

## Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Sept 19

10:00 am **Grand Bend** - Rosary starts at 9:30am  
Intention of Andy & Cathy Vrolyk (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary):  
Dianne & Mark Tucker

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows Mass

7:00 pm **Parkhill** – Margareta Richarz: Chris & Barb VanderVloet  
7:30-8:30 pm Adoration

Wednesday, Sept 20

8:30 am **Parkhill** – Iris Malette: Cathie Fursman & Family

Thursday, Sept 21

8:30 am **Parkhill** – Frank J. VanderVloet: Rob & Jacinta Roelands & Fam.

Friday, Sept 22

9:00 am **Grand Bend** – Katie Kenny: Stirling & Clare Kenny

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Sept 23

2:00 pm **Grand Bend – Wedding** –  
Matthew Nethercott and Danielle Brosnan

5:00 pm **Grand Bend** - Intention of Our Parishioners

Sunday, Sept 24

9:00 am **Parkhill** - Intention of Our Parishioners

11:00 am **Grand Bend** – Intention of Our Parishioners

*Today how many mothers shed tears, like St Monica, so that their children will return to Christ! Do not lose hope in God's grace!*

*Pope Francis, August 27, 2017*

## The Parishes of *SACRED HEART* and *IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY*

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**September 17, 2017**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Forgiveness can be both the easiest and the most difficult thing a person is asked to give. Daily life is filled with moments in which we ask for forgiveness. Often a simple pardon is granted without much thought: “Don’t worry about it” or “No problem” brushes off a minor transgression.

But this may not always be the case, since some moments are not so easily forgotten. Even though forgiveness may be spoken, a person may continue to harbor anger within their heart. In this case, forgiveness has not truly been granted. Some experiences may lead a person to feel so violated that they could never possibly grant a full pardon, even if they so desire it.

Sirach reminds us of the damaging effects that anger and vengeance can bring to our soul. If anger and vengeance are harboured, they violate our covenant with God. In his letter to the Romans, Paul examines the Lord’s sacrifice through which we can all be pardoned. We are subsequently called to do as Christ has done, to forgive those who have trespassed against us.

Finally, in Matthew’s gospel we learn that forgiveness is not finite and should never run dry. If it is perpetually poured from all people as it does from the Lord, then the cycle of anger, vengeance and hate will come to an end.

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Our Mission Statement:

*Our parishes of Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary will live our faith through service to others, invite all people to become intentional disciples, to be fed by the Living Eucharist*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



This week, the pastors from the local parishes met with the new principal of Holy Cross, John Marinelli and their new chaplaincy leader, Natalie Hleba. Natalie is a graduate of St. Peter's Seminary Lay Program and we are looking forward to working with her and all our partners in Catholic education.

Last Wednesday, Sacred Heart School celebrated their first Mass of the year. It was an awesome celebration and I am grateful to all those who assisted our young people including Monica Thorpe, Laurie-Ann Masschelein, Annalise Staples, (new Gr. 7/8 teacher) and Julie de Gouw. Parents and parishioners are always welcome to join us for these vibrant and youthful celebrations with our school children.

There are always new opportunities for us to grow in our faith as Catholics and become intentional disciples. Here are some of the programs that will be starting this month or the next:

Alpha Course - at Holy Family Parish, London (September 20<sup>th</sup>)  
RCIA - for new & experienced Catholics at All Saints (Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>)  
Why Catholic? - a focus on Christian Morality (October 15<sup>th</sup>)  
Bible Study - a deeper focus on the Eucharist (October 24<sup>th</sup>)

Please see our website or our weekly bulletin for more details coming soon. Two suggestions have come forward to have a Bible Study Program offered at Immaculate of Mary on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon. What do you think? Please speak to your pastor soon.

**On Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**, Karen Minten, Julie and I will be attending an all day Family Ministry Workshop in London. We are looking forward to bringing home some excellent ideas for our families to help them grow in the Catholic faith.

Whether you have been involved in your particular ministry for a long period of time or you are just starting your journey into a ministry of service, you are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop. You may have already noticed that there have been some changes made to protocol for the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Please attend the workshop so that you will be brought up to date with the changes made and why they will be implemented.

Thank you for your commitment to our parishes. Your participation in our parish liturgies, makes us, in the words of Bishop Fabbro, "a vibrant community, evident by the number of parishioners engaged in the life of the parish."

For planning purposes, please reply by **September 25<sup>th</sup>** to Julie de Gouw at [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca)

**Lost and Found Articles** – If anyone has misplaced a black, leather jacket (womans') please contact the parish office. It was located in Sacred Heart Church several weekends ago. Also at Sacred Heart, please check the back lost and found cubby at the entrance of the church. Any unclaimed articles will soon be donated.

**Articles for Sale** – Immaculate Heart of Mary Church has an older TV (approx 27") and a VCR machine that they are looking to let go of. Please contact Fr. Tony at the parish office if interested in either item.

**Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –**



Sun Sept 17: Fr. Michael Michon  
Mon Sept 18: Deacon Henry King  
Tue Sept 19: Fr. Warclaw Chudy, C.S.M.A.  
Wed Sept 20: Fr. Joseph Yonghwan Son  
Thu Sept 21: Fr. Zbigniew Sawicki  
Fri Sept 22: Cyril Bagin, Pastoral Minister  
Sat Sept 23: Fr. Daniel Morand

**Life Chain - Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** – **Strathroy and District Right to Life** – from 1:00-2:00pm (please arrive at 12:45pm). We will gather along Caradoc St. S., between Front St. and Carroll St. E. Please be considerate of driveways and business entrances. For more details call office at 519-245-2946. A second Life Chain can be located with the **London Area Right to Life** from 2:30-3:30pm. Join this cross country witness to LIFE as we hold pro-life signs and silently pray for LIFE – in solidarity with the voiceless little ones in our city who die each day by abortion. You are welcome to bring a chair. Please arrive by 2:15pm at the NE Corner of Fanshawe Park Rd. & Richmond (meet in parking lot to pick up signs). Another Life Chain -

**Prayer Shawls at IHM** - The members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry prayerfully make items for anyone who needs to feel warmth, comfort and a hug from God. Anyone wishing to participate may join us when this Ministry resumes on **Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30pm in the Fr. Beck Auditorium.

**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Workshop** - “Our Parishes of Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary will live our faith through service to others, invite all people to become intentional disciples, to be fed by the Living Eucharist.”

This mission statement of our parish family, invites all of us into service and to become Intentional Disciples of Christ! What better way to do this than to be involved in ministry such as you are! Our faith journey, as Intentional Disciples, is a never ending journey! We need to be open and ready to the promptings of the Holy Spirit! We also need to be ready to learn and expand our knowledge of our Catholic Faith.

The Workshop you are invited to on **September 30** at Immaculate Heart of Mary, presents just this opportunity! Beginning at 9am, we will explore what it means to be involved in Ministry, in light of our Baptismal Call. Practical topics on “how to” will also be covered. Hopefully, there will be an opportunity for the readers to be critiqued.

Parents with children in Grade Two are encouraged to join us on **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the Parish Hall as we begin preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please plan to join us.

Our parishes are active because we have many parishioners who volunteer their time, talent and treasure. This week we thank Paul Johnson, Cathy and Andy Vrolyk for cleaning the windows and blinds in the Parish Hall and Chapel at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Fr. Tony

**Alpha Course** - Holy Family Parish (777 Valetta Street, London) invites everyone to join the Alpha Course. Join them for 10 weeks of dinner, teaching, and discussion every **Wednesday, beginning September 20, 2017. There is a session from 11am – 1:30pm or an evening session from 6pm – 8:30pm.** The first night isn't a commitment, but simply a chance to see if Alpha might be for you. Bring a friend, and learn more about this course which explore questions such as:

What is the meaning of life?

What happens when we die?

What relevance does Jesus have for our lives?

How do we deal with guilt?

If you like what you hear and want to return for the rest of the course, they would love to have you! Questions? Visit their website or contact Heather Cushing at (519) 472-0057.

**Hope & Bereavement Support Group** – This group, with the assistance of Hospice Sarnia, will meet each Wednesday evening at St. Christopher's for ten weeks, beginning **October 11<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30pm. Our bereavement ministers are lay people and deacons who have been trained in bereavement ministry and who are committed to their work with the bereaved. Many of our volunteers have been called to this ministry through their own experience of loss and have recognized the need for programs to support those who are grieving. Our goal is to provide a safe place where the bereaved can share their experiences with their Church family during a difficult time. You must register prior to attending by Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please call Linda Manser 519-899-4708.

**Food Drive** – The Knights of Columbus seeks your help. We are organizing a Thanksgiving Food Drive from September 2<sup>nd</sup> thru October 1<sup>st</sup>. The non-perishable food collected will be sent to:

Immaculate Heart of Mary – Blessings – Zurich

Sacred Heart – Ailsa Craig Food Bank

Place your donations in the box at the entrance of the church.

**Thank You** - The Knights of Columbus Council 8961 (Parkhill & Grand Bend) wish to thank everyone who supported our Fish Fry last Sunday. Your support goes a long way to assisting the Council in their charitable works.



**Meeting** – Knights of Columbus members are reminded that our next meeting is on **Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** at 8pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

### **Parent Meeting for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

Parents with a child in Grade Two are invited to register their children at a meeting for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate and \$ 10.00 to purchase a lesson book.

**40 Days for Life** – 40 Days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach for an end to abortion. Our Day is **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. For more information see poster on bulletin board at Sacred Heart Church or contact:

Anne Roelands at [pandaroelands@gmail.com](mailto:pandaroelands@gmail.com) or

Tammy Vandersanden at [tbvandersanden@gmail.com](mailto:tbvandersanden@gmail.com)

**Autumn Showcase Tea and Silent Auction** – CWL of Precious Blood Church, Exeter, invite everyone out to this event on **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**, 10am–2pm. Morning muffins. Sandwiches and baked goods offered for lunch, free refreshments. Silent Auction closes at 1:30pm. Admission: \$1.00, Lunch Plate \$5



**Coffee Sunday - Immaculate Heart of Mary** – Everyone is invited to attend the coffee social immediately following the 11am Mass on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** in the Fr. Beck Auditorium. Lunch Group C is in charge.

### **Attention CWL Members of Immaculate Heart of Mary-**

Please return your sold tickets for the bazaar as soon as possible. They can be returned to Rita Smits, Annie Baltessen, or placed in an envelope with your “Name” and “Bazaar Tickets” written on the outside and placed in the collection basket at Mass on Sunday.



### **Sacred Heart Youth (SHY) – September 17<sup>th</sup> – Youth**

**Group Meeting** – Come out to the Parish Hall from 7-10pm to enjoy some friendship, faith and bring a smile! All youth high school age and older are welcome!

Get excited for SHY's **30 HOUR FALL FAMINE!!!** - This year all proceeds will support Chalice!! <http://www.chalice.ca/> . So come join us **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** in the Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall for more faith, friendship, fun and fffoo..... Koolaid! Sorry no food! Just like past years we will be starting at 12 noon on Saturday and ending with a potluck dinner at 6pm on Sunday! Don't forget to invite all your family to join us for the potluck and remind them to bring FOOD! (because you're going to want it, trust me!). Parents and family are asked to join us at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall for a potluck dinner. For more info or for registration/pledge forms please contact Veronica or Ben Roelands [veronica.roelands\\_4@hotmail.com](mailto:veronica.roelands_4@hotmail.com), [benroelands@hotmail.com](mailto:benroelands@hotmail.com) or 519 294 0663

### **Welcome Back Social**

– The Sacred Heart School Council invites your family to this event on **Wednesday, September 20, 2017**, from 4-7pm at our school. Come out and meet our new staff, say hello to the returning staff and to get to know the wonderful families in the Sacred Heart community. Classrooms will be open from 4-5pm for parents to tour and meet the teachers. FAMILY DEAL – 1 Whole Pizza, Rice Krispie Squares and Drinks (1 per person in the family) \$12.00. \*Pizza will also be available by the slice for \$2.00 each. Raffle draws will begin at 6:30pm.