



"I am the good shepherd... and I will lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:11-18)

April 25, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Bishop Colli's Announcement to the Diocese: April 16, 2021

The Closure of our Catholic Churches

With the announcement today of the Provincial Government putting more restrictions in place and a curfew for all of Ontario, churches have been limited to 10 persons in total for occupancy.

This limited number is prohibitive and therefore I am forced to ask all our Churches to close at this time.

There are to be no public Services, public Masses, Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, Confirmations etc. in our Churches at this time. Priests, please celebrate your private Mass each day and on the weekends. Funerals are to be in Funeral homes only. We will ask all our parishioners to pray in their homes and to follow the strong "stay at home order" at this time.

Parish offices should be closed to the public responding only to telephone calls or e-mails. Please follow all safety protocols in parish offices.

May these new restrictions help all of us overcome this pandemic. Please follow the required guidelines and pray for a decrease of cases of this virus at this critical time.

Sincerely:

+Fred J. Colli, Bishop of Thunder Bay.



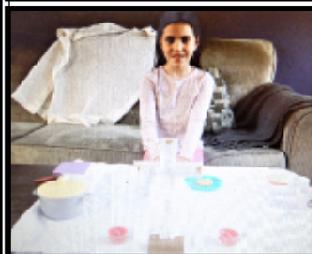
CONFIRMATION DAY POSTPONED

In light of the Bishop Colli's announcement and the extension of the Ontario lockdown until May 20, 2021, our Confirmation celebration which was to take place on May 23, 2021 will now have to be postponed to a later date. Therefore the meeting on Thursday, May 20th, 2021 is also cancelled at this time.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION "ZOOM" PREPARATION

In last Sunday's weekly class, the children made altars at home, in preparation for their First Communion Day. Many thanks to their teachers: Pam Brusadin, Joleene Kemp and Theresa Matijasik for doing such a wonderful job teaching our children about the sacredness of a Church's Altar.



THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

Last Sunday's Collection (mailed or delivered)	\$ 2,560.00
Online Donations (week of April 11-18)	520.00
Easter Sunday Donations (more)	485.00
Share Lent/Good Friday Donations (more)	100.00
Donations for Sacraments	175.00
"Friends" of the Cathedral (two donations).....	1,400.00

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Although the Parish Office must remain closed for all in-person meetings, it will now be open (for telephone calls & e-mails only)

from Monday to Friday
9:00 am until 12 noon.

Q. The stained glass windows in Our Lady's Chapel look different than the others. Were they also created by Russell Goodman in 1963?

A. Yes, like most of our Cathedral windows, these colourful panes of "glory and faith" were also created by the same renowned Canadian artist, Russell Goodman but, they were commissioned and installed over three decades later than 1963, in 1995. They were realized then, through a generous donation:

"In Memory of Edgar Carlyle Bourke and Pearl Mae Bourke", made by their Family members.

They depict three aspects of the Blessed Eucharist in a collage of traditional Catholic symbols.

"The Eucharist: Way to Eternal Life"



The three most prominent symbols used in this first window are

- ◆ a bright diamond whose rays emanate towards a family on a road;
- ◆ a stalk and its head of wheat;
- ◆ a life-giving spring of water.

A brilliant diamond is often used to symbolize both the perfection of our Creator and the brilliance of His creation, the human soul. Its rays "grace" the family walking together on a golden road, to eternal life. Their golden path is marked and enriched by two essentials needed for their journey: the life giving waters of Baptism, at the onset of their lives and the sustaining food of the Eucharist received at Mass, which nourishes them along the way to eternal life.

"The Eucharist: Christ Himself"



This second window is best viewed from the bottom to the top and then, back to the centre.

By Faith, (*which is depicted as a burning flame at the bottom*), we know that, at the Mass's Consecration of the bread and wine (*shown by a cross on the chalice at the top*), Christ be-

comes truly present to us. So, led by the artist, we now focus on the "Chi-Rho" monogram in the centre, (*"X" with a "P" placed over it*), the ancient symbol for Christ Himself!

"The Eucharist: Meal and Sacrifice"

The Eucharist is both the "Supper of the Lamb" to which we are invited and, the commemoration of "the Sacrifice of Christ on Calvary". Here, the artist represents this two



faceted belief. Below, he depicts a sacrificed lamb whose blood pours into a golden chalice. This lamb represents the crucified Christ, (*the halo, cross and the alpha & omega letters*). The artist reminds us that, at Mass, we meet both the Sacrificial Lamb "of Good Friday", and we consume the Lamb Meal "of Holy Thursday". (*bread & wine above*)



Catholic Women's League

Upcoming Virtual Events

The League's Diocesan Team has put together several opportunities to ZOOM gather. The links to these gatherings can be found at:

www.stpatrickscathedral.ca

(on the C.W.L. Page)

or on the Diocesan website:

www.cwlthunderbay.org

They are:

- ◆ Earth Day: April 22th
- ◆ St. Joseph Retreat: April 24th
- ◆ Our Lady of Good Counsel April 26th.

Our Diocesan Convention May 1, 2021. Watch the website for further details.

Our May Council Gathering Sunday, May 2nd at 2 p.m. The link and agenda materials will be provided as we get closer to the scheduled date.

Diocesan Newsletter for April You can access this newest publication on the CWL page on this Parish website.



Knights of Columbus



The Centre's April Newsletter To access this latest news publication, click on the "K.C." tab on this Parish website.

Upkeep of the Priests' Plot Click on the "K.C." tab on this Parish website to read the Memo about this project, sent by our Faithful Navigator, Wayne Murphy.