



NEWSLETTER



The Friends of Sacred Heart are just that: "Friends." They are from all over the world and from all religions. Batawa church is so unique. We are part of your community.

ITS BEEN A BUSY YEAR FOR THE LADIES



LADIES OF SACRED HEART
BATAWA, ON.
(Not all Ladies pictured)



COMING EVENTS: THE LADIES OF SACRED HEART PLANT AND BAKE SALE.

The Bake and Plant Sale is coming to the community of Batawa on Saturday, May 9, 2009. 8:AM TO 12:PM. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Flats of perennials for our gardens have been graciously donated by Mrs. Sonja Bata and BDC and are to be picked up at the Church. Coupons will be delivered to your door with a poster Wednesday before May 9. Villagers are to bring the coupon with them. Take the opportunity to thank Mrs. Bata and BDC for caring about the beautification of our village. If you don't receive a coupon, present your address.

NEW CHAIRS FOR SACRED HEART

The Ladies and Friends of Sacred Heart in Batawa are gearing up for their annual plant and bake sale. After a well deserved rest from restoring the lovely church, they are now baking and looking for plants. Anyone wishing to donate perennials and baking to the

Ladies for this day, please let the Ladies know. Coffee and goodies will be for sale when you come to pickup your flats of flowers.

ELLIS HOUSE: MYSTERY NOVEL
Sacred Heart Ladies had their first book signing at the church hall with Dr.

Maria Channell (granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mitas)from Batawa and daughter of our very own pioneer Czechoslovakian artist Paula Mitas-Zoubek from Ottawa. Paula donated one of her lovely pictures to Sacred Heart Church. Thank you



NEW SIGN FOR SACRED HEART
WEB SITE: www.friendsofsacredheart.org



PAULA MITAS-ZOUBEK -ARTIST



NOVELIST: MARIA CHANNELL

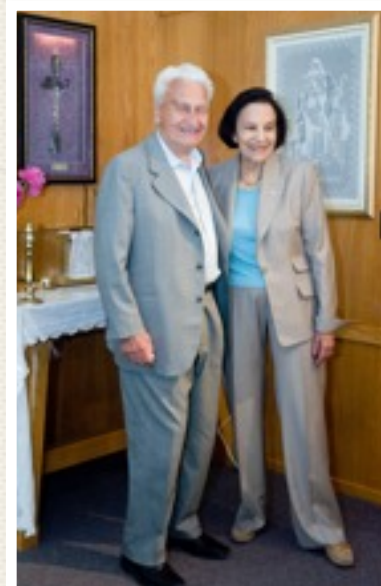
MR. THOMAS BATA LEAVES A BEQUEST TO SACRED HEART CHURCH, BATAWA.

The late Mr. T. Bata loved our little church in Batawa. He passed away last Fall but did not forget us or all the hard work we have put into restoring this lovely Community Catholic Church.

With this Bequest and with the help of his wife Sonja, Batawa Sacred Heart Church is going Green! An "AIR SOURCED" heat pump (Hallowell Acadia) is being installed as we speak to heat and cool the church. (Special thanks to Mike Stortini for his help.) A lifetime steel roof (guaranteed for 50 years) will be added in May to the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bata are pictured here at the Pioneer Mass during the June homecoming. The hand and blown cross from Czechoslovakia (seen right) was also donated.

The Restoration Committee, Parish, Friends and the Community of Batawa thank the Bata Family for their generosity. This bequest will ensure that Sacred Heart Church with the support of the school/community will continue to be a thriving and active church. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Bata.



OTHER NEWS:

THE CHURCH BELL should be ringing everyday at 9, 12, 3 and 6pm. However, this year, the mice were very hungry and ate the wires to the bell. We have finally armoured the cables and boxed in the other equipment. Wish us luck!

Mice 1: Church 0. The Bell is Ringing!

THE RESTORATION COMMITTEE has now retired after 5 years of hard work and sacrifices. They have handed the final jobs over to The Ladies of Sacred Heart who along with the "Friends" will continue to take care of this little church through special projects. Our first project was to purchase new chairs for the hall. What a difference it makes. No more mismatched chairs. (pictured Pg. 1)



NEW CHURCH SIGN:

There will be a new sign installed by the church. It will have a Coming Events Place on it so that our functions, dinners, bake sales etc. can be advertised. Please support us. Special Thanks to Tom Aquino and Bruce Coward of Batawa for donating the sign frame enabling us to get it painted.

Handicap Parking signs will also be installed at the church. RESPECT THE SPACE.

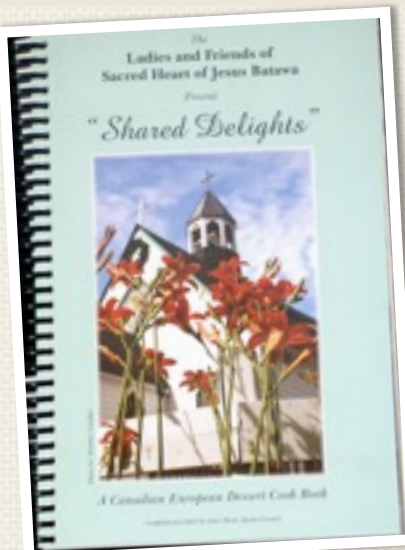
PLAQUES for the Restoration and The Bell Appeal are being worked on over the summer.

SOAP COLLECTION; for the Canadian Food for Children in Africa is still ongoing. Donations welcome.

SNACK PROGRAM AT SACRED HEART

The Ladies donated to the snack program at Sacred heart School. Food Helps the learning process.

EKI-MISSIONS: The Ladies have supported this Northern Mission in the Arctic for years.



"SHARED DELIGHTS" BY THE LADIES AND FRIENDS OF SACRED HEART: OUR CANADIAN EUROPEAN DESSERT COOKBOOK IS FOR SALE AT THE CHURCH OR BDC OFFICE OR FROM ANY OF THE LADIES. IT TOOK OVER A YEAR TO MAKE AND WE HAVE BEEN SELLING THEM STEADILY. COST IS \$27.00. THERE ARE MANY STORIES OF FRIENDS AND VILLAGERS WHO HAVE LIVED HERE IN BATAWA. IT WILL BRING BACK MANY MEMORIES. GOOD RECIPES TOO!