18 December 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

480 McIntyre Street West - North Bay, Ontario - P1B 2Z4

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The first reading reminds us that the promised Messiah was to be born of a virgin, and was to be named Emmanuel. The second reading exhorts us, as followers of Jesus, to lead lives which are holy and pleasing to God. Today's Gospel tells of Joseph being faithful to the command he received from the angel of the Lord to take Mary into his home as his wife. God promised to send a Savior to the world, and Jesus came among us. In return, we are called to serve Christ and proclaim him to all. This is easily overlooked as we get caught up in our own pride, or focus on worldly matters. As we look to the Nativity of the Lord, let us shake off distractions and strive to serve Jesus and share him with others.

Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption community, believe that we have been called through Baptism to live the Good News of Jesus Christ under the patronage of Mary, our Mother. We accomplish this by proclaiming the Word, celebrating the Sacraments, & reaching out to others.

PASTOR **Most Rev. Marcel Damphousse , D. D.**
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

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Msgr. Dave Tramontini

ASSISTANT
Rev. Rex Lumine

IN RESIDENCE

Msgr. Normand Clement Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound District Schools
Rev. A. Man-Son-Hing Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle & St. Elizabeth Temagami

PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons	*Diocesan Order of Women*
Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi	Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago	Mrs. Norma Milligan
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin	Miss Ruth Godon
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk	Mrs. Frances-Clare Fraboni



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Our faith community dates back to 1886 when we were **originally located on Main Street West and called St. Mary's** of the Lake and the cornerstone of the existing Cathedral was laid in 1904. The history of our parish is recorded in the memories of thousands of people who built our community.

Parish Liturgies



Marriage: Please pick up a Marriage Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.

Anointing the Sick: Please call the parish office for more information.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday from 3:00 until 3:45 PM.

Eucharist: Please see mass schedule published in this bulletin. Call the parish office to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the sick and shut-in who are unable to attend Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On the First Friday of each month from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

Baptism: Please pick up a Baptism Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.

The Pro-Cathedral is **wheel chair accessible**. The entrance to the elevator is on Algonquin Avenue. Please enter the vestibule and ring the bell for an attendant. Service available at all weekend masses. Weekday masses service available 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM. A **Hearing Aid System** is available for use by the hearing impaired. Please ask an Usher or Sacristan to assist you upon entering the church.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

MONDAY	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**
TUESDAY to FRIDAY	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

WEEKLY READINGS: 19—25 DECEMBER

Monday	**Judges 13. 2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1. 5-25**
Tuesday	**Isaiah 7. 10-14; 8. 10d; Luke 1. 26-38**
Wednesday	**Zephaniah 3. 14-18a; Luke 1. 39-45**
Thursday	**1 Samuel 1. 24-28; Luke 1. 46-56**
Friday	**Malachi 3. 1-4; 4. 5-6; Luke 1. 57-66**
Saturday	**Isaiah 9. 2-4, 6-7; Titus 2. 11-14; Luke 2. 1-16**
Sunday	**Isaiah 52. 7-10; Hebrews 1. 1-6; John 1. 1-5, 9-14**

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Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve ~ Saturday, December 24

5:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM ~ 12:00 MIDNIGHT
Music Reflections
Prior to 8:00 PM & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25

11:00 AM Christmas Mass

Please join us in Celebration!

New Year's Schedule

Saturday, 31 December
Regular 4:00 PM Mass

Sunday, 01 January
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Regular 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses

SOCIAL SUNDAY NEWS

Our December Social Sunday was a great success with over 100 people in attendance! A huge thank you to **Ray Patrie** for hall setup, decorating and helping with the food. Thank you so much to **Kim and Ron Breslin** who provided a wonderful atmosphere with their music—enjoyed by all!

Our next Social Sunday will be held Sunday, February 5 after the 11:00 AM Mass. Putting on a Social is a lot of fun but it sure makes it easier with more hands to help!

Perhaps you would like to provide a special dish to supplement our usual fair? We would love if you would like to share a cultural dish. Or perhaps your parish ministry would like to host a Social Sunday? Let us know. What a great way to let others know about your ministry and maybe even get some new volunteers. Are you interested in any of the following? Call the parish office if you can help out in any way.

- ☺ Host a Social Sunday
- ☺ Help to serve
- ☺ Bake or provide snacks
- ☺ Help set up
- ☺ Offer hospitality
- ☺ Help to clean up

Michelle Chew, Social Sundays Coordinator

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See our new page, watch for coming events—ask your friends to like us too!

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 19 December - Weekday in Advent
Jeanne Hodgins - Vivian Molnar
Rose Moher - Bob and Anne Ross
Intention of The Children of Judy Montgomery

Tuesday, 20 December - Weekday in Advent
9:45 AM Mass with Students of Algonquin Secondaire
Rose Moher - Jeannette and Randy Dominico
George Tiernay - Adult Continuing Education Staff
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen and Denis Beaulieu
1:30 PM Mass with Students of St. Joseph-Scollard Hall

Wednesday, 21 December - Weekday in Advent
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
9:30 AM Mass with Students of Mother St. Bride & St. Alexanders
Iris Vendetti - Paul and Nadine Condon
Rose Moher - Victor and Joanne Sokolowski
In Honour of St. Jude

Thursday, 22 December - Weekday in Advent
Iris Vendetti - Nadine and Paul Condon
Maria Spina - Maria Gosselin and Family
Simon Boulanger - The Family

Friday, 23 December - Weekday in Advent
In Honour of the Birth of Jesus - Nicola and Michelina Candeloro
Glenna McAuley - Jean and June McAuley
Intention of Tom Killoran - The McArthur Family

Saturday, 24 December - The Nativity of the Lord
Join us for Our Christmas Eve Masses
5:00 PM, 8:00 PM and 12:00 MIDNIGHT

Sunday, 25 December - The Nativity of the Lord
Join us for Our Christmas Day Mass at 11:00 AM

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses are offered in remembrance of all those whose names will be published on our Christmas Memorial Flower List to be included in Next Weekend's Bulletin



Jesus,
you are constantly coming to your people,
even when we fail to see you.
In each and every moment that we are blessed
to recognize you here and now,
give us the courage to leap with joy
at your coming.

Amen

Catholic Women's League News

At the December 4th CWL Dinner Meeting, CWL Executive elections were conducted. We are pleased to announce the 2017-2019 CWL Executive for the Pro-Cathedral Council.

The new executive will be installed on January 22 at the 11:00 AM Mass.

The 2017-2019 Executive:

President: Maudena Farnsworth
Membership & Organization Chair/President-Elect: Shirlene Condie
Spiritual Development Chairperson: Sr. Shannon Hickey
Recording Secretary: Mary-Lynn Truchon
Corresponding Secretary: Louise Defonzo
Treasurer: Vicki Doucette
Past-President: Diane Carmichael

Chairpersons of Standing Committees:

Communications: Leah Pierce
Christian Family Life: Barbara Foubert
Education & Health: Geri Reid
Community Life: Elizabeth Delarosbel
Resolutions & Legislation: Dawn-Marie Duffy
Parish Activities: Annette Dutrisac

If you would be interested in assisting any of the Standing Committee Chairpersons, please contact Maudena Farnsworth at 495-2532.

Joining the CWL is a great way to live out your faith, develop lifelong friendships and deepen your spirituality!



On behalf of the members of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL Council we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Collection: 11 December 2016

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$6,649.65	$1,821.70

GOD IS WITH US! How will your attitudes and actions at home, school, work, in traffic, or at the mall be impacted today by the truth that you are the representative of God to your world?

We would like to share with you a letter recently received from parishioners who recently joined the Cathedral and who travel every Sunday from Port Loring to be with our community:

"We love to come out every week to the Pro-Cathedral to visit with God and to take part in your mass.
From the beginning everyone has welcomed us
and we feel very much at home at your church.
Wishing you love, joy, peace and a very Merry Christmas!

Burgi and Marcus Zacherl



Christmas Memorial Flowers & Decorations

A beautiful way to remember loved ones during this holy season is to donate memorial flowers and decorations in their memory. Your donation will help decorate the altar and sanctuary during the Christmas Season.

Pre-printed envelopes are available for your donation at the entrance to the church. Please fill out the requested information as neat as possible (printing would be best!). Include your donation and return the envelope to the office or in the weekly collection. A listing of remembrances will be printed in the Christmas Sunday Bulletin. ***Please have your names to the parish office by Tuesday, December 20.***

Remember your loved ones this Christmas and give glory to the Lord by helping to decorate for this beautiful season!

Pope Francis' DECEMBER Prayer Intentions

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

Catholic Women's League Centenary Celebration and Logo Contest!

These are exciting times in our League history! Every year the Centenary Committee will be hosting events leading up to our 100th Anniversary to commemorate this auspicious occasion. Kick starting our celebration is a logo contest that was introduced at this year's national convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Every member is encouraged to submit their creative ideas for a logo that will be used on all 100th Anniversary promotional items as the official logo. Entries will be accepted until the deadline of December 31, 2016. Judging Period January 2 to January 15.



The contest is open to all members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. You can email your submission to betty.colaneri@gmail.com or mail a copy to Betty Colaneri, 757 Queenston Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0. ***Submissions must be*** your original creation made solely by you. Reproducing, modifying, enhancing or altering a third party's pre-existing work does not qualify as your original creation. Your submission may not have been previously used or published. **By submitting an entry, you acknowledge** that your entry will become the property of the Centenary Committee to be used in any form for the purpose of advertising, promotional products and fundraising and that your name will be publicized on The CWL of Canada website, social media and League Magazine.

Judging Criteria for Selecting Finalists: The Centenary Committee will judge all eligible entries received during the Entry Period on the basis of originality, creativity and style.

The final decision is at the sole discretion of the Centenary Committee. The grand prize winner will receive recognition on the website, social media, League Magazine and a 100th Anniversary Package.

Aiding Your Church ~ The Message of Stewardship

Stewardship is an attitude of the mind and of the heart. When a person makes a specific commitment of their time, their talent, and their treasure to the church, it is because they see our church as their spiritual home. By making stewardship an integral part of our mission we become a living testament to our faith.

2017 Envelopes are in the church for pickup. Have you given any thought to donating this year through pre-authorized donations, VISA or Mastercard? If you are already using these methods, have you reviewed your stewardship commitment since you began?

REGIONAL NEWS

Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region: If you feel called to pray for the New Evangelization in our Region, Join us every Tuesday at Holy Name Church from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM. In front of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to be Evangelizers. For information contact Fran 476-4146 or Holy Name 495-1501

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held weekly at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Please come and visit Jesus even for a few minutes. He waits for us. Hours of Adoration: Monday and Thursday 12 noon to 5 pm; Tuesdays 12 noon to 9 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Lena Butler 497-3434.

Open Adoration: St. Alphonsus in Callander every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs). **St. Joseph's Motherhouse** first Sunday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM in Holy Family Chapel and Pro-Cathedral First Friday 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday at 11:55 AM at Pro-Cathedral prior to the 12:05 PM mass.

St. Andrew's United Church Candlelight Music Service Sunday, December 18 at 7:30 PM. A quiet evening of contemplative music and readings of the Christmas journey.

Blue Christmas Service – Service of Remembrance and Hope, especially for those who have lost loved ones in the past year, for those who find the season of Christmas more difficult or who may simply be in need of a place of calm in an otherwise busy season. All are welcome, Sunday, December 18 from 7:00 to 7:45 PM at Calvin Presbyterian Church-401 First Avenue West. For more information call 474-4750 or office@calvinnorthbay.ca

The Christmas Day Dinner Committee hosts a Free Dinner on Christmas Day from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. You and your family and friends are invited! *Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall.* Last seating is at 1:00 PM.

L.I.P.I. 22nd Annual Santa Needs Help Campaign so children in our community can experience the joy of Santa this Christmas. If you wish to donate new or used toys, adopt a family, require a pick-up of toys or want to volunteer – call 472-1337. Donations can be dropped off at LIPI office at 127 Main Street East.

Free Literacy and Numeracy Adult Classes with Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic Alternative & Continuing Education for adults aged 19 and older. Improve your reading, writing, math and computer skills; upgrade your skills for secondary school credit, employment, college, apprenticeship or for a greater sense of independence; develop a personal learning plan and work at your own pace. Attend full or part-time. Enrol anytime – continuous intake, open all year!! Call 472-7771 or visit www.npsc.ca for more information.



VIGIL CANDLES

Blessed white candles are available ½ hour before and ½ hour after all masses on the weekend and weekdays. You may enter the Sacristy and ask our Sacristan for your vigil candle. It will be lit and at that time you may place your candle on the stand. An offering of $5 per candle is suggested to help defray costs.



Going into or Have a Sick Family Member in Hospital?

Did you know that you can attend mass at the Hospital during your stay?

Mass is celebrated every Wednesday at 3:00 PM by a parish priest at the North Bay General Spiritual Centre (West Wing). And ... Eucharist is distributed Wednesday, Friday and Sunday by Ministers of Holy Communion. Let pastoral care know your family member would like to be added to the list for visitation.



Mark Your Calendars! The North Bay Regional Parishes would like to welcome you to the first Discovering Christ program. This is a Seven Week program, that includes dinner, listening to dynamic teachings and joining in small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Starting January 24, 2017, every Tuesday evening until March 7, 6:45PM at St. Peters Church. There is a Saturday retreat on February 25. All this for FREE Registration information to follow in each parish in the coming weeks. For more information contact Len Lanthier lslanthier@gmail.com 705 – 724-1368

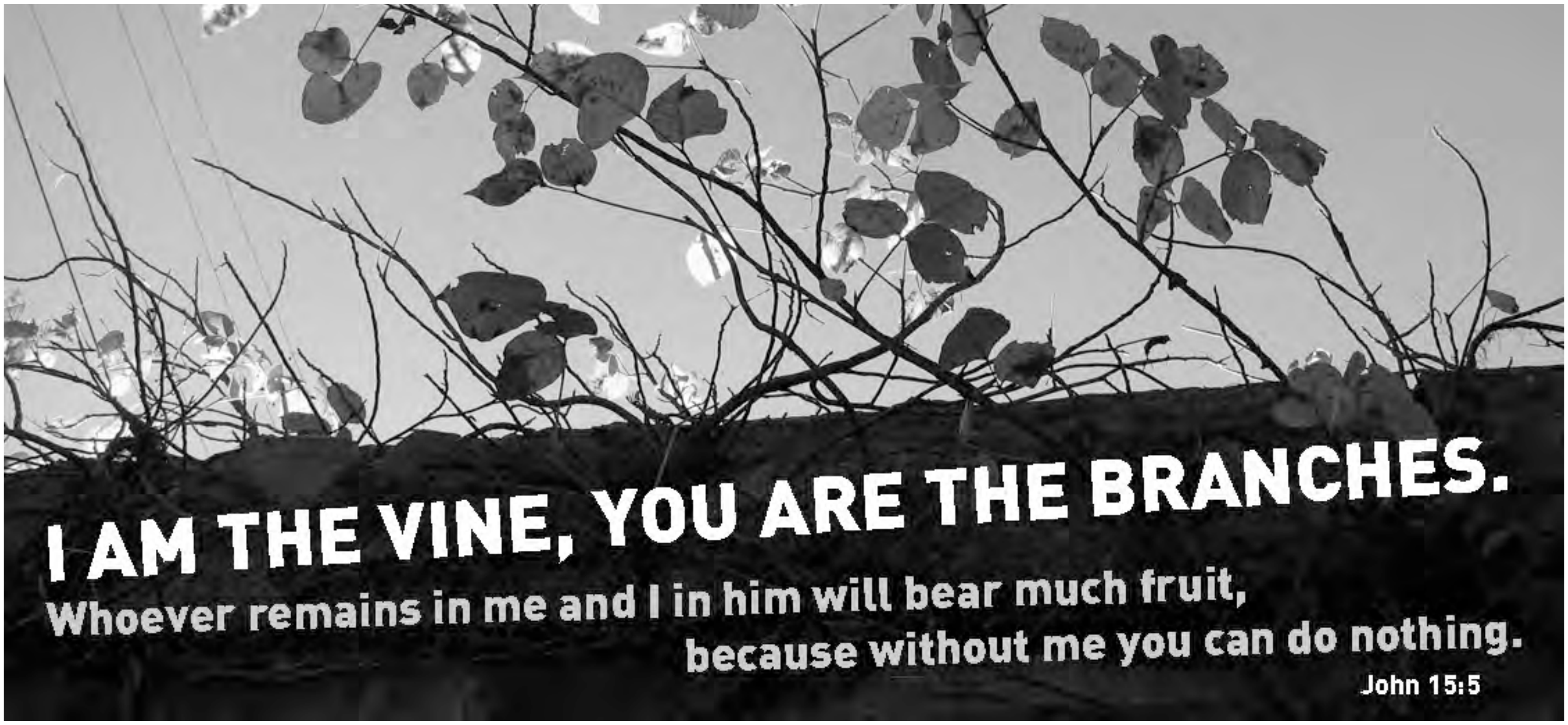
THE EDGE Catholic Youth Group: Calling Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's!! Join us Mondays at 6:45 PM in the hall of St. Joseph's Church, Clark St., Powassan. THE EDGE uses live music, drama, small group discussions, guest speakers, games, Scripture, crafts and other cool stuff to explore issues about our Faith, solid values, youth concerns and happy living!! No need to pre-register. Call Pauline 724-5964 for information or transportation.

CLAY- (Catholic Love Attitude Yes!) A Youth Program for JK to Grade 5, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm at St. Gregory's School Gym, Powassan, back entrance. Come out and join us for games, crafts and faith teachings in a fun filled and positive environment. For more information please contact Laurie Dobbs at 724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at 724-1835 or jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities collects clothing for free distribution to those in need. Clothing for men, women, children and infants, shoes, or accessories. Also towels, tea towels and sheet sets. Drop off to Catholic Charities entrance off Algonquin Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:30 AM or weekdays to the Pro-Cathedral Rectory (480 McIntyre Street West.). Items should be clean and in good repair. PLEASE — Due to Space Limitation Seasonal Clothing Only!

Knights of Columbus Meetings

Knights of Columbus Council #1007 Executive Meeting at 6:30 PM and General Meeting at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month September to June at St. Peter's Church in the Parish Hall. Refreshments served. New or transferring members can contact Mike Joly at 495-1792.



discovering **Christ**

TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM FROM JAN 24 TO MAR 7

Please join us at St. Peters for Discovering Christ.
All parishioners are invited to enjoy a free dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ is a seven-week series that will begin Tuesday January 24th and run for 7 consecutive weeks.

We invite you to watch a Discovering Christ YouTube video to learn more about the course:
http://www.ChristLifeNorthBay.org

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Your name	*Age group (circle)*
Email	*Phone*
	YES NO
Person you are attending with (optional)	*Would you prefer to participate at separate tables? (if applicable)*
Dietary restrictions	