



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC  
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*Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey*

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### ***CATHOLIC EDUCATION: WALKING FORWARD TOGETHER IS THE THEME FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2017***

During the week of April 30 to May 5, 2017 the St. Clair Catholic District School Board will celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made to the community, the province and to Canada. The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is *Catholic Education: Walking Forward Together*.

The 2017 theme is drawn from three contemporary Catholic documents that address the need for reconciliation and renewal – in our lives, with our families, in our relationships with others and in our relationship with our environment and our common global future.

The first is the 2016 response of the Canadian Catholic Bishops to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission that we need to heal past injustices by "*Walking Forward Together*." The second is the 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* by Pope Francis, that emphasizes the cultural roots of our ecological problems and advocates an urgent world collaboration for the care of our common global home. The third document, *Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love* is a 2016 Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis, which applauds our dedication and concern shown to children, families, migrants, the poor, the elderly, and to persons with special needs, as a sign of the Spirit. These supportive relationships are a test of our commitment to show mercy in welcoming others and to help the vulnerable, to be fully a part of our communities.

"Each year, we observe Catholic Education Week as a way to proclaim the mission of Catholic education and to celebrate the important role our students and our schools have in our society," says Dan Parr, Director of Education. "Through the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations, our students become life-long learners, caring family members and responsible citizens, who give back to the communities in which we live."

Special activities are planned at each of our schools to mark Catholic Education Week. Some activities celebrate our faith; some focus on learning excellence through literacy and numeracy events and celebrations of the arts; and others demonstrate our commitment to service through acts of charity. Attached to this email, please find a list of just a few of the events that have been planned in some of our schools.

Please contact the school principal to arrange a visit.

For more information about Catholic Education Week at St. Clair Catholic, please visit our Board website at [www.st-clair.net](http://www.st-clair.net)



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# Catholic Education Week 2017

## “Walking Forward Together”

### List of School Activities for April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>

<i>School</i>	<i>School Principal</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Christ The King Catholic School	Renée Culverwell 519-627-6745	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Grandparents Day – JK to Grade 4 classrooms will host a mini-concert in the gym – 11:15 a.m. until 11:55 a.m. Picnic lunch to be followed by stations run by Grade 5 to 8 students. Stations feature reading, crafts and a book fair. Snacks are included!</li> </ul>
Georges P. Vanier Catholic School	Americo Todino 519-354-6550	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Catholic Education Week Kickoff Assembly at 9:00 a.m. – School Dance Team, Music Monday Presentation by The Georgies and the Unknowns and the Grade 7s will perform the Muskoka Dance.</li> <li>Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1:00 p.m. in the gym – each class will perform a group dance that they have been learning over the past eight weeks.</li> <li>Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mass in Honour of Mary – 9:30 a.m.</li> <li>Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Grade 7s will lead math carousels for all primary classes in the Library. The Grade 8s will lead math carousels for junior classes in the gym – 12:30 p.m. We encourage our parents/guardians to join us for a celebration of learning!</li> </ul>
Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School	Liz Bujaki 519-542-8190	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gregory A. Hogan Art Show – May 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:55 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the school gym. All welcome.</li> <li>Dan Edwards to speak to Grade 3-5 students – Theme: Resiliency and Growth Mindset – May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 in the school gym.</li> <li>Dan Edwards to speak to Grad 6-8 students – Theme: Perseverance and Settling Life Goals – May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:45 in the school gym.</li> </ul>
Holy Trinity Catholic School	Steve DeGurse 519-344-2110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – School Mass – 9:30 a.m.</li> </ul>
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School	Lisa Demers 519-351-4040	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Good News Assembly and Liturgy of the Word to Celebrate Catholic Education Week – 11:20 a.m. in the school gym.</li> <li>Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Todino’s and Mrs. Burgess’ Kindergarten classes will host a Mother’s Day Tea. Students will perform songs and engage in crafts with their moms/guardians – 2:15 p.m. in the Kindergarten classrooms.</li> <li>Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Drumfit with junior and intermediate divisions in the gym.</li> </ul>

Sacred Heart Catholic School – Port Lambton	Joanne McCreery <b>519-677-5391</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Father Chris visits to show highlights of his trip to El Salvador for <i>Homes for Hope El Salvador</i>.</li> <li>Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Tomorrow's Greener Schools Today Lambton – Lambton Public Health and the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority visit to plant eight native trees in our school yard.</li> <li>Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – The Grade 3-4 class celebrates a Medieval Festival in the school gym.</li> </ul>
St. Agnes Catholic School – Chatham	Mary Ann McCrae <b>519-354-0530</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Living Rosary led by System Chaplaincy Leader Margaret Palmer – 9:45 a.m. in the Peace Garden (weather permitting – school gym rain location).</li> </ul>
St. Anne Catholic School – Blenheim	Stacy Shepley <b>519-676-7352</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Living Rosary – all classes – 2:50p.m. until 3:40 p.m.</li> <li>Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – French Immersion Music Concert – 2:50 until 3:40 p.m.</li> <li>Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Author Visits – Carol Bryden and Dianne Lloyd – 9:40 a.m. until 11:40 a.m.</li> </ul>
St. Anne Catholic School – Sarnia	Daniela Mezzatesta <b>519-542-2710</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – 12:45 p.m. – Living Rosary</li> <li>Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – 2:00 p.m. – Volunteer Appreciation Tea</li> <li>Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Lego Robotics Team Demonstration in the front foyer of the school.</li> </ul>
St. Joseph Catholic School – Corunna	Colleen Cogghe <b>519-862-1479</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – School Mass led by the Grade 2 class – 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Corunna.</li> <li>Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Variety Show – Students will share their gifts and talents with the school and parent community in our annual show – 1:00 p.m.</li> <li>Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – School-wide Liturgy – 12:30 p.m.</li> <li>Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Jump Rope for Heart – Our entire school will participate in this fundraising event for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.</li> </ul>
St. Joseph Catholic School – Tilbury	Cynthia Boyd <b>519-682-2790</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Heart and Stroke Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff – 1:00 p.m. in the playground.</li> <li>Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Volunteer Luncheon – 12:00 p.m.</li> <li>Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Family Spring Fling Evening – An interactive family night in partnership with CK Police, CK Public Health and OEYC – 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.</li> <li>Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Grandparents Day – 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in our classrooms.</li> </ul>
St. Matthew Catholic School	Chris Kehoe <b>519-332-4300</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Family Math Night – A family event to promote numeracy in the home and make mathematics a fun part of the daily routine! – 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.</li> </ul>
Sacred Michael Catholic School – Ridgetown	Julie Knight <b>519-674-3475</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Opening Liturgy followed by an Amazing Race in School Families – 9:45 a.m.</li> <li>Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Grandparents Day – Grandparents invited to celebrate <i>Walking Forward Together</i> with our families – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</li> <li>Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Author Michael Wade to visit Grades 3-6 – 1:00 p.m.</li> <li>Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – PJ Day to promote the importance of getting enough sleep!</li> </ul>

St. Philip Catholic School	Mark Renaud <b>519-882-1520</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Arts education activities.</li> <li>• Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Grade 4 – 8 students visit the Victoria Playhouse for <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>.</li> <li>• Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – May Crowning – JK to Grade 3 – 9:30 a.m.; Grade 4-8 by the Rosary Group at 1:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Grades 7-8 Confirmation Retreat – St. Philip Church.</li> </ul>
St. Vincent Catholic School	Nicole Stevens <b>519-354-4066</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 1:50 p.m. – Parents are welcome to visit the school to see classrooms in action. Language, physical education, history, computers, religion – come and see what is happening in your child's classroom!</li> </ul>
St. Patrick's Catholic High School	Robert Cicchelli <b>519-332-3976</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Community Impact Day</li> <li>• Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Laudato Si In Our Diocese – How to Live Out the Encyclical.</li> <li>• Mass – Thursday, May 4 at 11:30 a.m. with Fr. Tom Donohue– Grade 9 Religion class and students from St. Anne Catholic School. Following Mass there will be a blessing of the new Snoezelen Room.</li> <li>• Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Catholic Education Week Mass – 11:00 a.m. in the chapel.</li> </ul>
Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School	Ray Power <b>519-351-2987</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Mass with the Ursuline Sisters at Angela Villa in Chatham. We will honour the Ursuline Sisters, who were pioneers of Catholic Education in Canada. 9:00 a.m.</li> </ul>