Father Oliver's Weekend Reflection:

Ezekiel 34.11-12 The Solemnity of Christ the King

The feast of Christ the King offers a deeply comforting image of God as the Good Shepherd. The people of Israel were scattered, wounded, and abandoned because their leaders had failed them. Rather than care for the flock, the shepherds looked after themselves. In response, God makes a remarkable promise: "I myself will search for my sheep."

This shows the very heart of God: He is neither distant nor unconcerned. When His people are lost, He seeks them out. When they are scattered, He brings them together. When they are hurt, He restores them. God is aware that His people are scattered. Some have gone astray, others have lost heart, and some have suffered injustice and neglect. Still, God does not abandon them. This message is important to us today. At times, we stray from God through sin, selfishness, pride, hatred, and indifference. Moreover, many people today are scattered by family conflicts, poverty, sickness, war, unemployment, broken relationships, and loss of hope. Others have drifted away from God and the Church. Yet God promises to seek out His people, gather them, and bring them home.

In conclusion, let us thank God for being our Shepherd. May we allow Him to find and guide us, and may He give us hearts that seek the lost, welcome the wounded, and rejoice when others return to Him. Amen.

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Liturgy and Sacraments:

Baptism & Instruction in the Catholic Faith: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays as needed. Parent preparation is required.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Those wishing to join the Catholic Church please call the office (613-543-2544). Classes starting soon!

Marriage: 9–12-month notice is needed for the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Each couple is required to participate in a Marriage Preparation course.

Reconciliation: Confessions heard half hour before Mass or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing is given on request, especially before going to the hospital, or at the hospital or at home.

Sick List: Please call the office if anyone needs prayers, a visit or is seriously ill.

If you are unable to attend Mass for an extended period of time, please contact St. Mary's. Arrangements can be made for reception of the Holy Eucharist in the home.

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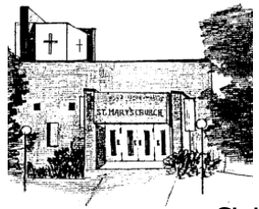

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Sat. **21 Nov 5:00 pm** Pat Cremin (Helen & Chris Woodmass)

Parish Retreat November 23 – 25, 2026
Mission Theme: Advent * Jubilee * Hope * Mercy * Joy!

Mon.	23 Nov	6:00 pm	Gordon Goellnitch (Ray & Val Gremli)
Tue.	24 Nov	6:00 pm	Past & Present Knights of Columbus (Knights)
Wed.	25 Nov	4:00 pm	Nancy Pomerleau (Chris & Nancy Richer)

Light up for Christ: All are invited to our Parish's creche-blessing Ceremony after Mass before the Potluck
Parish Potluck after Mass

Sun. 29 Nov 9:00 am Audrey Schrama (Georgette Stuyt)



Feast of Christ the King - - - This Weekend
This Feast on the last Sunday of the Year reminds us that we should put Christ first in our lives. When it comes to secular or political values do these take precedence over my Christian faith?

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Etransfers Available: We have set up the ability to send etransfer to the Church, please use StMary.Morrisburg@archkingston.ca in the remarks area please give your name and what you wish the money to be used for eg. Roof, Regular Collection etc.
Cheques: Please remember to make all cheques to **St. Mary's Parish**.

32nd Sunday: $3,320.00 (2025: $1,422.00)
Priests Retirement: $1,290.00 (2025: $1,115.00); Repairs & Maintenance: $585.00; Roof: $50.00; St. Mary Cemetery: $50.00; St. Anne's Cemetery: $150.00

33rd Sunday: $934.00 (2025: $2,219.00); Repairs and Maintenance: $10.00
St. Mary's Cem: $590 (2025: $1,065); St. Anne's Cem: $225 (2025: $134)
Priests Retirement: $40.00

Roof Collected to date: **$31,560.75;** (Total cost $120,000) 26% of our goal!

Meetings:
KNIGHTS – **2nd Mondays,** 7 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room *All Council*
Coffee Social: **2nd Sunday of the Month** Marg Zambon (613-652-4741)
Parish Council – 1st Tuesdays, 6 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room
Bible/Faith Study: **2nd Tuesdays**, 6 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room restart **Dec 8th**
Rosary Group: 1st and 3rd Tuesday after the 9:00 am Mass
First Communion Classes: 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room
Pray for our students as they continue preparation for First communion.

AA Meeting: Wednesday, 8:00 pm,



Pray for those who are sick in our families and parish especially: Father R.J. Chisholm, Andrew McCourt, Grace Paulino, Hans Van Der Zweep, Tony Byvelds, John Ricci, Alice McNairn, and Noella Kirkwood.
Pray for the repose of the soul of Nancy Pomerleau, Nolda Byvelds, Erna Jakel, Florence McManus, and Bill McSheffrey.

Keep Christ in Christmas signs for sale Sunday December 13 at the 9 am Mass – car/fridge magnets $5; stickers $2; sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



Prolife Christmas Fruit Cake Sale: On **Nov 29 and Dec 6,** there will be delicious Christmas Cakes and treats for sale at the back of the Church. All proceeds go toward pro-life work. Cash or cheque. Christmas Cakes (600 g $25); Date cake (400 g $20); gift boxes sweets $38; and savoury $40; coffee $20; jams $12; religious advent calendars large $10; small $5; and religious cards $10/pkg of 12. See bulletin board for the flyer.

Fundraising Committee If you have ideas for fundraising please reach out to the committee by email stmarysfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com.

First Communion Students: If you have a child and you wish to receive these sacraments please contact the office as soon as possible.

Charity Raffle: The Knights of Columbus presents its Ontario Charities Raffle (License # RAF1526797) in support of Birthright, St. Vincent de Paul, Special Olympics and others, including the Morrisburg-Iroquois Knights and their local projects. Open only to Ontario residents 18 or over; 50/50 grand prize draw on December 30. Tickets are 10 for $10, 40 for $20, 125 for $50 and 300 for $100, contact Knight Graham Darling 613-214-1968 or online at https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/295/

Free Will Offering for Missals and Word Among Us if you are able, please consider helping with the cost of these items, the box is located at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Christmas Nativity Light Up – St. Daniel The Knights would like to invite everyone to attend their annual Christmas Nativity Light up on **Tuesday December 1st** at St. Daniel's South Mountain from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Festivities start with a Chilli super at 6:30 pm followed by the traditional outdoor caroling around the fire with hot chocolate leading up to the Blessing and lighting of the Nativity Scene at 8 pm. Forget supper at home, just bring your Christmas cheer and join us from 6:30 pm. Free will offering with proceeds in support of Anthony our St. Daniel's Altar server for his service trip to Costa Rica. Let's Keep Christ in Christmas! Please email randy1ali@gmail.com to help with the planning.