

NEW PARISH SARNIA

NAMING OUR NEW CHURCH UPDATE

We are excited to share an update on naming our new parish. On Sunday, October 5, representatives from both of our predecessor churches opened the suggestion box that was provided for name recommendations. We were thrilled to discover 40 submissions, many accompanied by thoughtful and heartfelt reasons for their choices.

The list of names and a summary of the supporting rationales that you provided were sent to Bishop Todd. We have now heard back from the Bishop. He is very happy with the process that we have followed. He especially enjoyed reading the meaningful documentation that you, the people of this parish, provided.

Bishop Todd has given us a shortlist of five names that he fully supports. These names, in alphabetical order, are as follows:

All Souls'
St Anne's
St Cecilia's
St Lawrence's
St Michael and All Angels'

These are the five names that we will be voting upon at our Special Vestry Meeting immediately following the 10:30 service on Sunday, November 23. In the coming weeks, you will receive a handout with the Bishop's shortlist and a summary of the rationales provided by our parishioners. This will give everyone plenty of time to reflect upon the options before casting a vote.

Thanks to all of you for your continued participation in naming our new church. Your contributions are truly shaping our shared future.

The Wardens
New Parish Sarnia

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