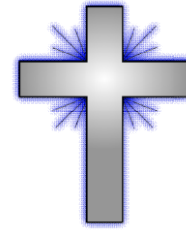


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December 17th, 2023 to January 7th, 2024 / le 17 décembre 2023 au 7 janvier 2024
3rd - 4th Sundays of Advent – Nativity of the Lord – Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Mary the Holy Mother of God - Epiphany of the Lord / 3e et 4e dimanche de l'Avent – Nativité
du Seigneur – la Sainte Famille de Jésus, Marie et Joseph – Sainte Marie, Mère de Dieu –
Épiphanie du Seigneur

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Pastor / Curé : Joseph Ogah cell# 705-920-1514

ST. BARTHOLOMEW / ST-BARTÉLEMY

Masses / Messes: Tues. 10:00 am
Sat. 7:00 pm / Sun. 9:45 am

ST-FRANÇOIS XAVIER / ST. FRANCIS XAVIER/

Masses / Messes
Thurs. 9:00am / Sunday 8:30 am

ST-ÉTIENNE MARTYR / ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR

Masses / Messes: Wed. 10:00am
Sunday 11:00 am

Office: Tuesday to Thursday 9am to 3pm

The office is closed daily from 11:30am - noon

PRÉPARATION AUX SACREMENTS

Baptême Communiquez avec le bureau paroissial
Réconciliation et Première Communion
Normalement pour les élèves de 2^e année, mais les enfants plus âgés sont les bienvenus. L'inscription se fait en janvier.

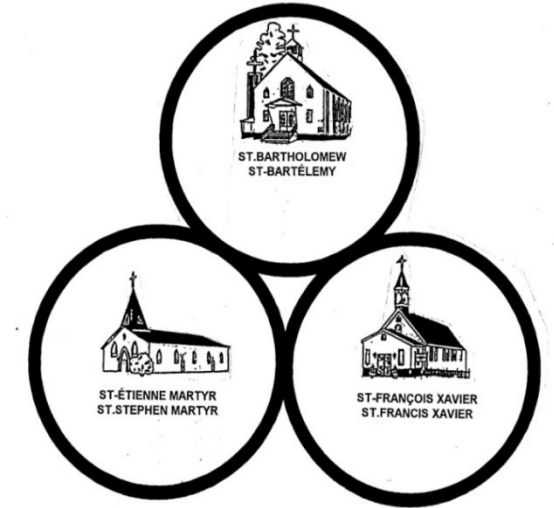
Confirmation

La préparation débute en septembre et a lieu tous les deux ans pour les élèves de 7^e et 8^e année.

Mariage Communiquez avec le bureau paroissial.

Sacrement des malades Quiconque désire recevoir ce sacrement, peut communiquer avec le Père Joseph en tout temps.

Pour tout adulte désirant recevoir le sacrement de Baptême, Première Communion ou Confirmation. Communiquez avec le bureau paroissial.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism Please call the office.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist normally celebrated in grade 2, but older children are also welcomed. Registration for the sacraments will be in January for all interested persons.

Confirmation

Registration starts in September and is celebrated every second year for students in grades 7 and 8.

Matrimony Please call the office.

Anointing of the Sick any time, any place by contacting Father Joseph.

Adults in need of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation

Please call the office.



PARISH SERVICES

Office Onaping Falls & Cartier Tel. 705-966-3762

Building Development & Maintenance

Call the office 705-966-3762

Chevaliers de Colomb / Knights of Columbus

Council 10801

Marcel Portelance (Grand Chevalier) 705-626-3782

Council 11565

Joe Nagy (Grand Knight) 705-670-5178

Communion to the Sick

Parish Office 705-966-3762

C.W.L.

Terry Rapsky 705-966-3310

Funeral Lunches

Anne Levesque 705-855-8427

Sherry-Lyn Loranger 705-918-1759

Hall Rental & Management

Parish Office 705-966-3762

Lay Ministers

Lecteurs/ Readers

Lynn Larouche 705-855-3388

Parish Office 705-966-3762

Music / Choirs/ Funeral Choirs

St. Étienne / Lillian Xilon 705-855-9255

St. Bartholomew & St Francis Xavier

Janice Farrow 705-966-2082

St. Francis Cemetery

Sandy Young 705-965-2645

** Toutes personnes intéressées peuvent recevoir la Réconciliation avant la messe.

** *Reconciliation* may be celebrated at any time upon request or before Mass**

L'arbre de vie / The Tree of Life

For baptismal or memorial leaves, please call parish office at 705.966.3762 (\$20 each)

Pour les feuilles baptismales ou de souvenirs, s.v.p. signalez le bureau paroissial au 705.966.3762 (\$20 chacune)

Pour l'église St.Étienne Martyr / For St. Stephen Martyr church.

Feuilles baptismales (vert pâle) Baptismal leaves (light green) / Feuilles de souvenirs (vert foncé)

Memorial Leaves (dark green)

Call parish office or Yolande Riopel at 705.855.2491 / Téléphonez au bureau paroissial ou Yolande Riopel au 705.855.2491

Please submit payment directly to the office!



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AT HOME, HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME

If anyone's name should be added or taken off the list, please call the office.

Paisley Amyotte Tammy Besserer
Carolyn Besserer

Richard Dupuis Carol Besserer
Jackson Lassetar Wendy Fougere

Juliette Gravel
Sophie McLean
Clément Dubé Tim Ryan
Dianne Luttrell Joanne Davison

Lana Luttrell
Roger Luttrell
Vivian O'Bumsawin
Richard (Bub Pellerin) Kathleen (O'Shell) Robbie

Cécile Prévost
Roberta Tracanelli
Ed Serson

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If any gifting imposes a level of hardship of any kind whatsoever, please do not donate.

If you are able to donate during this time, please consider one of the suggested gifting methods for your current weekly donation:

- 1) dropping your envelope into the parish mail slot
- 2) forwarding to the parish, by local mail, a series of post-dated cheques and Sunday envelopes.
- 3) Signing up for a **PADP** - pre-authorized donation program (contact office for the form)
- 4) Online at our website at <https://onapingfallscartierparish.ca/donations>



Catholic Parishes of Onaping Falls & Cartier:

In an effort to cut costs in the Parish Office, I would like to email the weekly bulletin to those who actively use their email.

If you are interested in receiving the bulletin by email, please send me a note at catholicp4@eastlink.ca

This would help cut down the amount of paper and ink being used. Thank you! Elise Charron / Parish Secretary



*Filles d'Isabelle
Cercle d'Youville 1377*

Régente Suzanne Aubin
705-669-9289



CHEVALIERS DE COLOMB
ST-ÉTIENNE MARTYR CONSEIL
10801

Exéc. 1e mardi 6hpm- Gen. 7h30
Venez vous joindre à nous!
Grand Chevalier Député Grand Chevalier
Marcel Portelance Daniel Leclair
705-626-3782 705-561-0609



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Father Don McLellan
Council 11565 LEVACK,
2nd Monday of the Month.
Exec. Meeting 6pm Gen. 7pm

Have you signed up a new member?
Grand Knight Deputy G.K.
Joe Nagy Mark Mooney
705-670-5178 705-966-3768



**St. Bartholomew's
Catholic Women's League of Canada**
**CALLING ITS MEMBERS TO
HOLINESS**

President-Terry Rapsky
705-966-3310

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December 2-3, 2023		Dec. 9-10, 2023		Credit Union reconciliation
White envelopes	\$2125.00	White envelopes	\$1586.75	Bank balance as of <u>Dec. 12</u> = \$52,529,76
Loose	\$ 86.00	Loose	\$ 25.00	Deposits since + 0
Renos	\$ 437.00	Renos	\$ 50.00	Outstanding cheques - \$ 4,798.16
Bishops A.A.	\$ 50.00	Bishops A.A.	\$ 20.00	Balance \$47,731.60
Christmas Off.	\$ 70.00	Christmas off.	\$ 50.00	
Total	\$2768.00	Total	\$1731.75	

ROOFS

Now, if you wish, we can make donations to the Church roofs – si vous désirez, on peut faire des dons pour les toits des Églises. As of Dec. 13th, we have collected a total of \$5180.00 towards the roofs. Un total de \$5180.00 a déjà été donné envers les toits de nos Églises. Merci – Thank you.

Catholic Parishes of Onaping Falls & Cartier Messes pendant les Fêtes Masses during the Holidays 2023-24

Penitential services – December 19th – 7pm – Dowling
December 20th – 7pm – Levack

Christmas Eve December 24 th		Sunday masses December 31 st	
Levack	5:00 p.m.	Cartier	8:30am
Cartier	7:00 p.m.	Levack	9:45am
Dowling	9:00 p.m.	Dowling	11:00am
Christmas Morning December 25 th		New Year's Day January 1 st	
Cartier	8:30 a.m.	Cartier	8:30am
Levack	9:45 a.m.	Levack	9:45am
Dowling	11:00 a.m.	Dowling	11:00am

Liturgy Schedule Dec. 17th, 2023 to January 7th, 2024 – le 17 décembre 2023 au 7 janvier 2024

LEVACK

Sat.	Dec. 16	7:00pm	Joe MacDonald by Jack & Ann MacLellan
Sun.	Dec. 17	9:45am	Pam Andrews by Austin and family

(Week of December 17th) Sanctuary lamp for

Tue.	Dec. 19	10:00am	P.J. Cuomo by Darrell & Joan Beers
Sat.	Dec. 23	7:00pm	Souls in Purgatory by Sharon Campbell
Sun.	Dec. 24	9:45am	Helen Hickey by Terry Rapsky
Sun.	Dec. 24	5:00pm	Wayne Brouse by Joan Matte and family

(Week of December 24th) Sanctuary lamp for

Mon.	Dec. 25	9:45am	Lionel, Yvette, Lucy, Linda, Louise by Liona and David Thibault
Tue.	Dec. 26	10:00am	Mary Nowak by Elise Charron
Sat.	Dec. 30	7:00pm	Roger Brosseau by the Brosseau family
Sun.	Dec. 31	9:45am	For the People.

(Week of January 1st) Sanctuary lamp for

Mon.	Jan. 01	9:45 am	Parents défunts "Lavoie" by M. & Mme A. Picard
Tue.	Jan. 02	10:00am	Souls in Purgatory by Liona & David Thibault
Sat.	Jan. 06	7:00pm	Joe MacDonald by Elise Charron
Sun.	Jan. 07	9:45am	Peter Dusick by Linda and family

REMINDER OF THE CANTATA ON DECEMBER 21ST AT 7:00pm

CARTIER

Sun.	Dec. 17	8:30am	Gloria Arbour by Lynda Boulanger
(Week of December 17th) Sanctuary Lamp for			
Thur.	Dec. 21	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory by Jeff & Sandy Young
Sun.	Dec. 24	8:30am	Diane Dumont Hearn by Karen Burton
Sun.	Dec. 24	7:00pm	Lillian & Allan Young by Mary Ann Young
(Week of December 24th) Sanctuary Lamp for			
Mon.	Dec. 25	8:30am	Iris and Douglas Burton by Mary Ann Young
Thur.	Dec. 28	9:00am	Recovery of Jenny Crane by Lynda Boulanger
Sun.	Dec. 31	8:30am	For the People.

(Week of January 1st) Sanctuary Lamp for

Mon.	Jan. 01	8:30am	Alice Martel by Lynda Boulanger
Thur.	Jan. 04	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory by Jeff and Sandy Young
Sun.	Jan. 07	8:30am	Judith Ladouceur by Mary Ann Young

DOWLING

Sun. Dec. 17 11:00am Claudette Deschamps by Theresa & John Lefebvre
(Week of December 17th) Sanctuary Lamp for Claudette Deschamps by John & Theresa Lefebvre

Wed. Dec. 20 10:00am Hervé Picard par Roseanne Laurin

Sun. Dec. 24 11:00am For the People.

Sun. Dec. 24 9:00pm Marlene et André Lavigne by Eldon & family

(Week of December 24th) Sanctuary Lamp for

Mon. Dec. 25 11:00am Tina Benoit par Jeannine Lamothe

Wed. Dec. 27 10:00am Roland Chouinard par Ivan Chouinard

Sun. Dec. 31 11:00am Catherine Mullally by Jeff Mullally

(Week of January 1st) Sanctuary Lamp for

Mon. Jan. 01 11 :00am Victor Janzen by Marthe et Raymond Caron

Wed. Jan. 03 10 :00am Souls in Purgatory by Lillian Xilon

Sat. Jan. 06 8:30am First Saturday Devotion Jeannette Rivard par Hélène & Conrad Tétreault

Sun. Jan. 07 11 :00am For the People.

N.B. Rosary is prayed every Wednesday at 9:30am in Dowling followed by the mass

****THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN DECEMBER 22nd till JANUARY 2ND 2024****

HOLY SPIRIT

(a prayer by Mrg Thomas Dowd during his week with us)

Holy Spirit, I give you permission to work in my life the way you want.



Dearly beloved in Christ,

We're in that special time of the year when we are all filled with the joy of being God's children in a special way. At Christmas, we remember God's amazing love shown through his son Jesus-Christ to save the world.

At this special time, I am remembering all of you in appreciation, and praying for you, that your celebrations bring you joy, peace and fulfillment, and, may the light that shines at Christmas, light your way throughout the coming year.

You have all by your good work made the catholic faith present in our communities. Thank you for all your sacrifices. We pray that the light of our faith continue to guide us through difficult and challenging times. May the light of our faith continue to shine bright.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fr Joseph Ogah (Pastor)

Bien-aimés en Christ

Nous sommes dans cette période spéciale de l'année où nous sommes tous remplis de joie d'être les enfants de Dieu d'une manière spéciale. À Noël, nous nous souvenons de l'amour étonnant de Dieu manifesté par son fils Jésus-Christ, né pour sauver le monde.

En ce moment particulier, je me souviens de vous tous avec gratitude, et je prie pour vous, afin que vos célébrations vous apportent joie, paix et plénitude et que la lumière qui brille à Noël éclaire votre chemin tout au long de l'année à venir.

Vous avez tous, par votre bon travail, rendu la foi catholique présente dans nos communautés. Merci pour tous vos sacrifices. Nous prions pour que la lumière de notre foi continue de nous guider dans des temps difficiles et éprouvants. Que la lumière de notre foi continue de briller.

Joyeux Noël et bonne année.

Père Joseph Ogah (Curé)

WHY DO WE GO TO A PRIEST FOR CONFESSION?

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

Why can't we just think about what we did wrong and say we're sorry in our minds, by ourselves?

Think about confession for a second. Why would God want to humble us so badly by making us share our faults and sins with another person? Well, do you see how Jesus gives his apostles the power to forgive or not to forgive? This is vital to understand reconciliation.

Say that you work at a remote gas station and a car (without GPS) pulls in to ask for directions. Now, when the driver gets out, how do you know what directions to give? How do you know whether to tell him he's on the right road or the wrong road? Do you just guess where he wants to go based on looking at the guy, or do you listen to him first?

It's the same way with a priest during the sacrament of reconciliation. By necessity, a priest can know whether to forgive sins or retain them only once he has heard them. Hearing the sins is essential.

But we still have the question of why go to a priest in the first place since only God can forgive sins. We aren't confessing our sins to the priest, but to God. The priest is acting in the person of Christ. At that moment in confession, through the sacramental grace and power of the priest's ordination, the priest is standing in the physical place of Jesus. That's why the priest says, "I absolve you." And not, "Jesus absolves you." It's the same during the consecration at Mass, the priest says, "This is my body," not, "This is Jesus' body."

Forgiveness is always free, but that doesn't mean that confession is always easy. Reconciliation is always available upon request. Consider this a gentle reminder and I say this because I love you, but not as much as He does.

Confession is the sacrament of kindness where God comes to hug us tenderly through his mercy and God never NEVER EVER gets tired of forgiving us so we should never NEVER EVER get tired of confessing our sins (Pope Francis)

Parish Cash Draw

\$20.00 per ticket

Five (5) weekly draws of \$100.00 each starts on January 14, 2024
The \$5000.00 grand prize will be drawn on February 18, 2024

Tickets available before and after each Mass, from the parish office
(705-966-3762)

by contacting Sandra Young
(705-690-0128), Diane Laurin (705-698-0366) Jeannine Lamothe (705-855-2503) or, Lillian Xilon (705-855-9255) and various locations around the City of Greater Sudbury and Cartier.

All draws will be held at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church after the 11:00 am Mass. All winning tickets will remain eligible for all remaining draws.

Number of tickets printed: 1375

Ontario Lottery License Number: M844570

*** Attention Parishioners ***

The fund-raising committee (with the generous help of many parishioners) has done a wonderful job in selling our \$20 tickets so far. With the prize money tucked away, we are now in a position to add the total cost of the tickets to our parish revenue. Over the years, many parishioners have said that they did not want to take on a project, but that they would be willing to help when a project presented itself. Well, now is the time. Would it be possible for you to sell just 1 booklet (5 tickets) or just 1 ticket to family, friends and acquaintances? Every little bit helps. We are in for major repairs in the new year. With our current financial situation, we are going to have to get a loan from the diocese. The smaller that loan is, the better off we'll be. To get tickets, please contact the parish office or the following people: Jeannine Lamothe, Diane Laurin, Lillian Xilon, Elise Charron or Sandra Young. We still have over 400 tickets to sell. Let's make this happen together!