

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Oct 03

NO MASS

Fr. Tony at

Wednesday, Oct 04

NO MASS

Priest Study Days

Thursday, Oct 05

9:30 am

Craigwiel Residence – Ailsa Craig

Iris Malette: Cathie Fursman & Family

Friday, Oct 06

10:00 am

Grand Bend – John Strong: The Strong Family

10:30-11:15am

Adoration with Reconciliation

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Oct 07

4-4:45 pm

Grand Bend – Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm

Grand Bend - Intention of Our Parishioners

Sunday, Oct 08

9:00 am

Parkhill - Intention of Our Parishioners

11:00 am

Grand Bend – Intention of Our Parishioners

Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness, that doesn't dwell on the past, but is able to see a tomorrow.

Pope Francis, August 6, 2017

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October 1, 2017

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel Acclamation verse puts the meaning of this Sunday's readings succinctly. Christian life is about maintaining an intimate and trusting relationship with the Good Shepherd. Such a bond shapes hearts, determines actions, and reveals our shortcomings in such a way that we can regard them as failures and yet turn to, and rely on, God's mercy.

Ezekiel's words are meant to inspire rather than threaten, promising that God has a single, dependable criterion for judgment applicable to, and within the power of, each individual: righteousness. God takes no pleasure in the destruction of anyone but desires and offers life to each one.

A testimony to this truth can be found in Jesus Christ who, in his selfless act of sharing our human existence, his forgiveness of sinners and his acceptance of crucifixion, showed the extent of God's steadfast love. He liberated people from what bound them, restored them to community and called them to life. If we know this Shepherd, then we can willingly respond in obedient faith. Even when we fall short, though, we are not left without a remedy before God. The unrighteous tax collectors and prostitutes gained the kingdom through sincere repentance. We, too, growing in the kind of humble and open attitude towards God and others exemplified by Jesus, can also share the mind of Christ and his final victory.

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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 weekend we witnessed the installation of seven new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. They include **Bill and Diane Cassell** and **Doug Pedlar** from Immaculate Heart of Mary and **Bernice Cadman, Joe Lima, John Stokkermans** and **Nathan Vandersanden** from Sacred Heart. Please pray for these new ministers that they will remain worthy to assist in this life-giving ministry.

The Knights of Columbus have a new cabinet at Sacred Heart Parish Hall which displays the jewels wore by the Council Officers at their monthly meetings. This beautiful cabinet was built by Linus Kuntz and is dedicated to the memory of Ron Garinther.

The Sacred Heart Youth Group hosted their annual 30 Hour Famine last weekend. It was a huge success and a great opportunity to learn about the elements of the Mass we celebrate each week. Many thanks go to their Youth Leaders for organizing this event once again and their volunteers and chaperones.

There's a new Youth Ministry Team in town! This team of adults and teens has been preparing throughout the summer months to begin a Junior Youth Group for students in Grade 7,8 and 9. Their purpose will be to engage our youth in the life of the Church and help them to develop a personal relationship with Jesus through prayer and scripture. Their first meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 18th**. Watch for more details in our weekly bulletin and Parish Facebook Page.

SHY's 30 Hour Fall Famine - Thank you to everyone who participated in our Annual 30 Hour Fall Famine this past weekend! The theme this year concentrated on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Source and Summit of our Catholic Faith. We had almost 40 participants and raised \$1715.00 for Chalice. Thanks to the custodians of the school, all our chaperones and to all the others too numerous to mention, but we'd especially like to thank Fr. Tony for the Eucharistic Adoration and hearing confessions late into the evening!

Save the Date! - Join us on **Thursday November 30th**, for a Potluck Supper, 7 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary to learn all about ALPHA!

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a kerygmatic tool for parish and community renewal

Alpha introduces people to the first proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ, otherwise known as the Kerygma: 'Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you, and now he is living at your side to enlighten, strengthen and free you.'(Evangelii Gaudium, 164)

Public Square Rosary Crusade – Join the 2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade on **October 14th** arrive at 11:45am to begin at 12(noon). The location is 120 Caradoc St. N., Strathroy (corner of Caradoc & Front Streets). For details see poster on bulletin board at entrance of church.

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



- Sun Oct 01: Deacon John White
- Mon Oct 02: Deacon Cap Au
- Tue Oct 03: Fr. Ljubo Lebo, O.F.M.
- Wed Oct 04: Fr. Stephen Marsh
- Thu Oct 05: Fr. Richard Tremblay
- Fri Oct 06: Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary
- Sat Oct 07: Fr. Nelson Cabral

Fall Bazaar – The St. Boniface CWL is holding their annual Fall Bazaar on **Saturday, October 28, 2017** from 10:00am – 2:00pm in the St. Boniface School gym in Zurich. Everyone welcome! See poster on the bulletin board for details.

St. Andre Reliquary - On **Saturday, October 21st**, the reliquary of St Andre will arrive at St. Peter's Church in St. Joseph at about 2:00pm and will be set in the church for people to spend time in prayer. At 4:00pm, we will pray the rosary at the new Rosary Garden. Followed by mass at 5:00pm.

When we think of how the Mass or the Eucharist is presented

in the Bible, likely the first passages that come to mind are the gospel accounts of the Last Supper, when Jesus celebrated the Jewish Passover and broke bread with his Apostles. This isn't surprising, as it is from these gospel accounts that we find the words of Jesus that the Priest repeats at each Mass. But what Bible passage on the Eucharist would you look up next? For many of us, finding that second passage about the Eucharist might prove more difficult. We might even wonder if there *is* another passage about the Eucharist in the Bible. Would you like to learn more? Join us for the ten sessions of our Fall Bible Study series **LECTIO – EUCHARIST**, as we discover the Mass in the Bible! Start date is **November 7th**! Watch the bulletin for details or contact Julie de Gouw at jdegouw@dol.ca for more information.

Grand Bend Diners - meet at St. John's By The Lake Anglican Church at 12:00 noon on **October 12th**. We will be hearing from local author Dorothy Henderson. Blood Pressures will also be taken this day for those interested. We will meet again on **October 26th** and hear from Anna and Nichole from Michaels Pharmasave. Anna will speak on home health care equipment and Nichole will speak on sleep apnea. To register for any of the dining dates, please contact Faye Skinner at 1-877-502-8277 before the events. All newcomers are welcome.

Congratulations to our seminarian, **Andrew Roelands**, who is the recent recipient of the Bishop Sherlock CWL Bursary Award. This award will help Andrew with the cost of his studies. Please see our Facebook Page for a photo of Andrew receiving this award.

I will be away from the parish from Monday to Wednesday (October 2-4th) as I attend our annual Priest Study Days in London. I am looking forward to hearing from this year's guest speaker, Sherry Weddell, who is the author of *Forming Intentional Disciples* and *Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples*.

Guess who's coming town? No.....it's not Santa Claus. My mother is coming to visit Parkhill and Grand Bend for Thanksgiving.

Fr. Tony

2017 Parish Thanksgiving Appeal

With our Canadian Thanksgiving weekend approaching, it is a time to reflect on all the gifts we have been given and also to keep in mind those less fortunate than us. In gratitude for the gifts we have been given we are encouraged to be generous and give back. Please consider making a donation to this year's Thanksgiving Parish Appeal on October 8th. You may use the envelope in your box of offering envelopes, the donation envelope inserted in the bulletin this weekend, or by writing the "Thanksgiving Appeal" on the front of a plain envelope (be sure to include your name and address on the front, if using a plain envelope). The Thanksgiving Appeal contributions stay within the parish and are not included in the Diocesan Assessment.



Welcome to Our Parish Family – Congratulations to Addison Ellis and Quinn Hope celebrating entrance into the church through the waters of Baptism during the month of September.

Food Drive – The Knights of Columbus seeks your help. We are organizing a Thanksgiving Food Drive from September 2nd thru October 1st. 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.

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

Anne Roelands at pandaroelands@gmail.com or
Tammy Vandersanden at tbvandersanden@gmail.com

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 11th**, 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 4th. Please call Linda Manser 519-899-4708.

Notice

Please note that the **last Saturday evening 5pm Mass** of the season in Grand Bend will be **October 14, 2017**. Until next May, there will only be a Sunday morning Mass in Grand Bend at 11:00am. Starting **October 21, 2017**, Parkhill will resume having a Saturday evening Mass at **7:00pm** until the end of April. Parkhill will continue to have a Sunday morning Mass at 9:00am as well.



Edge Ministries has come to Sacred Heart Parkhill! The brand new youth program is for kids in grade 7, 8 and 9 and begins on **Wednesday, October 18** at 7pm in the parish hall. This is an exciting time for the youth ministry, for the core team of volunteers and for the future of families of Sacred Heart Parish! Come and be a part of something great! Parents are encouraged to hang around and have a coffee and some active conversation. For more information contact Julie de Gouw at jdegouw@dol.ca or 519-294-6844 ext. 24.

Why Catholic? - It's hard to believe but this is Year IV of Why Catholic? already!! Please feel welcome to join us for this last year of the Why Catholic? journey! You don't need to have participated in the other years to start now! If you even want to just come see what this small group formation study is like, let one of your Why Catholic? Parish Team members know and we can help make things happen! Just do it!!

In *LIVE: Christian Morality*, our journey explores how we live each day according to the teaching of Jesus, especially in the Great Commandments and the Beatitudes. Come see how this process balances prayer, shares Scripture and reflects on the teachings of our faith, all the while providing a full and fruitful faith-sharing experience for participants!

Come talk to any of your Parish Team members after Mass!

Sacred Heart Youth (SHY) – October 1st – Youth Group Meeting – Come out to the Parish Hall from 7-10pm and join us for a great time building our faith together! We will be starting a new series, so don't miss out and come find out what this series is all about! Don't forget to invite your friends! Everyone high school age and young adults are welcome!



Immaculate Heart of Mary CWL – will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, October 4th** at 7:00pm. Lunch Group B will be on duty. We are reviewing our new policy and procedures for our council. The item for the Dr. Simone collection this month is rubbing alcohol.

