

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Nov 07

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Rosary starts at 9:30am
Tania Crawford & Family: The Johnson Family
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows Mass
6 - 6:45 pm **Parkhill** – Adoration
7:00 pm Dec. Members of Andrew Kustermans Family.: Joanna Simpson

Wednesday, Nov 08

8:30 am **Parkhill** – Edgar Kuhn: The Thorpe Family

Thursday, Nov 09

9:30 am **Chartwell Residence – Parkhill**
Jeannie Sanders: Casey & Anna Willemse

Friday, Nov 10

9:30 am Reconciliation
10:00 am Harold Dietrich: IHM CWL

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Nov 11

6:00–6:45pm **Parkhill** - Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00 pm **Parkhill** - Intention of Our Parishioners

Sunday, Nov 12

9:00 am **Parkhill** - Intention of Our Parishioners
11:00 am **Grand Bend** – Intention of Our Parishioners

Let us find the courage to purify our hearts by removing the rocks and thorns which choke the Word of God.

Pope Francis, September 18, 2017

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

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November 5, 2017

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus denounces the Pharisees and scribes for practicing a superficial faith that is overly concerned with how they are seen by others. Although this passage from Matthew's Gospel is a strong critique of the religious leaders of his day, Christ's sharp admonishment cuts to the heart of us all.

For whom do we make our displays of faith? Do we practise our piety out of joy at what the Lord has done for us? Or out of fear of social rejection; a desire to win the praise and good opinion of others; or merely to attract attention? Are we people-pleasers or God-pleasers?

In asking us to examine the motivations behind our actions, God helps us to realize more deeply who the objects of our worship is: others, ourselves or God? Today, God invites us to free ourselves from our pride and make him the object of our worship.

So, when we feel the temptation to keep one eye open during the prayers at Mass to spy which of our friends bothered to show up, or recite the Creed a little louder than the person sitting next to us, let us remember that today's celebration of Mass is about honouring our Lord.

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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,



Let us praise God for His great

goodness! What a marvelous celebration we enjoyed last Sunday afternoon at Immaculate Heart of Mary! It was Priesthood Sunday and I was amazed at the number of parishioners from both parishes who joined us for lunch. Thank you to the wonderful students from School Heart School who sent me cards and letters of appreciation. And thank you to everyone who sent me a Spiritual Bouquet. I laughed and cried with joy when I read them this week. I am truly blessed to have such appreciative parishioners who are responding to God's call to serve as intentional disciples. You are the reason I have a fruitful ministry! It is your powerful prayers, support and love which strengthens and encourages me to remain a good priest.

We are grateful to our Sacred Heart Youth members who helped with the annual Halloween Food Collection.

It is awesome to see our Youth Members being counter-cultural in a society that often times promotes an attitude and a desire to please only our own self-interests. Thank you for your wonderful efforts and leadership in helping the poor among us.

Perhaps you have noticed that there have been a few funerals during the month of October. I wish to take this opportunity to encourage families who are preparing to celebrate a funeral for a loved one that donations could be directed to the **Sacred Heart Building Fund**. This kind gesture would be a great way to remember a loved one who has cherished the parish community and would enable us to increase funds for our new church in Parkhill. Please consider donating to the Sacred Heart Building Fund.

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)

For a little preview of the program, go to the parish website www.shihm.dol.ca and click on the **ALPHA AT IHM** box for a link to watch a short video on ALPHA.

Join us on Thursday, November 30th 7pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish hall, for a potluck supper and a presentation by Father Bob Remark, of Holy Family Parish, London. For more information contact jdegouw@dol.ca

Electronic Waste Depot – The Community Pathways class at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, in partnership with the Ontario Electronic Stewardship, will be hosting an electronic waste depot at HCC. The Electronic Waste Depot will run **Nov. 1-8** during school hours and Saturday and Sunday **Nov. 4 & 5** 9am-12:30pm. Please remember to remove personal data (photos and documents) from these devices. Recycle Bins will be located around back by the auto shop garage doors.

Open House – You are welcome to attend the Open House celebrating the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Arnold and Coby Vanden Boomen, held on **November 11, 2017** from 1 to 4pm at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall.

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



- Sun Nov 05: Fr. Antony Kolenchery, C.S.T.
- Mon Nov 06: Most Rev. Ronald Fabbro, C.S.B.
- Tue Nov 07: Fr. Nicholas Mauro Iko, O.F.M.
- Wed Nov 08: Fr. Mateusz Sobierajski, C.S.M.A.
- Thu Nov 09: Fr. Charles Akinloye
- Fri Nov 10: Fr. Theodore Pinto
- Sat Nov 11: Fr. Mark Sargent

Regenerate(d) 2017 - Sponsored by Branches Catholic Ministries, **Regenerate(d) 2017** will take place again at the Scotia Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario on Saturday, November 18th. This year's theme is based upon one of the most important questions of our time, "What is Truth?" and how and where do we find it? In a culture that promotes that truth is relative how do we as Catholics respond? Keynote speakers such as Jennifer Fulwiler, Trent Horn, Dr. David Anders and Steve Weidenkopf will address atheism, relativism, the historical divisions in Christianity and how to discuss this with family and friends. For the first time **Regenerate(d) Youth 2017** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18 years. Early-bird tickets are available now! To purchase tickets and more information about these conferences visit www.branchesoftheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000. If you are in need of financial assistance please contact info@go2branches.com.

Grand Bend Diners meet at St. John's By The Lake Anglican Church at 12:00 noon on **November 9th**. We will be hearing from local author Dorothy Henderson. Blood pressures will be taken also this day for those interested. We meet again on **November 23rd** when we will hear from the choir out of Grand Cove Estates in Grand Bend. For registration for any of the dining dates, please contact Faye Skinner at 1-877-502-8277 before the events. All newcomers are welcome.

Have you heard about EDGE? It's an exciting new program being offered for youth at Sacred Heart! It's a fun way to interact with friends and make new ones, while strengthening our relationships with Jesus! Our next EDGE night will be Thursday, November 23rd at 7pm in the parish hall! **If you are in grades 5-9** and interested in having a fantastic evening, come out and "Rise and Shine" with us! You read that right! **We are now opening up EDGE for grades 5 and 6!** For more information, please check out the parish Facebook page and the EDGE at Sacred Heart Parkhill Facebook group, or contact Karen Minten at karenminten@rogers.com.

Do you know to where the \$10 .00 Mass stipend gets directed? If there is only one Mass intention during a weekday Mass, that stipend is given to the celebrant of the Mass. If there is a second or third Mass intention, the stipend is directed to a Binate Fund which assists our retired priests in the diocese.

Our Bible Study begins Tuesday, November 7th at 2 pm in Grand Bend and 7:30 pm in Parkhill. Please sign up through the Parish website or come Tuesday and learn more about this treasure we call the Eucharist.

On Wednesday, November 8th our Liturgy Committee will gather in Parkhill for lunch and to discuss preparations for Advent and Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join us for this gathering.

November rhymes with remember! This month begins with All Saints Day, is followed by All Souls Day, with Remembrance Day on the 11th. This month we give extra attention and remember those who have lived before us and contributed, and influenced our families, communities, and our nation. This month there are many opportunities for communities to come together to not only remember and pray for the deceased, but also prayerfully support those who are missing a loved one.

In the Peace of Christ, Fr. Tony

Sacred Heart Youth Group

Halloween Trick or Treat for Canned Goods

Thanks to our parishioners, and the community of Parkhill for their overwhelming support to the youth who canvassed around Parkhill collecting items for our 16th annual trick-or-treat for canned goods. On November 1st, 2 full van loads of non-perishable food items were delivered to the Ailsa Craig Food Bank. Approximately 1,200 items were collected!! Thanks to the 30 youth who participated and braved the cold night to support the poor and needy!!

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! There will be a choice of two sessions to attend. Tuesdays at 2pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary or Tuesdays after the 7pm Mass at Sacred Heart. Start date for both is **November 7th**! Watch a short video about the study at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGJiigADatY> Register for this amazing study by going to our new parish website www.shihm.dol.ca and in the **BIBLE STUDY** box, click on the registration form and sign up! It's as easy as that! Contact Julie de Gouw at jdegouw@dol.ca for more information.



Catholic Women's League News

IHM CWL - 2018 **FREE** membership! All C.W.L memberships (new or renewal) paid for by December 6th will have their names entered into our contest for a chance to win their 2018 C.W.L. membership **FREE**. Draw date: Dec. 6, 2017. Contact Dianne Tucker 519-872-5268.

IHM CWL - will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, November 8th** at 7:00pm in the Fr. Beck Auditorium. Lunch Group C will be on duty. The item for the Dr. Simone collection this month is hand soap bars.

SACRED HEART LADIES!!! Come out **Thursday November 9th** at 10:30am for Spiritual Reflection, conversation and coffee in the Parish Meeting Room. Following this will be our CWL November **General Meeting**. All LADIES are invited to attend.

Fitness Classes – Fitness for all ages and all fitness levels will run from October 30, 2017 until December 22, 2017 in the Fr. Beck Auditorium at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Classes will run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00am – 9:00am. The first class is always free! Cost is \$8.00 per class (\$5.00 if you are a spouse) \$5.00 for any student. Bring indoor shoes, water bottle and a towel, we provide all the rest. Be sure to have a light protein/carb breakfast. Certified Fitness Instructors: Beth Sweeney (519-238-5555) and Shelley Van Osch (519-319-5989) can answer any of your questions.

November is the Month for Remembrance – You are invited



to write the names of loved ones and friends who have died in the past year in the “Book of Life” which will be at the foot of the altar in both parishes throughout the month of November. They will all then be included in the Prayer of the Faithful throughout the month.

Sacred Heart Youth (SHY) – November 5th – **Youth Group Meeting** – Come out to the Parish Hall



from 7-10pm for a crazy fun time! Be prepared to enjoy a night filled with friendship, faith and fun!! Invite your friends! All youth high school age and young adults are welcome!

Employment Opportunity – The Diocese of London, Diocesan Centre, is seeking a Migrant Workers Ministry Specialist. Details are available at www.dol.ca.

Lost and Found – There has been a set of keys found in the Sacred Heart Church parking lot. Please contact the parish office to claim them.

Welcome to Our Parish Family – Congratulations to Bennett Saunders celebrating entrance into the church through the waters of Baptism during the month of October.



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.