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### ***CATHOLIC EDUCATION: ‘LIVING AS JOYFUL DISCIPLES’ IS THE THEME FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2019***

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2019, which will be celebrated from May 5 to 10, is *Living as Joyful Disciples*. The St. Clair Catholic District School Board will join with other Catholic school boards across the province to celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic education has made in our communities, the province and to Canada.

The 2019 CEW theme was inspired by three sources: *Renewing The Promise*, the Pastoral Letter on Catholic Education from the Bishops of Ontario; *Gaudete et exultate*, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the Call to Holiness; and *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, the October 2018 Synod of Bishops.

The theme and sub-themes are directed to our students, especially their growth in holiness and their formation as disciples of Christ.

There are five sub-themes:

- Day 1: Rooted in Prayer
- Day 2: Living in Community
- Day 3: Doing Justice & Creating Hope
- Day 4: Journeying Together in Faith
- Day 5: Sharing the Good News

“Each year, Catholic Education Week offers an opportunity to reflect on the importance of Catholic education in our schools and in each of the communities we serve,” says Deb Crawford, Director of Education. “Through the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations, our students become faith-filled responsible citizens and life-long learners, who give back to our communities in countless ways.”

Special activities are planned at each of our schools to mark Catholic Education Week. Some activities celebrate our faith; some focus on learning excellence through literacy and numeracy events, technology and celebrations of the arts; and others demonstrate our commitment to service through acts of charity. Attached to this email, please find a list of just a few of the events that have been planned in some of our schools.

Please contact the school principal to arrange a visit.

For more information about Catholic Education Week at St. Clair Catholic, please visit our Board website at [www.st-clair.net](http://www.st-clair.net)



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# Catholic Education Week 2019

## “Living as Joyful Disciples”

### List of School Activities for May 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>

<i>School</i>	<i>School Principal</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Christ The King Catholic School	Lisa Walker 519-627-6745	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 8 – Grade 3-4 and 4-5 classes visit the Chatham-Kent Children’s Safety Village to learn about bike and electrical safety.</li> <li>May 9 – Praying the Rosary at CTK.</li> </ul>
Georges P. Vanier Catholic School	Americo Todino 519-354-6550	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 7 – 12:30 p.m. – Mayor Darrin Canniff visits GPV to speak to Grade 3 students who are studying municipalities in Social Studies class.</li> <li>May 9 – 5:00 p.m. – STEAM Night (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). Parents and students will visit several different learning stations including slime making, create-your-own-herb garden, primary and junior math centres, coding, building with motors and how to build your own fog cannon. There will also be a taco bar and photo gallery.</li> </ul>
Good Shepherd Catholic School	Sherrie Daudlin 519-692-3644	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 6 – 9:45 a.m. – Catholic Education Week Liturgy</li> <li>May 8 – 12:25 p.m. – Jump Rope for Heart</li> <li>May 9 – 6:30 p.m. – Family Evening – We are hosting an art auction, workshop for parents on internet safety, and a family photo both with our green screen.</li> </ul>
Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School	Daniela Mezzatesta 519-542-8190	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 6 and May 7 – Art Show and Book Fair.</li> <li>May 6 and May 8 – Ska-Nah-Doht exploration and learning experience for Grade 3s in the afternoon.</li> <li>May 10 – Jump Rope for Heart.</li> </ul>
Holy Family Catholic School	Mark Bernard 519-627-6003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 9 – 12:30 p.m. – Canadian children’s author Eric Walters visits.</li> </ul>
Holy Trinity Catholic School	Daniella Mancusi 519-344-2110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 6 – 3:30 p.m. – Student Art Expo – a showcase of student artwork open to students throughout the day and families after school. Each classroom will create one collaborative piece that will be for sale with proceeds to support local charities.</li> <li>May 6 – 9:30 a.m. – School Mass.</li> <li>May 6, 9 &amp; 10 – 2:00 p.m. – School Advisory Council will host a Book Drive open to all students.</li> </ul>
Monsignor Uyen Catholic School	Juli Faubert 519-352-1880	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 8 – 1:00 p.m. – Monsignor Uyen’s Got Talent – student talent show.</li> <li>May 9 – 6:00 p.m. – Family Math and French Immersion Night.</li> </ul>

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School	Kelly Van Boxtel <b>519-351-4040</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 8 – 12:45 p.m. – Walking Wednesday – School-wide walking event for all staff and students to promote physical literacy. Guest walker is Special Constable Randi Hull from Chatham-Kent Police Service.</li> <li>• May 10 – All day – We Walk for Water Event to support our WE Lenten initiative.</li> </ul>
Sacred Heart Catholic School (Port Lambton)	Jennifer Morrow <b>519-677-5391</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 10 – 1:00 p.m. – Mother’s Day Tea.</li> </ul>
St. Agnes Catholic School – Chatham	Jeanne Girard <b>519-354-0530</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 9 – 9:00 a.m. – Canadian children’s author Eric Walters visits.</li> </ul>
St. Anne Catholic School – Blenheim	Stacy Shepley <b>519-676-7352</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 8 – Guest author and inventor Phillip Roy visits.</li> <li>• May 8 – 5:30 p.m. – Annual Gala of the Arts – parents and guardians are invited to visit.</li> <li>• May 9 – 9:30 a.m. – Gallery Walk – students and staff will move clockwise through classrooms for a gallery walk.</li> </ul>
St. Anne Catholic School – Sarnia	Len Fera <b>519-542-2710</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 6 – 11:00 a.m. – Jump Rope for Heart.</li> </ul>
St. John Fisher Catholic School	Luana Sfalcin <b>519-786-5201</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 6 – 2:00 p.m. – Muskoka Woods send off with dance and prayers.</li> <li>• May 7 – Big Crunch and Just Dance Music and movement activities led by the Student Wellness Committee.</li> <li>• May 9 – Mother’s Day Social and Crazy Hair Day.</li> <li>• May 10 – Art Show with student self-portraits using the theme <i>We Are Wonderfully Made</i>. Parents will have the opportunity to visit classrooms at the end of the day.</li> </ul>
St. Joseph Catholic School – Corunna	Colleen Cogghe <b>519-862-1479</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 6 – 12:45 p.m. – Rooted in Prayer Liturgy for Catholic Education Week.</li> <li>• May 7 – 2:25 p.m. – Community Clean Up – As a school community we will gather to do a spring cleanup throughout the school yard and adjoining property.</li> <li>• May 8 – Throughout the day – <i>The Tale of Three Trees</i> – Grade 1A and 3 will perform a reader’s theatre in small groups for various classrooms.</li> <li>• May 9 – 12:45 p.m. – <i>Living Rosary</i> – Students from the Grade 2 and 7-8B classes will lead us in the living rosary, as we pray for the gift of Catholic education and living our lives as ‘joyful disciples.’</li> <li>• May 10 – Morning – <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> at the Imperial Theatre. Some junior classes will attend the play to watch other students in their classes who are in the cast.</li> </ul>
St. Joseph Catholic School – Chatham	Adrien Gagnier <b>519-354-4642</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 9 – Afternoon – Authors Carol Bryden and Diane Lloyd visit.</li> <li>• May 11 – Union Gas garden building as part of our Innovative Fund.</li> </ul>
St. Joseph Catholic School – Tilbury	Cindy Boyd <b>519-682-2790</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 8 – Grandparents Day – Grandparents are invited to join us at lunch time.</li> <li>• May 10 – We Walk for Water Event – Each class will be collecting coins with a goal of \$25 per classroom that will go towards the building of water wells in third world countries.</li> </ul>

St. Matthew Catholic School	Mark Renaud <b>519-332-4300</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 7 – Morning – School Mass; Afternoon – Faith play day. Students will rotate with their 'learning buddies' throughout various centres. The afternoon will consist of fellowship with peers and participation in a variety of faith-based activities throughout the school.</li> <li>• May 10 – Praying the <i>Living Rosary</i>. We will also present the Catholic Education Week video, which will be created with student and staff input throughout the week.</li> </ul>
St. Michael Catholic School – Bright's Grove	Steve DeGurse <b>519-869-4204</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 8 – 8:30 a.m. – Mass at St. Michael Catholic Church led by the Grade 3-4 class. Immediately following Mass our Grade 6 and 8 students will help lead the Praying of the Rosary with the Catholic Women's League members.</li> </ul>
St. Michael Catholic School – Ridgetown	Julie Knight <b>519-674-3475</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 6 – 9:30 a.m. – Catholic Education Week Liturgy</li> <li>• May 9 – 5:30-7:00 p.m. – Sharing Our Learning Evening will highlight our collaborative learning space and our outdoor learning space.</li> <li>• May 10 – 10:00 a.m. – Grandparents Day – We are inviting our grandparents to share in some learning activities with their grandchildren.</li> </ul>
St. Ursula Catholic School	Mary Ann McCrae <b>519-876-3640</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 9 – 3:45 – Family Board Game Night with our EarlyON partners.</li> <li>• May 9 – 10:00 a.m. – Book signing with Grade 1-2 students authors who had stories published through <i>Story Jumper</i>. Visiting authors include Veronica Lloyd, Diane Lloyd and Carol Bryden, who also worked with the students.</li> </ul>
St. Vincent Catholic School	Nicole Stevens <b>519-354-4066</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 6 – We are hosting Drum Fit throughout the day. Drum Fit is a cardio-based drumming program that combines physical activity with brain fitness, which results in the students having fun while they improve their physical and mental wellbeing.</li> </ul>