

# **London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes**

# Summer 2024 Recap

# **WELCOME, FR. JAMES!**

On the weekend of July 6-7, we officially welcomed Fr. James Prins to our Family of Parishes with a Coffee Café! The Coffee Café was an excellent opportunity for our parishioners to meet and greet Fr. James and wish him well with his role.

Fr. James was ordained to the priesthood on April 27, 2024 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica and was assigned as Associate Pastor to our Family of Parishes as of July 1st.

Welcome, Fr. James!



## ST. PETER'S CWL STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

On June 23rd, the St. Peter's CWL hosted a Strawberry Social! Parishioners were honoured and celebrated for their support over this past year's events; such as the annual Christmas Bazaar, the Lenten Lunches, and other fundraising activities that contribute to our charitable deeds.

We couldn't do it without you!



#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

From July 15-19, the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes hosted our 2nd Vacation Bible School. The theme for this year was "Cathletics: Training to be Champions for Christ." During the week, 33 campers engaged in various activities across 4 stations, learning about what it takes to be a Champion for Christ.

The Games Station started with daily drills to get prepped for each day's activities. The campers at the Music Station learned different songs and dances, and the Bible Station included daily Saints and Bible verses. The Craft Station campers used their creativity to make crafts to help remind them to live as Champions for Christ.

We were blessed with 17 volunteers, ranging from teenagers to adults, who dedicated their mornings to ensure that Vacation Bible School was as fun as possible. Their enthusiasm and energy were contagious, bringing smiles to the faces of the campers!



#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE

On August 11th, the St. Michael's Knights of Columbus hosted their annual Bottle Drive. After countless donations from our community, a total of \$433.20 was raised for the St. Joseph's Hospice!

Thank you all for your generosity, your donations make a difference!

Stay tuned for the next Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive in October, proceeds raised will support the Special Olympics Ontario!

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### **July 2024 YTD**

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
OPERATING REVENUE		
Offertory	\$366,972	\$296,779
Christmas	\$1,635	\$1,085
Easter	\$37,446	\$29,420
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$2,512	\$16,275
Stipends	\$7,382	\$13,420
Parish Social Activities	\$2,158	\$0
Donations	\$18,187	\$45,121
Ministry Revenue	\$5,895	\$3,153
Rental Income	\$0	\$83,250
Sales of Religious Articles	\$6,885	\$9,105
Miscellaneous	\$3,627	\$4,747
Special Collections	\$12,526	\$27,912
	\$465,224	\$530,266
OPERATING COSTS		
Compensation	\$198,039	\$230,989
Parish	\$27,530	\$20,597
Rectory	\$2,398	\$5,594
Office	\$3,301	\$2,688
Maintenance	\$6,570	\$7,094
Utilities	\$18,202	\$41,756
Insurance	\$3,241	\$15,480
Property Taxes	\$1,424	\$1,424
Liturgy	\$12,828	\$12,443
Ministry & Education	\$17,539	\$12,372
Stipends Paid	\$3,860	\$4,455
Special Collections Paid	\$8,417	\$18,430
Diocesan Assessment	\$57,820	\$57,350
Donations Paid	\$12,019	\$20,522
	\$373,190	\$451,194
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$92,034	\$79,072
Savings (Loan)	\$539,507	\$1,467,811

**St. Michael's** has an operating surplus of \$92,034. There is a 2% increase in revenue from the same period in 2023 and a 5% decrease in operating costs. The Savings (Loan) Fund balance is \$539,507. Dollars from the fund will be used to replace the hall and office roofs in 2025.

#### **St. Peter's** has an operating surplus of \$79,072.

Total operating revenue is down by 3% from the same period in 2023. This was offset by a 30% decrease in operating costs. The Savings (Loan) Fund balance is \$1,467,811. These dollars will be directed to the tower work in 2024 and interior painting and repairs in 2025.

# PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE WORK

#### St. Michael's







- 1. The pillars in the Nave were re-painted where sections had peeled and bubbled.
- 2. LED lighting was installed in the hallway from the Narthex to the rear entrance.
- 3. The elevator (pit) was waterproofed to eliminate standing water and potential rust.

#### St. Peter's





- 1. Cracked sections of concrete on the east walkways were replaced.
- 2. Security cameras have been ordered and are being installed inside and outside the Cathedral.
- 3. Work on the East and West towers to replace the roofing, stair access, lighting, and fire and sprinkler systems is waiting for permits.

Thank you for supporting the important work of your parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!