

St. Joseph Catholic Church



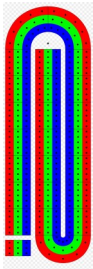
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023



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Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 9. The parish office is closed and weekday Mass is at 9 am.



Games Knight - Thursday, Oct. 12

Everyone is welcome! Come enjoy Crib, Canasta & board games for kids.
5:30 pm: Beef on a Bun & Caesar salad supplied by Browns Social House.
Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm.
Cost is by donation to support meals for St. Lawrence Centre.

The annual Archbishop's Dinner - Friday, Nov. 3

Hosted this year by Deanery One in McLennan at École Providence School. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Speaker: Archbishop Pettipas
Silent auction and egg raffle. Tickets: \$35
To purchase tickets contact the parishes in Deanery One (McLennan, Girouxville and Falher), e-mail Karen nkben@iwantwireless.ca or call the Archdiocese office, 780-532-9766.

The live-streamed dinner planned for Nov. 24 has been postponed until early in the new year. Call the Archdiocese office with questions.

Screen Volunteers Needed

Our "Tech Team" operates our projector screens at each of the Sunday Masses. The time commitment is approximately once per month. Minor tech experience required - training provided.
If you are interested in joining our team email stjoesmediagp@gmail.com
Information/training session: Monday, Oct. 16 (note date change), 7 pm in the church.

Items Needed for Samaritan's Basket (our outreach program) Travel sized shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes. As the weather is cooling, mittens, gloves and winter socks are also needed.

October 8 - 15 Dates to Remember

Mon 9: Thanksgiving Day

9 am, weekday Mass, church

Tues. 10: 10 am, Liturgy of the Word with children training, St JP11 Room

7 pm, CWL meeting, begins with Mass in church

7:30 pm, K of C meeting, Liguori Hall

Wed. 11: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room

7 pm, Liturgy of the Word with children training, Liguori Hall

Thurs. 12: 10 - 11:30 am, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall

5:30 pm, Games Knight, Tranquille Hall

7 - 8:30 pm, SALT, Tranquille Hall

Sat. 14: 9:30 - noon, Altar Servers' practice, church

1 - 3:30 pm, Altar Servers' practice, church

2:30 pm, Liturgy of the Word with children training, St JP11 Room

3:30 - 4:30 pm, Eucharistic Ministers workshop, church



BLESSING BAGS

The Family & Children and Youth Ministries are collecting for this annual service project for St Lawrence Center. Donations of warm

mittens, gloves, scarves, toques, hand warmers and candy are needed. Please bring donations labelled "Blessing Bags" to the parish office, or to Family & Children's events.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca
Our 2022 Annual Financial Report came out this summer. Copies available on the literature rack near the entrance to the church or on our website under News - Letters & Notices.
Donation options can be found on our website.

SACRAMENTS

Beatriz Fernandez ext 228 sjc-sacraments@gpcsd.ca

Through the waters of baptism we welcome Clint Fernandes into our family of faith. We pray that his journey with our Lord is filled with joy!

Parents are required to complete a Baptism course for each of their children. For information check saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/ or call Beatriz at the parish office, ext. 228.



Mom's Group (formerly known as Ladies "Walk With Me") Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: October 12

Offertory Gift Bearers needed! This is a great way for families to get involved. Training provided after Mass October 21 & 22.

Salt (Grade 3 - 6 youth group)
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Volunteers needed
Registration forms at Welcome Table
Next gathering: October 12 - joining Games Knight

Liturgy of the Word With Children (age 4 - grade 3)
Children gather during Sunday Mass to hear the Gospel and discuss it. Youth and adult leaders and helpers needed (screening required). Adult leaders and helpers attend one training session either on October 10th - 10 am, 11th - 7 pm, or 14th - 2:30 pm. Youth Helper Training: after Mass October 14 & 15. RSVP Kristen

All Saints Costume Party October 28, 2 - 4 pm.
Help us plan! Meeting: October 14, 1 - 2 pm, in the St. JP II Room.

Family Movie, Sunday, Oct. 15, 2 - 4 pm, Tranquille Hall. Bring a friend and something comfy to sit on.



YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 232

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm.
Next gathering: October 21st



Gr. 9 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
8 - 10 pm in St JP II Room
Next gathering: October 21 - Murder Mystery Party. RSVP to April stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com and receive your character assignment.



(Gr. 7 - 9) 1st & 3rd Fridays
7 - 8:30 pm in the St JP II Room
Next gathering: October 20, Pumpkin Carving - bring your own pumpkin.

Programs at St. Joseph HS

Music & Muffins: Tuesdays at Focus in the chapel
Encounter (faith leadership): Tuesday at Lunch in room 141

Programs at St. JP II HS

Music & Muffins: Thursdays at Focus in the chapel



Thursdays at lunch: (formerly known as Encounter) focuses on social justice and building awareness within the school and community.

Youth Ministry Leadership Workshops

Attend both sessions to learn more about youth ministry and how to lead and inspire young people in the parish community.

Part 1 (on Zoom): October 14th, 9:45am- 1pm

Fundamentals of Youth Ministry by Fr. Santo Arrigo CSsR

Part 2 (St. Joseph Church): October 21st 9:45-1pm

Tools for Youth Ministry -

Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

Use the QR Code to Register or go to archgm.ca



ADULT FORMATION



FORMED - EVERY PARK HAS A LARK - EPISODE 1
 Benjamin Cello This episode of Benjamin Cello reveals that every part of creation has a purpose and brings beauty into the world.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

“Our Father” Retreat - Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 am
 \$25.00/person includes lunch. Deepen your spiritual connection to our heavenly Father. Embark on a transformative journey of self-discovery and reflection to enhance your understanding of this sacred prayer. For information contact Pat Deluca 780-263-1064. Register online www.patdelucafindingpurpose.com

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - If you already distribute communion at Mass, or would like to start, please plan to attend a workshop. It is important that all existing and new Extraordinary Ministers attend one session to update and renew your understanding of this important ministry. Last session: Saturday, Oct. 14, 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

Canada-wide Rosary Rally - Thousands of Catholics across Canada will gather on October 14 at 12 noon (local time) to pray the rosary. Gather in our parking lot just before noon to add your voice.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 9 - 14

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
 SH-Mass at a Senior’s Home

- Mon. 9, 9 am: ✠ Charles Desjarlais & family
- Tues. 10, 7 pm: CWL / ✠ Brigitte Chauvin
- Wed. 11, 12:15 pm: ✠ Jean Driver
- 7 pm: ✠ Raoul Tremblay
- Thurs. 12, 7 pm: ✠ Martha Binns
- Fri. 13, 12:15 pm: ✠ Rose-Mae LaFramboise
- Sat. 14, 9 am: ✠ Charles Desjarlais & family

GENERAL INFO

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially Ken O’Shea
 John Zintel Millie Wrzosek
 Lucy Kolebaba Wilfred Wanihadie
 Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerk
 Reena Siemensma, sister of Ivan Romkes

The deceased, especially

Marie Ouellet, grandmother of Mitchell Sniezek
 Patrick Carley, uncle of Teresa Sniezek

CWL October Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 10, begins with Mass in church at 7 pm.

October K of C Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7:30 pm in Liguori Hall

Quilting Bee-Levers Mondays from 9 am - 3 pm in Liguori Hall. All are welcome. No sewing skills required. Please contact the office for information.

Ladies’ Bible Study, Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 am, St. JP II Room. All ladies welcome.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, October 15, following the
 9 & 11 am Masses in Tranquille Hall.
 Gluten free available.

Altar Server Training Fall 2023

If you have a child interested in being an Altar Server fill out a registration form, available in the Altar Server drawer by the Sacristy. Contact Donna 780-512-7667 (phone/text) or email murrdonn@telus.net
 If you have already filled out a registration form and have not heard from Donna, please contact her.

Adult Volunteers Needed to Assist with Altar Server Training - Please reach out to Donna.



Young Adults 18+
@ignitegrandeprairie
Adoration + Pumpkin Carving

Join us Friday, Oct. 20 for Mass and Adoration at 7 pm with Pumpkin Carving to follow at 8:30 pm in Tranquille Hall. Please bring your own pumpkin.

Archdiocese 2022 Annual Report: Statistics, finances and an overview of all the ministries in our churches. Pick up a copy in the back of the church or get your digital copy at <https://www.archgm.ca/annual-reports/>

Items Needed at the Salvation Army Foodbank:

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand soap, body wash shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, pasta sauce, diced tomatoes, large beans, rice, crackers, snacks, tomato paste, oatmeal, jello/pudding, Kraft dinner, juice (1L), canned fruit, boxed soup, canned pasta (spaghetti, Alphagetti). Bring your donation on Sunday or drop it directly at the Food Bank.

PLEASE NOTE: Only bring *NON-PERISHABLE* food items to Mass to donate to the Foodbank (no dairy, bread, fruit, vegetables, etc.)

Please be mindful of our church neighbours:

Do not park in driveways or in the Hillcrest Church's parking lot.

Catholic Family Services Annual General Meeting, Tuesday, November 7, 7 pm at Catholic Family Services in the Garrett Family Centre, 10105 102 St.

Sunday Readings

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Dealing with Injustice

Isaiah 5:1 - 7. The vineyard song
Philippians 4:6 - 9. Joy and peace in Christ
Matthew 21:33 - 43. Parable of the tenants

Key Passage: [Jesus said,] "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom." Matthew 21:43

Question: What would your reaction be if you found that someone you thought you could trust was taking money from you without your knowledge? How would you handle the situation?

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Sandwiches for St. Lawrence Centre & Wapiti House

Over the past several months, parishioners donated supplies and made sandwiches. 500 sandwiches were made on the first Sunday, 600 on the second and over 750 this past Sunday, which filled both St Lawrence Centre's and Wapiti House's fridges. Many thanks to everyone who donated supplies and their time. Those who received them are very grateful.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 5 pm

Regular Mass Schedule (September - June)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday	12:15 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	7:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am

Senior's Lodge Masses at 10:30 am:

1st Tuesday - The Gardens
1st Friday - Heritage Lodge
2nd Friday - Wild Rose Manor
3rd Friday - Pioneer Lodge

Sunday Masses

Saturday evening	7:00 pm
Sunday morning	9:00 & 11:00 am

Confessions: Saturday evenings, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, or by appointment (call the parish office)

Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help at Wednesday Masses.

Baptism for Infants & Young Children:

saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/ or contact Beatriz at the Parish Office (even prior to the birth of your child) about Baptism Preparation for parents.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in a Catholic Church must begin preparation *at least 8 months* prior to their wedding date.

Call Darlene, ext. 224, or email sjc-marriage@gpcsd.ca

Interested in joining the church or completing sacraments? Contact ext. 224, or email sjc-ocia@gpcsd.ca

Religious Gift Shop/Library: Check after weekend Masses

Prayer Chain Requests: Confidentiality assured. stjosephprayers@gmail.com, or call the parish office.

Parish Pastoral Council: st.joes.ppc@gmail.com