

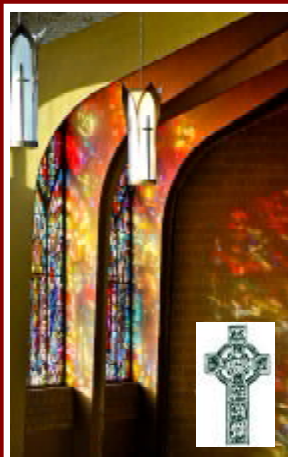


St. Patrick's symbol of the Holy Trinity

MAY 26, 2024

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Sun. May 26	----	1:00 pm	Please Note: C.W.L. Meeting <u>is cancelled today</u> <u>MASS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</u>
Tues., May 28 th		9:00 am	Weekday Mass
Wed., May 29 th		9:00 am	Weekday Mass (<i>Pope St. Paul VI</i>)
Thurs., May 30 th		9:00 am	Weekday Mass
Fri., May 31 st		9:00 am	<u>MASS OF THE VISITATION OF MARY</u>
Sat., June 1 st		5:00 pm	VIGIL MASS OF CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY + First Saturday of June
Sun., June 2 nd		10:30 am	MASSSES OF CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY <u>PARISH MASS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</u>



OUR NEWEST PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

There is no need for an election this year because there were enough persons recently nominated to fill the vacant positions on our Council, and who agreed to let their names stand. Our new Council Members who will begin their two year terms in September are:

**Maureen Comuzzi Patrick Klug James McCallum
Larry Pankuch and Crystal Tustian**

Congratulations and thanks to them for accepting nomination and to all who nominated them. *Joan Joubert.*

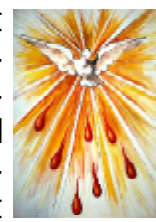
On behalf of our Parish I wish to express our sincere gratitude to the four members of the Council whose terms have now expired and who served us so faithfully throughout the course of the pandemic: **Joan Joubert, Gaetan Joubert, Susan Momot and Thomas Momot.** *Msgr. Pat.*



Bishop's Schedule
MAY 25-26, 2024
CONFIRMATION MASSES
IN KENORA AND DRYDEN

MANY CONFIRMED!

This month at our 3 Confirmation Celebrations held in the Cathedral, almost 200 students received this special Sacrament. We congratulate the Confirmandi, their Sponsors and Parents and we thank Deacon Pasquale and their school teachers for preparing them.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COMMUNION CHILDREN!

Eighteen children of our Parish celebrated their First Confessions this weekend on Saturday and will receive their First Holy Communion **this Sunday, May 26** at a special afternoon Mass in the Cathedral at 1:00 pm with their families and again, next **Sunday, June 2** at our regular 10:30 am Sunday Mass with the whole Parish. +++ We thank their parents and teachers (**Pam Brusadin, Joleene Kemp and Theresa Matijasik**) for helping to prepare the children for these special events. The votive candles on the altar this weekend represent these children.



TO BECOME A CATHOLIC

... join the RCIA Process which will begin in the Fall. **NOW** is the time to register for the sessions.
Call: 807-622-5389

THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 5,729.40
Online Donations	80.00
Miscellaneous donations.....	75.00
Votive Candles	21.00
St. Anthony Poor Fund	5.00

"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK

Special Donation.....	\$ 500.00
Free Will and On-line Donations	380.00
Donation Totals this Week	\$ 880.00
TOTAL PLEDGED/COLLECTED TO DATE	
*** \$ 1,081,107.00 ***	





Q. I have heard many interpretations of the Commandment forbidding idol worship. What exactly is it and why is this practice forbidden?

A. Bible "Idol worship" is defined in the following two ways:

- ◆ First of all, It is understood as the ancient superstitious belief that one can capture and have control over an individual if he/she possesses a statue or an image of that person. The use of 'voodoo dolls' to hurt someone is an example of this.
- ◆ Secondly, it is the erroneous belief that the carved image of God (or in ancient cultures, of pagan gods), is actually God Himself and that the image itself is to be worshipped

A Worse Practice

Both of these superstitious practices are strictly forbidden by the ten Commandment in the Book of Exodus (20: 4-5) and both are considered, by the Jews, to be idol worship. What is especially condemned by the Commandments is the combining of both beliefs: i.e. - the attempt by humans to control God by *imprisoning Him*, as it were, in a statue or in a painted icon or image.

Catholics Condemn Idol Worship

In obedience to this Commandment of God, the Catholic Church also strictly condemns such superstitious practices and beliefs as idol worship. The icons and paintings in our Catholic Churches are not pagan idols as some may think, but

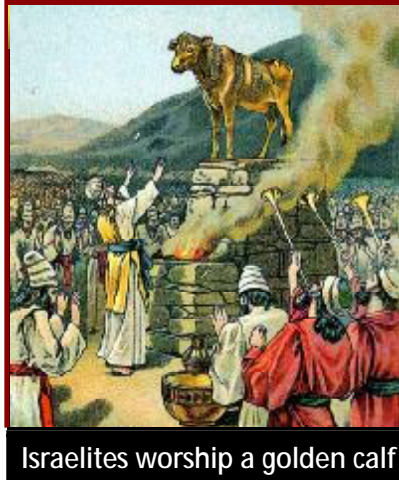
are simply icons or 'portraits' to remind us of Jesus or of a Saint, similar to the portraits of loved ones displayed in our homes. The reverence and respect that we show to these sacred 'portraits' are for the persons who are represented, but not for the images. To worship the images themselves would be sinful idolatry

The Many Other Idols in this World

Of course, idol worship for some has always extended beyond the actual adoration of a sacred painting or image. For these persons, other secular things or other people are worshipped as *idols* and *false gods*. Convinced that these 'gods' will guarantee total happiness in life and full control over their future, they tirelessly pursue these idols and make their attainment their ultimate goal. This practice is just as empty and equally as sinful

as the worship of a carved statue or icon. This 'secular' idolatry includes:

- ◆ the obsessive pursuit of wealth, fame, popularity and absolute power over persons and nations;
- ◆ the nurturing of lust, greed, hatred or abusive behaviour or;
- ◆ the excessive and inappropriate adulation of celebrities and/or things and the deliberate placing of these above the worship due only to God.



Israelites worship a golden calf

CWL DONATION INITIATIVE

When our CWL members volunteered at the Dew Drop Inn last week, we ran out of the Kids' Treat Bags. We are grateful for any and all dry goods, but this month we wish to especially highlight these kids' treat bags. Other items needed (for donation on the first weekend of June):

- Juice boxes
- Fruit Roll-ups
- Pudding/Jello cups
- Wagon Wheels/Granola bars
- Bear Paws/Fruit snacks
- Mini Chocolate bars
- Mini Rice Krispie squares
- Raisin boxes

Blessings

Your C.W.L. Initiative Team



Knights of Columbus



COR PROGRAM

The Knights of Columbus invite all men of faith to the next **COR Session** to be held on Saturday, **May 25th at 9 am at the Columbus Centre**. This program offers men an opportunity to explore their faith and enter into a deeper relationship with Christ by focusing on three elements: prayer, formation and fraternity. For information call: Bruce Sutton at 807-632-3120



Over the past year in the Ukraine, Development and Peace has helped provide health and mental health services to over 200,000 people.