

**The Annual Summary Report
of Parish Activities Supporting Our Stewardship Mission
Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate-Guelph, Ontario-June 2020**

****All parish activities have been suspended, closed down and cancelled to due to COVID-19 Pandemic commencing March 16, 2020 by Bishop Douglas Crosby, Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, Ontario.****

The following activities have been collated under the four goals which support our Parish Mission Statement.

As the Eucharistic family of Our Lady Immaculate, we believe in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We foster a welcoming and active faith community by sharing our time, talents and treasure. We continue to grow in the Spirit, loving and serving God and each other.

Goal #1-In our desire to share our time, talent and treasures, we will reach out to others in the community.

- CWL donation campaign—bars of soap and lollipops for the Children of Sierra Leone—July 2019
- Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of the Drop-In-Centre, Emergency Shelter, and Women in Crisis-October 2019
- All Candidates Meeting – Federal Election – October 15, 2019
- Annual Bishop's Dinner for community needs – October 17, 2019
- Development and Peace Retreat Day – October 26, 2019 – St. Brigid's Villa, Ignatius Jesuit Centre - “Encouraging the Spirit through the Synod of the Amazon”
- CWL prepared small personal care bags for distribution through Guelph Agencies – November 2019 – toques, gloves, scarves, underwear for the homeless – December 2019/January 2020
- Advent Collection-Drop-In-Centre and Michael House-December 2019
- Knights of Columbus winter coat campaign-Coats for Kids-providing winter coats for children attending schools in the Wellington Catholic District School Board-Fall 2019

Goal #2-In our desire to share our beliefs in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we will seek to reflect and spread the good news of the Gospel.

- Mission Co-op Appeal – welcomed Father Fredrick M. Loora – Diocese of Nakuru, Kenya – July 7, 2019
- Reviewed our role as members of the Stewardship Committee – September 2019
- Grandparents: Silver Saints Celebration – September 7, 2019: Mass, Hospitality, Refreshments, Presentation by Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS
- Grade 7 teachers – luncheon – September 2019
- Parish Emergency Response Team – ongoing formation and training
- Annual Vocation Mass & Reception – September 22, 2019
- CWL Brunch – Guest Speaker: Ania Krysciak – September 29, 2019
- Cherish Life Conference – October 4/5, 2019
- Rosary Sunday – Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki – Sunday, October 6, 2019
- Grade 2 teacher luncheon – October 10, 2019
- CWL Civic Retreat - October 24, 2019
- Memorial Mass & reception-sponsored by the Ministry of Compassion-Nov. 6, 2019
- CWL Christmas Bazaar – November 3, 2019

- Presentation by Professor Michael Higgins: Henri Nouwen-November 9, 2019 – sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
- Ministry of Compassion – presentation: David Wells – November 11, 2019
- Advent Reflection with John Miller and Friends from Waterloo – Songs of Advent and the Birth of Jesus – December 11, 2019
- Mini-Bus Fundraising Campaign – to support pro-life advertisements on city buses – December 2019
- Annual Children's Christmas Pageant – December 24, 2019
- 40 Days for Life Day of Prayer and Fasting – February 26, 2020
- Woman at the Well – presentation by Dr. Josephine Lombardi – March 4, 2020 at St. Joseph Parish, Guelph
- CWL presentation “Unplanned” movie followed by presentation by Guelph and Area Right to Life – March 5, 2020
- Lenten Reflection with John Miller and Friends from Waterloo – Stations of the Cross and musical presentation with scripture reflections – March 6, 2020
- In conjunction with the Pastor and the parish Ministry Leaders, the Stewardship Committee directly oversees the creation and maintenance of the parish website

Goal #3-In our desire to grow in the Spirit, loving and serving God and each other, we will deepen the spiritual life of the faith community.

- Feast of the Assumption – Mass – August 15, 2019
 - Feast of the Queenship of Mary – Mass – August 22, 2019
 - Ongoing contact with parish ministry leaders to see if there are any initiatives or needs that the Stewardship Committee can support – September 2019-June 2020
 - Evangelization by the Way of Beauty – Brother Mickey McGrath – September 6, 2019
 - Tuesdays – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Vespers, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass
 - Wednesdays – Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Our Lady's Altar in the Ambulatory
 - Children's Liturgy program-September 2019-May 2020
 - Ongoing contact with the Ad Hoc Committees of Stewardship:Parish Kitchen /Volunteer Appreciation/Golf Tournament/Pasta Dinner/Prime Rib Dinner/Parish Picnic/Volunteer Screening/Cupcake Sunday/Parish Food Fiesta/John Bosco BBQ Committees
 - Ongoing Gallery Wall/Ministry Wall initiative- to showcase ministries in our parish
 - Church Tours – first Sunday of each month and by appointment
 - Parent meeting for Confirmation – September 25, 2019
 - Diocesan initiative-Theology on Tap-
1. Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on family life and the joy of love – Teresa Hartnet – October 15, 2019
 2. Sharing the Good News: Truth, Goodness, and Beauty – Michael Dopp – November 12, 2019
 3. Science and Religion: A coalescence of Truth and Reality – Ted Laxton – December 10, 2019
 - Memorial Mass for Unborn in Crypt – October 20, 2019
 - Diocesan Clergy Convocation Jubilee Mass with Bishop Douglas Crosby – October 22, 2019
 - Parent meeting First Reconciliation/First Communion for parish Grade 2 students – October 30, 2019
 - One by One: The Latin America Project presentation following weekend Masses by Nathan Ingram – October 19/20, 2019
 - All Saints and All Souls – Low Mass – November 1, 2019/sung Mass – with University of

Guelph students from Newman Centre/Mass for the Dead/Requiem Mass

- Mass at Marymount Cemetery with Bishop Anthony Tonnos – November 2, 2019
- Shrine Mass and reception with Bishop Douglas Crosby
- Memorial Book – Invitation to write names of deceased love ones in The Book of Life to be remembered at daily Mass – November 2019
- Evening with Cardinal Collins – presentation on Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman – Sunday, November 24, 2019
- Tree of Life for Advent - December 2019

*Sacred Heart Altar – for loved ones who have died this past year

*St. Joseph Altar – for those who have been baptized into new life in Christ during the past year

- Confirmation of Grade 7 students of parish elementary schools and correspondence students – December 7, 2019
- Bambinelli Sunday – Annual Third Sunday of Advent – invitation to bring your nativity figurine of the Infant Jesus for a special blessing – Sunday, December 15, 2019 in support of the Catholic Grandparents Association
- Parish Ministry Fair – Sunday, January 20, 2020
- Ongoing support for Mother's Group established for all mothers of our parish
- Guelph Men's Prayer Group with Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki-Saturdays: November 30-December 21, 2019 and February 29-April 4, 2020
- CWL presentation by Diocesan CWL League President Joan Schurter on how the League changed her life – February 12, 2019
- First Reconciliation for Parish Grade 2 students – February 18/19/20, 2020
- Stations of the Cross – Friday mornings following Mass – Friday evenings with Benediction – Lent 2020
- Newman Centre Encounter Evening with Father Mark Morley and University of Guelph students: Holy Hour, stations of the Cross, presentation, Benediction, Confessions, Music – Lent 2020
- Rite of Election for catechumens from parishes in Bruce-Grey, Waterloo, and Wellington Deaneries with Bishop Douglas Crosby – February 23, 2020
- Sacrum Compline in the Crypt – Official Night Prayer of the Church – March 8, 2020
- 40 Days of Life Mass with Bishop Douglas Crosby – March 12, 2020
- Sung Mass in honour of St. Joseph, the Patron of Canada – March 19, 2020
- Stewardship Committee Retreat – May 6, 2020 online – due to Covid-19 pandemic

Goal #4-In our desire to foster a welcoming and active faith community, we will respond to our call to discipleship.

- Farewell to Monsignor Noon – June 26, 2020 – Retiring after 44 years of active ministry in the Diocese of Hamilton. Dedication of plaques in Monsignor Dennis Noon's honour: Basilica of Our Lady and contributions to restoration campaign and dedication of parish hall
- Hamilton Diocese – Diocesan Capital Campaign
- Knights of Columbus BBQ and CWL Bake Sale following 11:00 a.m. Mass – Sunday, July 7, 2019
- Knights of Columbus Annual Corn Roast – August 12, 2019 – St. Brigid's Villa at Ignatius Jesuit Centre
- 13th Annual Parish Picnic-Sunday, September 8, 2019 held at Orchard Park South on the grounds of St. Ignatius Jesuit Centre
- Parish Food Fiesta – Sunday, September 22, 2019
- Information Desk is provided the first and third Sunday of each month at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Masses – September 2019 – June 2020 to answer and clarify queries from parishioners

- Michael House “Thankyou” Tea Event – October 6, 2019
- Knights of Columbus - Music of the Knight – October 19, 2019
- Edizson Singers Concert – October 25, 2019
- Annual Prime Rib Dinner – Sunday, November 17, 2019
- Knights of Columbus Breakfasts following 9:00 a.m. And 11:00 a.m. Masses: Sunday, December 8, 2019, Sunday, March 1, 2020
- Coffee and Donut Sundays following 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses: Sunday, November 10, 2019, Sunday, January 20, 2020, Sunday, March 1, 2020
- In conjunction with the Pastor, the Stewardship Committee directly oversees the publication of the Parish newsletters: Thanksgiving – October 2019, Christmas – December 2019, Easter – April 2020
- CWL monthly Meet/Craft/Pray group
- CWL Catered Funeral Lunches for bereaved parishioners
- Confirmations – Grade 7 parish students – Receptions hosted in Parish Hall by CWL – December 7, 2019
- Annual Pasta Dinner on Sunday, February 9, 2020
- CWL honoured St. Patrick's Day on the weekend of March 14/15, 2020 with coffee and dessert following the Sunday Masses and distributed shamrock cookies to parishioners following the 5:15 p.m. Saturday evening Mass
- Hall Rentals for private parishioner events