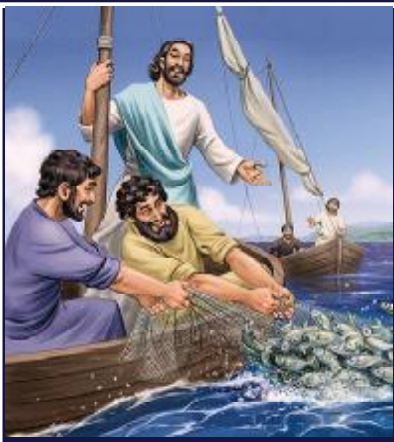




JUBILEE HOLY YEAR 2025
+ *We are Pilgrims of Hope* +



"WHEN THEY HAD BROUGHT THEIR BOATS TO SHORE, THEY LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED JESUS."

February 9, 2025 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun., Feb. 9 th	12:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>(in Rectory Mtg. Room)</i>
	2:00 pm	Grief Support Gathering <i>(in Rectory Mtg. Room)</i>
Tues., Feb. 11 th	9:00 am	Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes
	6:00 pm	R.C.I.A. <i>(in Rectory Mtg. Room)</i>
Wed., Feb. 12 th	9:00 am	Weekday Mass
Thurs., Feb. 13 th	9:00 am	Weekday Mass
Fri., Feb. 14 th	9:00 am	Feast Day of Sts. Cyril & Methodius
Sat., Feb. 15 th	5:00 pm	VIGIL: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun., Feb. 16 th		MASSES: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + C.W.L. Gathering <i>(after 10:30 am Mass)</i>

NEW BISHOP'S ORDINATION



Rev. Alan Campeau, who was recently named as our new Bishop, will be ordained and installed in the Cathedral, during the Mass on: Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

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**ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS DIOCESAN CELEBRATION!**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PRAYER DAY AT ST. AGNES**

This Prayer and Reflection Day is sponsored by St. Agnes Parish's C.W.L. and is open to all women in the Diocese.  
Date/Time: February 19, 2025  
11:30 am to 3:30 pm.

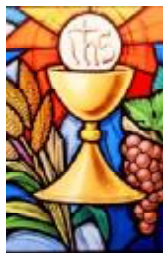


The day will include the recitation of the Rosary, Mass, Lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, and a 1 hour Media Presentation on the Eucharist by Msgr. Pat Stilla.



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To register, call: **Ann Femiak** at: 807- 577-2727 by February 14th

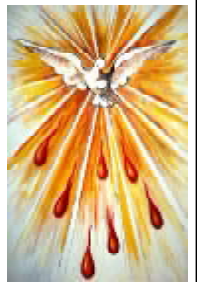
FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION: 2025



If you haven't already done so, please register soon to receive these Sacraments in our Cathedral in 2025. Forms are available

from your School OR from our Office OR from our Website.

1st Communion Day:
May 4/ 25: 1 pm
Confirmation Day
June 8/ 25: 10:30 am



OUR NEWEST 50/50 WINNER

Robert Bickford won \$3,060. on January 31/25

"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK

K.C. Council 1447 Donation from Bingo....	\$ 5,000.00
Monthly Renovations Collection	2,205.00
Parish Net Earnings of 50/50 Raffle	2,337.00
Special Online Donation	250.00
Free-will Donations	110.00
To Honour the Baptism of Carmine Jurcic ...	100.00
In Memory of Josephine Cerutti	175.00
In Memory of Janet Blais	100.00

Donation Totals this Week \$ 10,277.00

TOTAL PLEDGED/COLLECTED TO DATE

*** \$ 1,368,366.00 ***



DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 5,672.90
Online/Other Donations	340.00
Missals/Calendars	40.00
Votive Candles	247.00
St. Anthony Poor Fund	31.40

+ We thank each one of you for your generous support of our Parish Community +





Q. What is the 'Seal of Confession' and is every priest confessor bound to keep it without exception?

A. The 'Seal of Confession' is a law of the Catholic Church which binds every bishop or priest who hears an individual's confession to

keep absolutely secret what is confessed and/or discussed in the Confessional with no exceptions. Why such a Strict Church Law? This inflexible Church law is in place

to primarily uphold the integrity of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to protect the penitent's right to absolute confidentiality. The law is also designed to assure the penitent that he/she need not fear retribution for sins that are confessed. Needless to say, this assurance does not diminish the gravity of one's sins nor does it excuse the penitent from taking full responsibility for them.



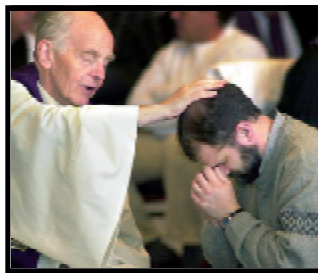
More Specifically

Not only does the 'Seal' prohibit the confessor from revealing the sins confessed to him but it also prohibits him from saying anything which might conceivably lead others to associate a confessed sin with the sinner who confessed it.



Excommunication for the Priest

So serious is it for a confessor to directly violate this 'seal' of absolute confidentiality that, if he ever did so, he himself would be excommunicated from the Church, which means that he would not only lose his right to celebrate Mass or any other Sacrament and strip him of any position that he may hold as a priest but it would also remove his membership in the Catholic Faith. The Pope alone can absolve a priest of this penalty and allow him to return as a member of the Church. However, even if the priest is received back



One of our two Cathedral Confessional Chapels



into the Faith, he would never again be permitted to hear confessions! This inflexible Church law is in place to primarily uphold the integrity of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to protect the penitent's right to absolute confidentiality. The law is also designed to assure the penitent that he/she need not fear retribution for sins that are confessed. Needless to say, this assurance does not diminish the gravity of one's sins nor does it excuse the penitent from taking full responsibility for them.

Although the confessor cannot reveal sins which are confessed to him, he is obliged to do the following 2 things, if the sins are very serious:

- ◆ He must insist that the penitent report the sins confessed, to the legal authorities (if they include crimes, like murder or abusive behaviour), and;
- ◆ the confessor must strongly encourage the penitent and oblige him/her to seek professional help or therapy (if the sin is motivated by any form of addiction, hatred or intense unresolved anger).

OUR PHANTOM BAKE SALE

Envelopes for these donations have been placed at the Church entrances and will be available until next Sunday, February 16th. This initiative provides us with funds for our various projects. Many thanks to you!

OUR FEBRUARY GATHERING

Please remember to join us at our next next gathering next Sunday, February 16th, immediately following the 10:30 am. Mass. It will be a time for fellowship and for a continuation in our planning to host the Diocesan Convention here next April. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

MEMBERSHIP DUES RECEIPTS

Receipts are now available in the C.W.L. box at the main entrance to the Church for those who have paid their 2025 dues.

MANY THANKS TO SO MANY

- ◆ To **Mike Spivak, G.K. Council 1447, 'Superior Shores Gaming'** and **all volunteers** for the Bingo donations;
- ◆ To **Tim Horton's (Waterloo)**, for last week's 'Coffee & Conversation', to the **Hockenhull Family** for hosting the event and to its **volunteers**, and;
- ◆ To our **Catholic Women's League** and the **many volunteers** who thoroughly cleaned the Cathedral Auditorium and Kitchen last Saturday.



Our Group recognizes the distinct ways that women are affected by poverty, oppression and violence.