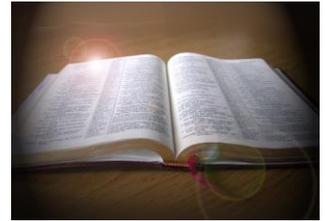


Sunday, January 11th, the Baptism of the Lord concluded the Christmas season. January 12th marked the return to Ordinary time. Prayer table cloths should be green throughout this season which lasts until February 18th, Ash Wednesday, at which time the cloths will be purple until April 2nd.

Scripture and Supper



North: **Wednesdays, Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 25, Mar. 11** at St. Ann's School, Sarnia
An overview of the 4 Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (register by Jan. 23)

South: **Tuesdays, Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 3, 10** at Our Lady of Fatima School, Chatham
Using the text "It Began with a Promise" we will explore the broad themes of the Old and New Testament (register by Feb 11)

Please contact Cindy Waddick to register. cindy.waddick@st-clair.net

Lent Begins Wednesday, February 18, 2015



Click [here](#) for links to
Prayers, Prayer Services and Activities for
Lent

Catholic Curriculum Corporation

We have neither Silver nor Gold:

**Gr 7-8 Sample Lessons and Units for
implementing the Religion Curriculum
Document (2012)**

Now posted on the SCCDSB website (follow the link
above) and the [Catholic Curriculum Corporation](#)
website

"Being Human in a Digital Civilization" SR. ANGELA ANN ZUKOWSKI



Please join us – all are welcome!

April 8, 2015: St. Ursula School, Chatham
6:30 – 8:00 pm

April 9, 2015: St. Patrick's Theatre, Sarnia
6:30 – 8:00 pm

- What are the challenges of social media networking and the consequences for adapting a lifestyle that is primarily digital?
- How do Catholic educators address these fundamental questions in a digital civilization (culture)?
- Is there a place for inter personal and communal relationships today that is non digital?

**Join us to explore these and other questions with
nationally and internationally renowned Sr. Angela Ann
Zukowski, Professor, University of Dayton.**

Please contact your school principal to register.

Pizza and Pedagogy Educator Workshops

February 11: *Pizza, Pedagogy and People in Groups*

What does small group instruction look like in the junior grades? How do you coach using mini-lessons but still have a rigorous independent reading time? We will explore flexibly grouping students using various instructional approaches.

March 25: *Effective Classroom Organization for Mathematics*

An effective classroom considers all learners when planning for a subject and math is no exception. We will explore use of manipulatives, movement, flexible groupings, room design, small group instruction, and what do with kids when they are “done” early.

Please register using ERO. Locations in Sarnia, Chatham, and Wallaceburg. Deadline to register for each session is 1 week prior to the session date. Questions? Please contact Joss Segeren at 519-627-6762 x282 or josselyne.segeren@st-clair.net



kinderSTART is a special one day event held in each school community during the month of February, for parents to **register their children for Kindergarten.**

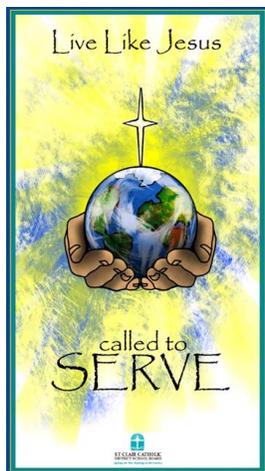
The program is offered in partnership with our Best Start community service partners, who are there to offer lots of helpful information about getting ready for school - ages and stages growth development, tips for good nutrition and health living, and immunization. ***It's a fun and informative event for the whole family. Please bring siblings 18 mos. – school age.***

For more information, including dates and times for kinderSTART registration at your local Catholic elementary school, click on the following links:

[Chatham-Kent Catholic Schools](#)
[Sarnia-Lambton Catholic Schools](#)

See you there!

Living Our Faith



After receiving your generous donations of school supplies in the fall, Grade 8 students in Chatham-Kent sorted materials and packed backpacks for Canadian Food for Children (CFFC). Here is one of the amazing gifts they were able to send to a student in Africa. This is a great example of St. Clair Catholic staff and students living out our call to serve, and to live like Jesus.



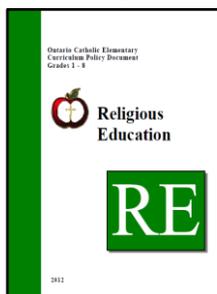
Pope Francis calls us to be 'islands of mercy'.

In a January 27, 2015 article, the National Catholic Reporter states, “Pope Francis has called on Catholics to use the upcoming Lenten season to tackle what he has called a ‘globalization of indifference’ by practicing acts of charity and becoming ‘islands of mercy’ for brothers and sisters in need.”

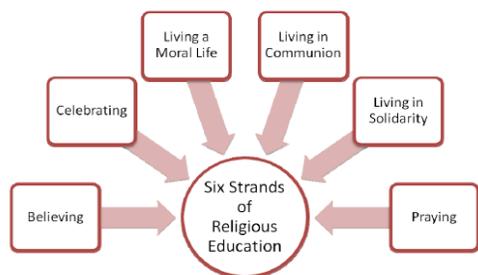
[National Catholic Reporter article](#)

To read Pope Francis’ Lenten message please [follow this link](#).

Curriculum Connections



Each newsletter we will continue to highlight one of the six strands in the Religious Education Policy Document. This month we focus on the **Celebrating strand**.



[Click here](#) and open the “Religious Education” tab to access additional supports / resources.

Links to Resources for the Celebrating Strand

The concepts linked to the Catechism of the Catholic Church in the celebrating strand are:

- A. The seven sacraments of the Church
[The Seven Sacraments - American.org](#)
[The Sacraments – Catholic Online](#)
[The Sacraments – Video Catechism](#)
- B. The Mass is the source and summit of Christian life
[The Order of the Mass – Catholic Resources](#)
- C. The Celebrations of the Church’s liturgical year
[Liturgical Year - ebook](#)

Description of the “Celebrating Strand” from the Religious Education Policy Document, 2012

The Catholic faith is rich in symbols, rituals and prayers that it uses to celebrate God’s intimate relationship with humanity. The seven sacraments of the Church, and in particular the Mass reveal, remember and celebrate the history of God’s presence among the people of the earth.

The unfolding of the liturgical year provides many learning opportunities concerning the use of religious symbols and ritual within the school setting. Likewise, the liturgical year affords the opportunity for participation and study of the Church’s sacramental life. Through the celebration of Eucharist and the experiences of religious education, students have opportunities to embrace more fully the commitment of their Baptism into the faith.

Instruction should present the sacraments as visible signs of the presence and action of God, Jesus as the pre-eminent sacrament whose life made visible the action of God in an unparalleled manner, and Church as the sacrament of Christ making his teachings and his saving grace visible across all cultures and through successive generations. The seven sacraments then signify and accomplish God’s loving initiative to lead people to wholeness by interceding at significant moments of their lives from birth through maturity to death.

Pages 27-28 Religious Education Policy Document, 2012.

To accommodate the difference in age for reception of the sacraments, education in the sacraments is included in the Celebrating strand for each grade. Students are educated about the sacraments at an age-appropriate level so that what they learn will link harmoniously with the catechetical programs provided for immediate preparation at the parish. After receiving the sacraments, religious education curriculum continues to deepen their awareness of the significance of these sacraments in their lives and in the life of all Christians.

Page 35 Religious Education Policy Document, 2012.