



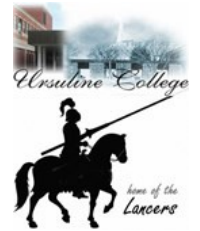
March Knightly News

St. Joseph Catholic School

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OUR VISION

Catholic Education + Future Ready

OUR MISSION

Learning together today, transforming tomorrow



When his pole doubled over, he knew something huge was on the other end. His father watched with admiration as the boy skillfully worked the fish alongside the dock. Finally he very gingerly lifted the exhausted fish from the water. It was the largest one he had ever seen, but it was a bass.

The boy and his father looked at the handsome fish, gills playing back and forth in the moonlight. The father lit a match and looked

at his watch. It was 10 p.m. — two hours before the season opened. He looked at the fish, then at the boy. "You'll have to put it back, son," he said. "Dad!" cried the boy. "There will be other fish," said his father. "Not as big as this one," cried the boy. He looked around the lake. No other fishermen or boats were anywhere around in the moonlight. He looked again at his father.

Even though no one had seen them, nor could anyone ever know what time he caught the fish, the boy could tell by the clarity of his father's voice that the decision was not negotiable. He slowly worked the hook out of the lip of the huge bass, and lowered it into the black water. The creature swished its powerful body and disappeared. The boy suspected that he would never again see such a great fish.

That was 34 years ago. Today the boy is successful and his father's cabin is still there on the lake. He takes his own son and daughters fishing from the same dock. And he was right. He has never again caught such a magnificent fish as the one he landed that night long ago.

But he does see that same fish...again and again...every time he comes up against a question of ethics. For, as his father taught him, ethics are simple matters of right and wrong. It is only the practice of ethics that is difficult.

Do we do right when no one is looking? Do we refuse to cut corners to get our work done on time? Do we refuse to do something wrong or unethical just because someone wants us to? This is not a story about how someone had a chance to beat the system and took it, BUT about how someone did the right thing and they were forever strengthened. Integrity is who you are in the dark- it is what you do when no one is looking. Do your actions and words align with each other? Jesus was a man of integrity. His actions and words said who He was.

"For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints." Proverbs 2:6-8

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

We have exciting news to share!

Students in **FDK-6** will be traveling by bus to visit the African Lion Safari on Monday, June 1st.

Gr. **7/8** students will be traveling by bus to Niagara Falls on Friday, May 22nd.

More details will be sent home in the coming months!

SPRING FUNDRAISER

We will be hosting another Carmichael Meats fundraiser next month. With proceeds of the fall fundraiser, we purchased another Gaga Ball Pit and are able to decrease the cost of all field trips. Funds from this fundraiser will go towards student supplies & activities.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Did you know we feed roughly 90 students breakfast each day? We couldn't do it without our volunteers. We provide a large variety throughout the week; fresh fruit, homemade muffins, egg & hashbrown wraps, toast, smoothies & cereal. Thank you to Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. Desimpel, Mrs. Carne & Mrs. Ducedre. We truly appreciate the time you give our students!

PARENT COUNCIL



Our next Parent Council meeting will be held: Wednesday, March 4th @ 6:00. All are welcome to attend!

SPRING PHOTOS

Our Spring photos will take place on Thursday March 12th. Grade 8 Graduation retakes will also be done.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

During the month of February the Catholic Virtue that we focused on was Love. Academic recognition was given this month with regard Writing. Congratulations to the following students!

LOVE

Lucas L	Brady W
Emma O	Max D
Deacon O	Kooper M
Carter B	Koen D
Jaxson L	Kayla B
Drew P	Madeline M
Macy P	Audrey D
Jenna T	
Kadence D	
Liam C	

WRITING

Amber H
Ryder S
Jacob G
Lauryn D
Faith W
Jaydon H
Jaidyn N
Max W
Rae-Lynn H
Wynter D

Serena M
Erynn E
Charlotte K
Max M
Aiden C



BINGOS

The next training sessions are:

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Place: Royal Canadian Legion Br642

Address: 39 William Street North, Chatham N7M 4L3

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Place: Royal Canadian Legion Br642

Address: 39 William Street North, Chatham N7M 4L3

If you are interested in attending one of the training sessions please contact the office. Bingos are a fantastic fundraiser for our School!

POP TABS

We are collecting pop tabs in honour of Aaron Jubenville. Please send in all tabs to add to our collection in the front lobby!



WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or a mild cough, but no other symptoms and can participate in school activities.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours and didn't need medicine.



Keep me at home if...

If I have a temperature higher than 37.7 degrees.

I have been throwing up or have had diarrhea in the last 24 hours.

My eyes are red and painful with discharge that keeps coming back during the day.

I have been having body aches, fatigue, and headaches.

I have a sore throat with a fever.

I have a harsh cough and don't feel able to participate in school activities.

I have an undiagnosed rash.



Follow up with my Health Care Provider if...

I have had a fever for more than 2 days.

I have had a sore throat and fever for several days. I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had a cough for more than a week, and it isn't getting better.

I have had a fever and now have a rash.



Follow us to
good health!



To reach a public health expert, contact us at:

Main Office, 435 Grand Ave W, Chatham, ON, N7M 5L8, p 519.352.7270

Clinic Services, 177 King St E, Chatham, ON, N7M 3N1 p 519.355.1071

www.ckpublichealth.com

PREPARE YOURSELVES!
Follow our Solidarity Calendar on
Facebook and **Instagram!**
Visit: devp.org/lentcalendar
for more info.

Place our Solidarity Jar sticker
on a recycled container
and use it to collect
money during Lent,
which you can then
donate to Development
and Peace!

When you see these icons:



go to devp.org/lentcalendar

Teachers, each Friday, explain the
weekend actions so your students
know what to do at home!

Solidarity Calendar

February 26

Ash Wednesday
Let's honour our
loving Creator
God and care for
our common
home.

February 27

Watch our
animated video
For our Common
Home. What can
you do to care
for the Earth
and its
peoples?

February 28

Do you buy things you
don't need? Learn the
difference between needs
and wants so you can
be a smart consumer!
Explore this theme
through our fun
group activity!

February 29

Can you reduce your
use of disposable
packaging (even
recyclables)?
Donate 25¢ for
every item in your
recycling bin.

March 1

1st Sunday of Lent
Lord Jesus, be
with us in our
commitment to
care for our
common home
and all its
inhabitants.

March 2

**Catholic Social
Teaching (CST)**
is central to our faith
and the work of
Development and
Peace. Each Monday,
discover a CST principle
and learn how it helps
build the Kingdom of
God.

March 3

Sign our
intergenerational
pledge for our
common home!
Let's all commit
to living more
simply.

March 4

Indigenous
and traditional peoples
in the Amazon are
threatened for
protecting their
land and water.
Let us pray for
them.

March 5

Elementary
school students
are speaking up
for the planet.
Find out what
they have to
say!

March 6

The Amazon
is home to 1/3 of
the Earth's forests.
How can we better
protect our forests
and their guardians?

March 7

It's baking time!
With family and
friends, make muffins
and sell them in support
of Development and Peace!
Thank you!

March 8

**International
Women's Day**

2nd Sunday of Lent
Lord Jesus, let us
pray for the women
who courageously defend
the land, water and people.
Learn about Berta Cáceres
or Sr. Dorothy Stang.

March 9

Preferential Option for the Poor
This means that we must
prioritize those most in
need of our solidarity.

March 10

Let's reduce food waste!
Buy ugly fruits and
vegetables. They
are just as tasty!
Donate \$1 to your
Solidarity Jar for your
good deed!

March 11

"In 50 years, will we be able
to breathe money, drink oil and
eat gold?" This is what Yesica
Patachi, member of the Harakbut
Indigenous community in Peru,
is asking companies using
the Amazon for profit.
Pray for ecological
justice all over the world.

March 12

Indigenous peoples
believe that **Mother
Earth must be
respected**. Learn more
about the Harakbut's
relationship with nature
and their vision
of the world.

March 13

Can you say:
**nākatāymatān
kūhwinaw askiy**
This means, "Let us
take care of our Mother
Earth" in Cree. What
do you know about
Indigenous
communities
in Canada?

March 14

The Amazon
spreads over
9 countries.
Development and
Peace works in 6 of
them. Visit our website
to find out which ones
and **give 50¢** for
each country.

March 15

3rd Sunday of Lent
Lord Jesus, help
the whole human
family care for our
planet Earth, so that
we may sow beauty
rather than pollution
and destruction.

March 16

Human dignity
As God's children,
we are all made in His
image. This means we
have an inherent dignity
that must be respected
no matter where we
come from or how
much money we have.

March 17

Simple changes can help
reduce pollution and
slow global warming.
During Lent, avoid
single-use plastics and
buy in bulk. **Give 25¢**
for every reusable
bag your family
owns.

March 18

The Indigenous Mura people in the
Brazilian Amazon live by fishing,
hunting and gathering. Their
sustainable way of life is
threatened by a Canadian-
financed mine. Pray for
them and their future.

March 19

The Muras are also
threatened by cattle
ranching. The buffalos are
destroying their crops and
polluting their waterways.
Watch their testimonial.

March 20

The Muras were not asked when a
company made plans to mine on
their territory. How would you
feel if this happened to
you and your
home?

March 21

Give \$2 to support
Development and Peace
partners, such as REPAM
and CIMI, who are helping poor
communities have their rights
respected.

March 22

World Water Day

4th Sunday of Lent
Lord Jesus, may your
light offer strength
to the Indigenous and
traditional peoples of the
Amazon. Please protect
their drinking water from
contamination by companies.

March 23

Solidarity
Loving our neighbour
has global dimensions.
We are 'all in this together'
and as such, we are all part
of a human family that is
interconnected. Development
and Peace stands with our
partners as equals.

March 24

In many countries,
mining companies dump
toxic chemicals into the
water, which contaminates
the soil where people
grow their food. Some
of the metals mined are
in our electronic devices.
For each one in your
house, **give 50¢**.

March 25

The seringueiros are
artisanal rubber tappers
in Brazil who have lived
in harmony with nature
for decades. Their rubber
trees are now being cut
down by logging
companies. Pray that
their sustainable
way of life is
preserved.

March 26

The seringueiros
are defending their
land against illegal
logging. Watch
their message.

March 27

Climate change
affects us all, but it is
the poorest communities
who suffer the most. We
must buy less and use
what we have. How can
you live more simply?

March 28

In many countries,
poor people have
their land taken away.
Our partner CPT in Brazil
is helping them claim
their right to have access
to land. **Donate \$2** to
show your support.

March 29

Solidarity Sunday
Bring your jar of
donations to mass
today for the Solidarity
Sunday collection or
give online at
devp.org/give.
THANK YOU!

March 30

**Rights and
Responsibilities**
Each person has the right
to access what they need
to thrive, like water, food
and shelter. We also have the responsibility
to ensure those rights. And don't
forget the rights of the
Earth!

March 31

Would you like to
grow your own tomatoes,
eggplants or peppers this summer?
Now would be the time to start your
indoor seeding!

April 1

Everyone has the right to a
dignified life. It is our responsibility
to respect our neighbours and our
common home. Pray that we
may all live in dignity, peace
and security.

April 2

Secondary
school
students
are speaking
up for the
planet. Find
out what they
have to say!

April 3

Ask yourself,
and those
around you:
How are
struggles of
Indigenous
peoples in the
Amazon similar
to those faced by
Indigenous people
here in Canada?

April 4

Do you have
enough toys? For
your next birthday,
ask for donations
to Development
and Peace to help
our sisters and
brothers in need in
the Global South.

April 5

Palm Sunday
Lord Jesus,
give us the
courage to
be advocates
for those who
suffer unjust
situations.

April 6

Care for Creation
The Earth is sacred. We
have a responsibility
to protect and cherish
its ecological diversity,
beauty and life-sustaining
properties. Together, we
must hold it in trust for
future generations.

April 7

Be inspired in
your ecological
conversion! Join our
Facebook group
For our Common
Home for tips on
how to live simply
and in harmony
with nature.

April 8

Our world is
interconnected.
The pollution from industrialized
countries like
Canada impacts
people in the Global
South. Convert our
hearts, O Lord, that
we may consume
less.

April 9

Holy Thursday
Did you know that
Pope Francis wrote
a letter about our
common home? Learn
more on his encyclical
Laudato Si' by
watching this
animated video.

April 10

Good Friday
Pope Francis is
asking us to listen
to the cry of the
Earth and the cry
of the poor. As we
walk with Christ
to Calvary today,
let's reflect on how
those cries are
interconnected.

April 11

Holy Saturday
Let us pray: "Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done on
Earth as it is in Heaven."
Ask your parents if they'd like
to become monthly Development
and Peace donors to help build
God's kingdom of justice and
peace on Earth.
devp.org/shareyearround

April 12

Happy Easter!
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Lord Jesus, as we
celebrate your rising,
may we be a joyful
Easter People, who
help you usher in a
kingdom where all
may live the
abundance of life.

Thank you for your solidarity!

CWL

“Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk”

The Catholic Women's League Council L-062 is hosting the World Day of Prayer on Fri. Mar. 6th at St. Francis Xavier Church starting at 2:00 pm. This year's country is Zimbabwe (which means “House of Stones”) is located in Southern Africa. One of their major tourist attractions is Victoria Falls which is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Christianity is the major religion observed by more than 80% of the population. Please join us to learn more about their culture and also enjoy some fellowship following the service.



Kindergarten Registration for Classes Beginning September 2020

If you missed our kinderSTART event ... don't worry! You still have plenty of time to register. Parents and guardians can now submit the Kindergarten registration form directly online!

It's another option for you – choose the option that best suits you!

- Visit the Board website at <https://kreg.sccdsb.net/> to complete then submit the registration form online. You will be contacted by the school to confirm your registration.
- Or, you can download and print the registration form, fill it out and bring it to the school.
- Or, make an appointment or drop by the school and pick up a registration package.

We look forward to welcoming your child to Kindergarten next September!

Volunteer Appreciation Charity Night

Tuesday, March 31st at 6:30pm

All Members, Friends and Family invited!

Each Charity in attendance will receive \$5/person that signs in, by random draw, 3 groups will receive an additional \$5/person. These donations are from the Riverview Gaming Centre!

BINGO supports the Community

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



Draw for 3 Bingo Baskets!!!

Charity Night Specials
Hotdog/Pop - \$2.50
Hamburger/Pop - \$3.00



Charity participants in attendance must purchase a book individually.
As per Terms and Conditions, players cannot share a book.