

# Parish News for Families

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St. Joseph's Church



Immaculate Conception Church

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*O Come, Let Us Worship  
and Pray as the Catholic  
Stratford Community*

**Sunday Masses:  
Immaculate Conception  
Church –**

5:00 p.m. Sat. evening  
10:00 a.m. Sun. Morning

**St. Joseph's Church –**

Sunday Mornings  
8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**Children's Liturgy of the  
Word (For children JK –  
Grade 3)**

Note: Children JK – Grade  
4 leave the church to listen  
to the scripture readings of  
the day and to reflect on  
the word together.

Parents are welcomed to  
accompany their children.

The Children's Liturgy of the  
Word is offered at  
both Immaculate Conception  
Church and St. Joseph's  
Church at all Sunday  
Masses.

**From the Editor** ~ One way of keeping warm is keeping busy! And, as you will read in this newsletter, we have been busy at the Parish preparing opportunities for our families to participate. In particular, you will read about the March Break Camp. We are also looking to this year's summer Faith Alive Camp! (July 21-25) Also, there are always on-going Sunday worship opportunities for your children and youth. Enjoy!

## MARCH BREAK CHILDREN'S CAMP – Marching into Spring!

The 5 day camp will run at St. Joe's Parish Hall from Monday, March 10—Friday, March 14, 8:30 a.m.—3 pm. Registration fee is \$75 per camper for the week to a maximum of \$200 per family. Registration form and more details can be found on the reverse of this page. We expect the camp to fill us fast so please get your forms in as soon as possible to the **Parish office**. (not to the school) Camp Directors this year are Mike and Sherri Haase. Mike is experienced working with youth as a Pastoral Worker and is completing the Master of Divinity degree at St. Peter's Seminary in London. Sherri is a registered nurse in the obstetrics unit at Stratford General Hospital. Mike and Sherri are the proud parents of Abbie, Emma and six month old Lillian. The whole family is excited about what will surely be a fun, faith-filled week!



**Ministry to Your Children**—the first faith teachers of children are the parents. Our ministry programs are offered to support you in your responsibility for the faith formation of your children. Listed below are faith formation opportunities:

- \* Children's Liturgy of the Word—for children SK-Gr. 4. is offered at all Sunday Masses at both churches. This program is particularly supportive of children preparing for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.
- \* Children's Choir—Rehearsals are Mondays, 5-6 pm. in the music room at St. Joe's. This is a fun way for children to come together as community.
- \* St. Joseph's Family Mass—every 3rd Sunday of the month @ 11:30 am. with the Youth and Family Praise and Worship choir leading the music and youth proclaiming the Word!
- \* Youth Led Mass—4th Sunday of the month @ 6 pm. at Immac's.
- \* Junior High Encounter Group—4th Sunday of the month at Immac's following the 6 pm. Mass. Gr. 7/8 youth come together to participate in a fun and dynamic scripture study!

**Calling All Young, Aspiring Actors!** We are seeking young people from both parishes, in Grade 4 and up, to be part of our annual dramatization of The Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Your commitment would be a weekly, 1 hour rehearsal (beginning **Wednesday, February 26th @ 5:00 p.m.**) with the play being presented on Good Friday, April 18th @ 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church. We encourage you to come and join our cast, or be part of the support crew (costumes, props, scripts) by calling or emailing Mary at the Parish Office, prior to the first rehearsal. Further information regarding practices will be handed out at the first rehearsal. If there are any high school students who would like to help direct the dramatization please give Mary a call or email . (519-271-6722 ext.26 or mchisholm@dol.ca)



St. Joseph's / Immaculate Conception  
March Break Camp is now 5 days!!  
Monday, March 10th – Friday, March 14th,  
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 pm.

Child's Name: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: (M/F) 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: (JK—Gr.4) 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person during camp hours-emergency & other**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to child: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical/Health Information**

Ontario Health Card Number 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Special Medical Needs:

(including special physical or behavioural needs. This information helps tremendously with camp planning. Please indicate if child support is needed and if a child worker is accompanying the camper for the week. We will then be in communication with parents to work out any details to ensure each camper has an enjoyable experience) \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

(Unless other written instruction is submitted, I also consent to allowing my child's image to be recorded, either by photograph or video, and used strictly during the camp week, or for future camp promotion.)

**Please return registration form and fee to St. Joseph's/Immaculate Conception Parish Office by Friday, Feb.21st. (not to the school) We have room for 40 campers and registration is taken on a first come first served basis. We expect registration to fill quickly. To avoid disappointment, please return your form as soon as possible. We now have a mailbox just outside the Parish office doors for drop off after office hours. Registration fee for camp is \$75.00 per child for the week. Maximum family registration will be \$200.00. (please call Mary at the Parish office if financial assistance is needed. All communication is kept strictly confidential.)**