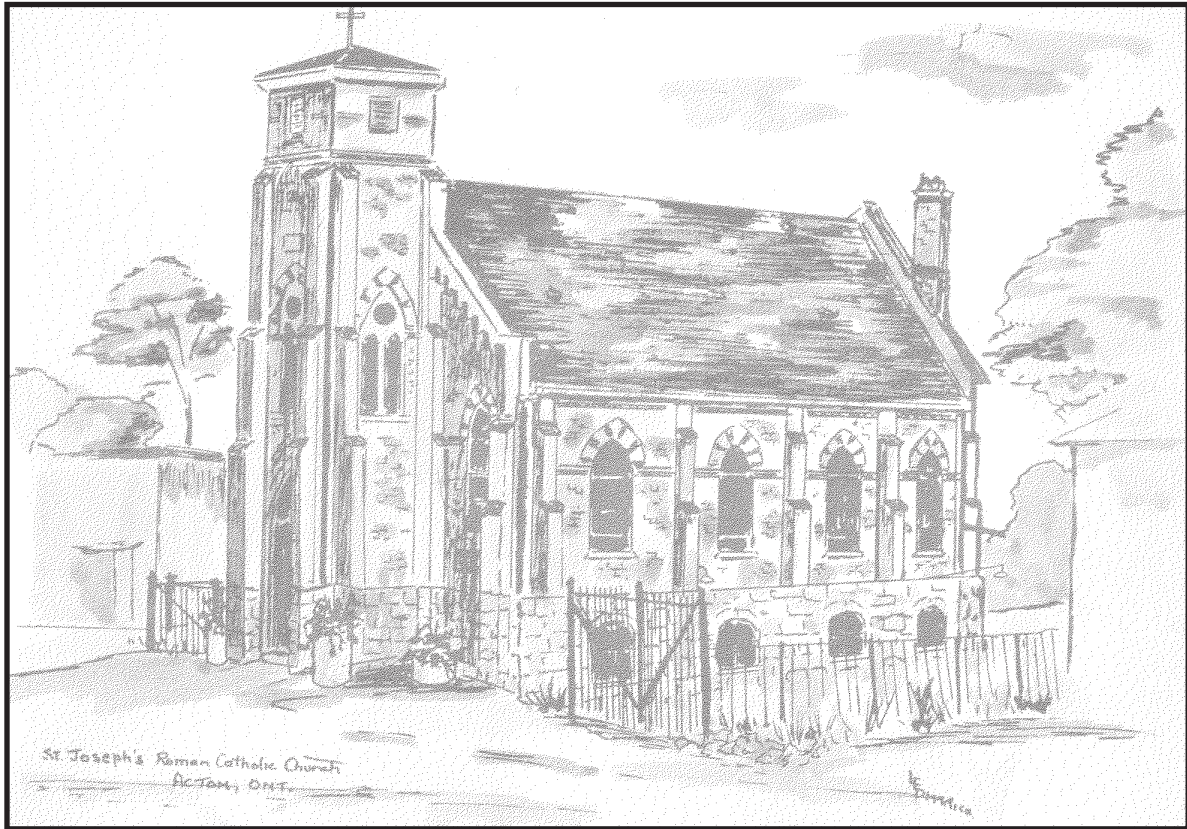


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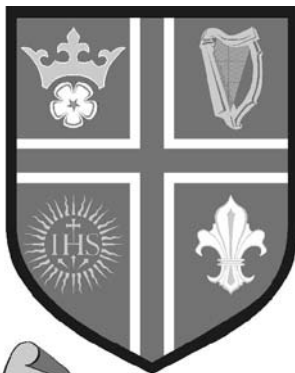
Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fri. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

## SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am  
11:00 am

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Women's League  
Knights of Columbus  
St. Vincent Charities



## BAPTISMS:

By arrangement with the pastor.

## MARRIAGES:

By arrangement one year in advance.

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm  
or by appointment.

## SCHOOLS:

St. Joseph 519-853-3730  
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## WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite you to register in our parish community  
by filling in a blue registration form.

**A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:**

Last week our focus was on the Solemnity of All Saints. This week our focus is the Feast of All Souls which is celebrated the very next day on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. By the time this bulletin will be published we will have already celebrated this Feast Day. During this whole month of November, we should be praying for all the dearly departed marked with the sign of faith.

If we ponder Heaven with All Saints, then we need to ponder Purgatory with All Souls.

Like many Catholic teachings, the teaching of Purgatory is much maligned. This is too bad. Purgatory is about promise and hope and God's unbelievable mercy. Historically it has been presented as a place of purifying, almost like a fire of redemption.

How we should look at Purgatory is to be reminded that it teaches that we are responsible for our sins, for our "thoughts, words, and deeds". In a world that is increasingly void of any form of accountability, we are reminded that with God we do not escape accountability.

If we think of Purgatory in terms of a verb, that is 'to purge', purgatory is an action of God purging us of our sinfulness. Yes, Jesus won salvation for us, but to be saved does not excuse us from our personal sin. Fortunately, purging our sins in this act of God makes it possible for us to enjoy the salvation won by Christ.

All Souls Day also teaches us about the Resurrection. We are taught that Jesus defeated death and rose from the dead, therefore, the bonds of love that exist in this life do not end with death. When it comes to death, love should not be used in the past tense. We still love those who have gone before us. All Souls Day teaches us that we can continue to act on the love we still have.

What are we praying for on All Souls Day and for the whole month of November? We pray that God "will be merciful in judging our

brother/sister." These words are taken from the funeral rite which we celebrate for those who are faithful but are still in need of our prayers.

We speak of our deceased loved ones being taken into Heaven, yet we want to be wary of merely presuming God's love. Instead, although the Father's love is promised by Christ, we humble ourselves and ask for God's love and mercy.

On All Souls Day, we pray not just for those whom we love. We pray for all who have gone before us. To intercede for others in prayer is a noble thing.

*Fr. Mark*

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

"Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these, they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve."

St. Francis of Assisi

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

This week please pray especially for:

***Austin Hunak, Helen Fowler,  
David Champagne***



This week we pray especially for the following families of our parish:

***Bonello, Borkowski, Bosboom,  
Bourque, Brozic, Buck***

**From the CWL:** The next General Meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 7 at 7:30 in the church office** (39 John St. S). **This is a week early and not in the church hall.** Thank you for your understanding and flexibility!

The **CWL Christmas Dinner** (hosted by the Knights) on **Tuesday, December 12.** That day, Mass will be at 6:00 and dinner will begin at 6:30 in the church hall. Tickets will be \$30 and sold at Masses the weekends of November 25-6 and December 2-3.

Also save the date for this year's **Bazaar**, which will be on **Saturday, December 9.**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (November 6 – November 12)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	People of Ukraine	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of St. Joseph Parish Confirmandi</i>	
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of Geralda Savoie</i>	Janine Milton
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Cule Family	Spencer Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Stan and Rose Smycnuik	Gallagher Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Ann Lis</i>	Mary Humenyk and Family
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	

**Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony**

Father Mark arranges Baptisms and Marriages personally, by appointment. Please see Father after Mass to set a time for an interview. Marriages must be arranged one year in advance. Completion of a marriage preparation course is required. Applications may be obtained from Father Mark.

**Bulletins** are available online at:  
<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>



**CONTACT PERSONS for CWL and K of C**

Anyone interested in learning more about our parish Catholic Women's League or Knights of Columbus is invited to call the appropriate contact person:

CWL: Christie deSouza: 519-400-6012 [cwl@lartist.com](mailto:cwl@lartist.com)  
 K of C: Ian Nolan: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

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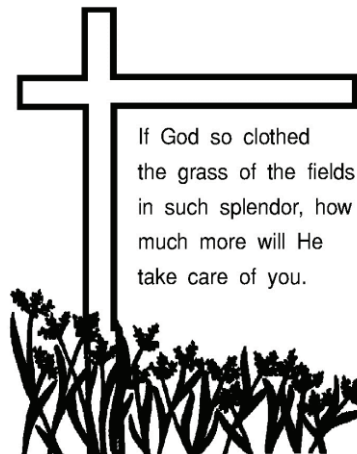
Life changes are difficult. After a separation or divorce, you may feel isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm - November 21, and December 19, 2023. Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer - 7:00pm Mass. We meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)

**STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION?** - Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**

**Marriage Tip 133**

There are many strategies we use to support our partners when they are under stress, but researcher Sarah Walker of the University of Sydney and her team found that two seem to have the most impact. Receptive listening, allowing your spouse to share details about a situation without providing judgment or advice, and 'valuing' your spouse by telling them how much they matter to you, are two that can provide great benefit to your partner. Try these proven techniques and you will find a receptive and happier husband/wife in your life!

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)







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