Times:

8:30 am

10:30 am - Holy Redeemer, Ecole OLPH and St. Luke Catholic Schools attending

1:00 pm - St. Isidore Learning Centre, Holy Spirit, Ecole Pere Kearns, St. Nicholas and Madonna Catholic Schools attending

7:00 pm (Holy Hour of Adoration moved to 6:00 pm, No 6:15 pm Mass)

6:30 pm - St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Tofield



"Landscapes of Lent"
with Carol Sebastian
All ladies of the parish are welcome!

Hosted by our Catholic Women's League.

Register by e-mail to
info@cwlolph.ca
or call Mary-Lou at
780-464-6116.



No cost to attend, but freewill offerings will be accepted for Father Ben's Marriet Kwamang School project in Ghana.

Learn more about it here:

<https://caedm.ca/missionary-priest-has-heart-for-building-church-and-faith-in-ghana/>



A humble and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports the financial needs of our parish home with Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD), by bringing your Sunday Giving Envelopes to the church, or donating via INTERAC E-TRANSFER to:

OLPH.etransfer@caedm.ca

***TAX RECEIPTS WILL BE MAILED OUT BY THE END OF FEBRUARY**



February 12 - 17

Monday ~ Mike Hnydyh†, Patricia Thomson†, Ines Viale Ramirez†, Justin Kalapurakal, Fowler Family, Geelyn Agas, Matthew McKay, Yves & Valerie Lamarre, Karina Holzman, Chantel Jodoin

Tuesday ~ Helen Stecyk†, Jim Mitchell†, Lois Schatz†, Brad Popham†, Eleen Hansen†, Antonio & Lucy Avellanosa†, Celine Lambkin, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Pamela Gravelle, Gloria Olazo

Wednesday ~ Peter Proudfoot†, Brant Hoyteniuk†, Betty Lou Lawrence†, Megan Hoyteniuk & family, Jacqueline Prince, Elaine Macdonald, Marcelino & Linda De Sousa, Maria Lourdes Moniz, Michelle McKay, Paragas Mallari family

Thursday ~ Samuel Lashin†, John Wachowicz†, Jim Mitchell†, Leoncina Manalo Untalan†, Holy Souls of purgatory†, Ray Buldoe†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Lizanne Lachance, Erudita Buen, Marguerita Bens

Friday ~ Steve Weimann†, Josephine Fiddler†, Cliff Buckland†, Kitty Durnin†, John Miranda†, Eugene McArdle†, Maria Elena C. Sebastian, The Holzmanns, Anthony McKay, Penny Draganiuk

Saturday ~ Stan Lamarre†, Chris Penner†, Kitty Durnin†, Eva Visky†, Linda de Sousa, Anna Malipol, Geeanne Agas Ongpanco

The Clothing Nook is OPEN for Shopping:
Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm February 13 & 27
Saturdays 10:00 am – Noon February 17



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Website: www.caedm.ca

In event of an emergency, call the church office to connect with the Priest On Call 780-467-5470

TOFIELD CORNER ~ St. Francis of Assisi Parish ~
Mass every Sunday at 11:00 am



“This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is a time to preach it from the rooftops. Do not be afraid to break out of comfortable and routine modes of living in order to take up the challenge of making Christ known in the modern metropolis.” -

Quote from St. Pope John Paul II

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ After encountering our Lord at Mass on Sundays, do we, like the leper, head out with great enthusiasm proclaiming our experience? Do we then look for ways to proclaim Christ’s presence in our lives? How can we do this? Are we not called to evangelize?

1. So then...Please join us at our General Meeting after Sunday Mass on February 18. You just might have the ideas and inspiration we’ve been waiting for! All are welcome and there will be coffee and treats as usual.
2. St. Francis of Assisi will have an **Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:30pm** - a perfect way to start the Lenten season. Times and dates of Holy Week Masses and vigils will be announced soon. We are such a blessed little parish!!
3. As mentioned in the last two bulletins - some of our parish men are starting a Men’s Bible Study. What a great way to socialize and get to know each other better in the warmth of the Holy Spirit! If you are interested or have any questions, please call Jason at 780-446-5476.



To post in the ‘Tofield Corner’ contact Kathy by phone 780-270-8652 or email Kathleen.Anderson.one@gmail.com. Weekly bulletin deadline is Wednesday.)

OLPH Financial Report

Week 6 February 4, 2024	Cost of Operating the Parish	Building Fund Target Amount	“Together We Serve” Target Amount
Average weekly amount required	\$25,000.00	\$2,480.00	\$2,310.00
Donations this week	\$20,743.90	\$2,537.10	\$3,589.40
This week surplus/ shortfall	-\$4,256.10	\$57.10	\$1,279.40

- Cost of operating the parish “average weekly amount” is 1/52 of the total annual amount of ordinary receipts projected in the 2023 budget
- Building fund target average weekly amount is based on total donations projected in 2021 budget.
- Together We Serve weekly amount is based an annual target which is set by the Archdiocese.
- Together We Serve Collection - *First Sunday of every Month - March 3*
- Society of St. Vincent De Paul Poor Box Collection - *Third Weekend of every Month - Feb. 17-18*

What's Happening at OLPH



Come Join our Team of VOLUNTEERS at OLPH Summer Vacation Bible Camp July 8 - 12

- We are needing:
- ⇒ several children's Group Leaders
 - ⇒ Help in the Craft Room
 - ⇒ Decorating Leader
- All volunteers 18 years or older need to have a Police and Intervention check as well as have attended the Called to Protect Workshop. Vacation Bible Camp is run totally by volunteers. Please consider helping out. This is a week of fun and excitement for all!

For more information please contact Sharon Darbyshire at sdarbyshire@olph.ca

What's Happening at OLPH

IN SEARCH OF:

Girls in grades 5-9 who want to Serve!

The weekend of February 17 - 18, a group of girls will be preparing and serving lunch to members of the inner city. **If you are interested in participating in this meaningful initiative, please email rebecca.genuis@gmail.com for more information!** Adult supervision will, of course, be provided.



Please Support Pregnant Teens



Our next service project undertaken by the JETS women's group will be for Edmonton Catholic Schools' *Our Lady of Grace Program*. This amazing initiative supports pregnant and parenting students (female and male) while they are completing their education in their respective schools. Not only do they provide academic and personal support, but spiritual as well.

We are collecting items from their wish list and are humbly asking our fellow parishioners for support. There will be a bin set up outside the parish office for your generous donations, beginning on February 12 and we will collect until the morning of February 23.

Specifically we are looking for:

- baby wipes
- large-sized diapers/pull ups (size 4 or larger)
- new baby clothes all sizes (boys or girls)
- new baby creams/wash, etc.
- new baby toys/items like rattles, soothers, to add to newborn welcome baskets

Also ... we'd like to treat the parents so are gathering individually-wrapped valentine chocolates too.

Thank you so greatly for your anticipated generosity! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Flight Captains of the Day, Cathy at billbrandt@shaw.ca or Aida at issaaaida33@yahoo.com.

Every FRIDAY evening during Lent, join us for STATIONS OF THE CROSS led by groups from our parish immediately following the 6:15 pm Mass.



Friday February 16	Secular Franciscans
Friday February 23	Knights of Columbus
Friday March 1	ALPHA Team
Friday March 8	Altar Servers
Friday March 15	Mary's Servants for Christ
Friday March 22	Catholic Women's League



*Baptism classes and celebrations are not scheduled during Lent, so there will be no classes in March. **Baptism Preparation will resume April 9.***

No Baptism Celebrations are scheduled in February or March. Contact Jenny at the Parish Office to register to attend, by email info@olph.ca or call 780-467-5470.



CWL General Meeting Monday February 12

6:30 pm in the Meeting Room

Speaker: Priska Strickler on Indonesian Missions

Congratulations & Welcome Sunnie Mae Wiesner

Baptized on February 4, 2024





Did you receive your invitation? Did you RSVP?

Dear Jesus is hosting an After Party *before* the party. (Yes, I am trying to be cool with the lingo.) This week we will celebrate Ash Wednesday as the prelude to six weeks of preparation for the celebration of the central gift of our faith: the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The death and resurrection, for us Christians, is understood to be the event in God's plan of salvation that overcame death once and for all; while in the same moment opening the gates of heaven for all who have a sincere desire to enter them. In some ways we can see it as an order of magnitude. We have four weeks of Advent in preparation for the nativity of our Lord; and we have six weeks of preparation for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Savior of the world.

What does this "after party before the party," consist of for us? The Church offers us the opportunity - through the ascetic practices of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving** - a focused time to prepare our physical and spiritual beings for engaging in the most profound gift, of the many, that our God has blessed us with: **Salvation**.

Why are we invited to engage more intentionally in these specific practices? To set the stage, it is reasonable to say that most of us profess to have busy lives. Regardless of what kind of busy we are speaking of (and often it is simply a very pragmatic busyness); it seems to be our human nature to fill our days with activities of one form or another. That might be reading a good book, making sure things are tidy around the house, working many hours for the almighty dollar, running children from one activity to another, caring for grandchildren... All these activities are good in and of themselves. What can occur during this busyness, is that we tend to forget about the giver of all that is good, the giver of the blessings we give thanks for in our quick prayer before bedtime. We may not forget about God, but He may get gently nudged off to the side, while we get the pragmatic necessities looked after.

Lent is the opportunity the Church offers us, to renew and refresh the most important relationship we will ever be blessed to be part of. Of course, that relationship is with our Lord Jesus. It is my view that our lives are enriched by the many relationships we are part of. It is also my view that the most important of our relationships, can often be the one we spend the least amount of time and attention on. Jesus modeled the importance of baptism

for us by being baptised Himself in the Jordan by John the Baptist. Jesus did not simply say; "Take this all of you and eat of it, for this is my body which will be given up for you," Jesus consumed the bread and the wine that he consecrated at the Last Supper. Why? Because Jesus knew we needed these sacraments and so He modeled them for us to ensure we understood the importance of them.

What did Jesus do prior to beginning His public ministry? He entered the barrenness of the desert, where he fasted and prayed without the distractions of everyday life, for forty days. He was able to focus His attention more completely and intentionally on preparing for what lay ahead for Him. Again, He modeled for us what needs to be done to achieve a successful, God-centered ministry. I suppose this might go without saying, though I won't go without saying it: If the Lord is modeling these things for us, there is a good chance they are important for us too. Jesus knew that to have any measure of success, he needed to put it in His heavenly Father's hands. You and I need to know that to have any measure of success here in the world, we need to put our efforts in the Lords hands.

Once again, our Lord models for us what is essential. Relationship with God, with one another, and with ourselves. The "desert after party (before party)" we are invited to during this Lent, really, is an awesome opportunity to grow in our relationship with the Lord. It has been my experience, and I am sure yours, that when things are good between us and the Lord, the other key relationships will be good as well. Friends, let us not look at Lent as something we must get through to get to the celebration. Let us see Lent for the gift and opportunity that it is: A time to prepare with joyful anticipation for the most important event in the history of the world! Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the three pillars that will support and prepare us on our Lenten journeys. Pray about what you would like to accomplish on your walk with the Lord during this Lenten season. Then pray for the graces of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that will allow you to be intentional and set you up for success on this God-given opportunity.

Whether it be family, friends, faith, work-related, Lent is our gift and our opportunity to be intentional in progressing in these aspirations. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will create room in our hearts; that we may more authentically nourish and cultivate our relationship with our Lord, with ourselves, and with one another. Happy Lent my friends. Did you receive your invitation? Did you RSVP?

Blessings, Fr. Jim

