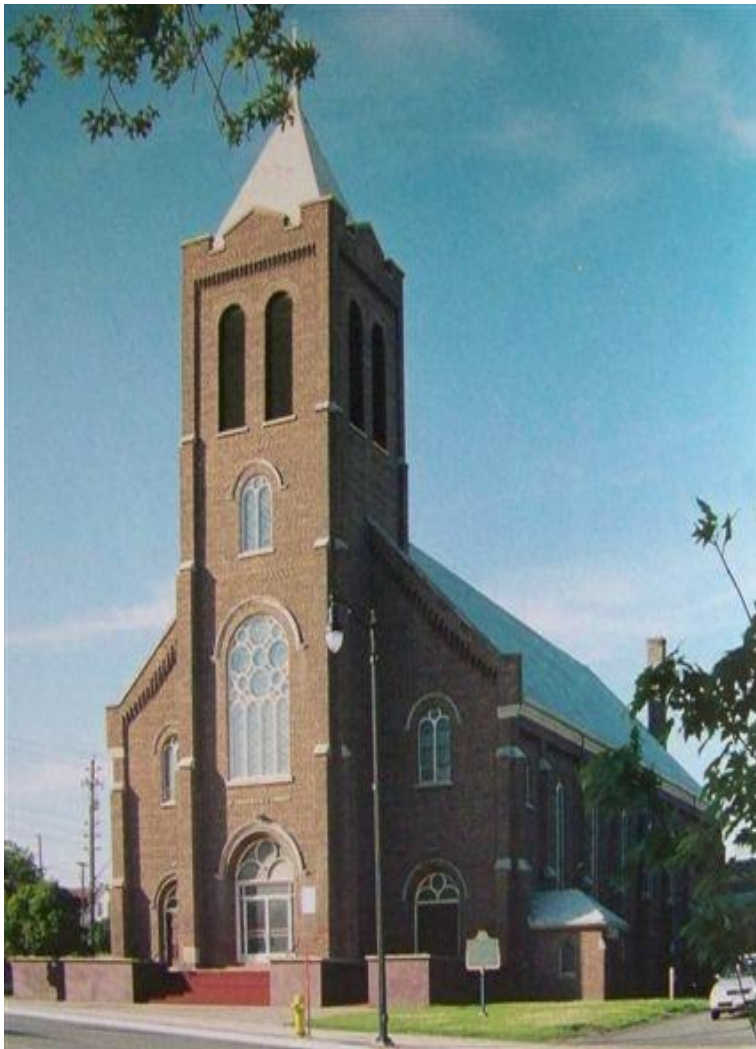




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In our journey of life and faith, we work and strive to build a more peaceful and better society for a greater future. We like to share our talents by developing and maintaining a parish community that is active, vibrant and spiritually strong.

We look forward to preserving our faith traditions, reaching out to others as the living Body of Christ in this changing world.

Pastoral Team and Staff

Pastor:	Rev. Berchmans Francis
Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Andre Nicol
Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Joey Terhljan
Minister of Service:	Kathie Terhljan
Secretary:	Isabella Hotrum
Custodian:	Kerry Baraniuk

Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Daily & Weekly Mass Schedule
See Mass Intentions inside Bulletin

Parish Registration

New Parishioner Welcome Packages are available on the Forms Rack at the back of the church.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parish Registration and Baptism Formation are required. Please contact the office.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays from September to June during the 10 a.m. Mass. All children and parents are welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual Confessions will be heard one-half hour before each mass.

Hospital/Home Visits

Please contact the Parish Office. In an emergency, if Father cannot be reached, please contact the TBRHSC at 807 684-600 and ask for the Priest on Call.

R.C.I.A.

Please contact the office for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

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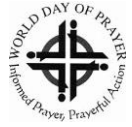


*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own, and my own know me.*



Ever since the days when the early Christians painted the picture of Christ as the Good Shepherd tending his sheep on the walls of the catacombs in Rome, the image of the Good Shepherd has been a favorite in Christian circles. Generations of Christ's followers have been comforted and consoled by the picture of Christ the Good Shepherd anxiously seeking out the lost sheep and carrying it home on his shoulder. The image provides inspiration as it expresses the type of care, compassion and guidance which Christ offers to all of us. Even when sin causes us to wander and stray, the Good Shepherd is there to come to our rescue. He brings us back carrying us shoulder high into the safety and companionship of the fold.

61st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



On this Sunday we direct our prayers in a special way for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and to religious life. We pray that the Lord will answer our prayers as we seek more priests in particular to minister in the parishes in our Diocese. As a faith community let us not only pray, but also encourage young men and women in our families to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. The Lord, the Good Shepherd, might be using you as his voice to encourage vocations for His Church. Are you willing to be that voice?

THIS WEEK – April 22nd to April 28th, 2024

FEAST DAYS: **Apr 23:** St. George, Martyr, St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr; **Apr 24:** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr; **Apr 25:** St. Mark, Evangelist; **Apr 26:** Our Lady of Good Counsel, Patron of the Catholic Women's League of Canada; **Apr 28:** Fifth Sunday of Easter.

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

Date		Location	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Tues.	Apr 23	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Wayne Dyer	Germinen Thompson
Wed.	Apr 24	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Spec. Int. Fr. Terry Sawchuk	Hannah & Andrew Hay
Thurs.	Apr 25	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Rita Wituluk	The Wituluk Family
		St. Joseph's Chapel	4:15 pm	Rita Nevins	The Nevins Estate
Fri.	Apr 26	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Spec. Int. Diane Skinner	Monica Kashak
Sat.	Apr 27	Main Church	5:00 pm	Deceased Jacomb Families	Ann & Lyle
Sun.	Apr 28	Main Church	10:00 am	Nick Pilat	Amerigo Coltellaro

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS - Create a *Holy Moment* for someone by requesting a mass intention for them. Mass intentions are an excellent way to show you care and can be offered for a deceased individual, someone who is ill or celebrating a birthday or anniversary, as a way of saying "thank you" or to let someone know that you are thinking of them. Requested masses will be offered in our parish community. The suggested offering is currently \$10.00 as set by the diocese. Arrangements can be made by visiting the parish office or by calling (807) 345-5202.



SUNDAY, APRIL 28th, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 9: 26-31; 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Priests: **Apr 22:** Fr. Francisco Blazek; **Apr 23:** Fr. Alan Campeau; **Apr 24:** Stephen Chilaka; **Apr 25:** Bishop Fred Colli; **Apr 26:** Fr. Dan Debanco; **Apr 27:** Fr. Victor DeGagne; **Apr 28:** Fr. Ciaran Donnelly.

The Sick of our Parish: Joseph Behta, Maria Bilyk, Catherine Carr, Mary Carr, Joseph Fink, Wayne Harman, Ann Kossar, Joan Krisko, Bridget Lefave, Stephanie Lenton, Mary Lou Lopez, Clementine Petchenuk, George Petralia, Carmela Scali, Anne Scott, Robert Sliskovich, Liberto Soares, Mimi Zugic.

Parishioners at Home: Gerry Gagnon, Walter Respondek and our parishioners at Bethammi: Suzanne Michaud, Patricia Hindman, Susan Respondek; at Hogarth Riverview: Christine Cerutti, Norma Obljubek.

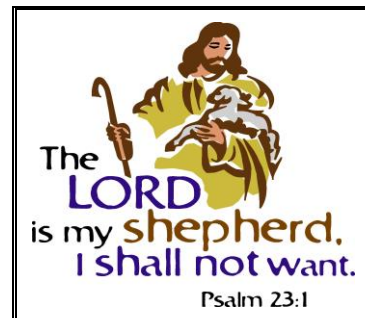
Faithful Departed: in particular for those whose first anniversary of death occurs about this time.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

“HOLY MOMENTS” WEEKLY CHALLENGE



GET TO KNOW THE GOOD SHEPHERD – How well do you know the Shepherd? Jesus is calling you to a deeper relationship with Him. This week spend time getting to know Jesus; read the Gospels, meditate on Psalm 23, attend a weekday Mass or take part in Eucharistic Adoration. Ask Jesus how you can follow His example by shepherding His lost sheep back to the Church.



As you accept this week’s challenge, remember Matthew Kelly’s advice...“*Open yourself to God. Make yourself totally available to Him. Set aside personal preferences and self-interest, and do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do.*”

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	PARISH COLLECTIONS			
	COLLECTION ENVELOPES	ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS	LOOSE COLLECTIONS	SPECIAL PROJECTS/ BUILDINGFUND
APRIL 14th 2024	\$1,010.00	\$1,353.00	\$166.45	\$90.00

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2024		
	MARCH 2024	YEAR TO DATE
Operating Income	\$16,004.75	\$38,197.94
Operating Expense	\$15,291.98	\$43,003.92
Net Gain/Loss	\$712.77	-\$4,805.98

The **BISHOP’S DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN** has begun for 2024. The amount to be raised within the Diocese this year is \$435,000. We are currently awaiting more information from the Diocese as to our Parish’s share of this amount.

PARISH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Many thanks to all who came out to our **SPRING BRUNCH** fundraiser last weekend to enjoy a delicious meal, fun and fellowship. With your support we raised a net profit of **\$1,535.44**. A special **thank you** to our Special Events team of volunteers; we simply couldn’t have done this without you!



Our **PICKEREL DINNER** is **Sunday, June 9th** and we are looking for some extra volunteers to assist with this important fundraiser. Volunteer Forms are available on the Forms Rack at the back of the church. High School students who need to obtain their volunteer hours are always welcome.



CWL NEWS: Friday, April 26th is the **Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Patroness of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada**. In honour of this Feast day, the Catholic Women’s League has sponsored a Mass to be held at Loretto Abbey Chapel in Toronto for living and deceased members, their families, spiritual advisors and the League’s well-being. Members can view the televised Mass and pray with their league sisters across Canada virtually. For more information please visit the Daily TV Mass website at <https://dailytvmass.com/>

IN THE DIOCESE

BISHOP’S DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN 2024



A message from Bishop Colli:

The theme for this year’s annual campaign is **Gratitude is the Key**. The campaign officially began in the diocese on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024 and again I ask for your continued support for these important ministries in our diocese. Information about this campaign is being prepared at the Pastoral Centre at this time and will be sent out shortly. Each year your generosity is well noted and as the bishop, I wish to express my sincere thanks and Gratitude to my priests, deacons and laity who support this vital campaign for our diocese and who recognize that this is an important link in our diocesan family as we reach out to assist one another in charity and concern. May God bless you for your generosity and concern.

GRADE 8 CONFIRMATION:



The Diocese of Thunder Bay and the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board have partnered to prepare Grade 8 Students to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the school day as an extension of their Religious Education Curriculum. This venture seeks to strengthen the triad of and connection between Home, School and Church and allows students to celebrate with their classmates in their school’s faith community. The North side (**Bishop Gallagher & Bishop E.Q. Jennings**) celebration will take place on **May 3, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Cathedral**. The South side (**Pope John Paul II**) celebration will take place on **May 24, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Cathedral**. A third celebration will take place on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick’s Cathedral** for all other candidates in our Diocese.



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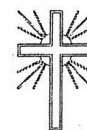


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