

## Mass Schedule

*Pope Francis, September 23, 2017*

Tuesday, Nov 14

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Rosary starts at 9:30am  
Intention of John & Gera Peters (Anniversary):  
Jerry & Rose VanBrauene  
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows Mass

6 - 6:45 pm **Parkhill** – Adoration with Reconciliation  
7:00 pm Dec. Members of the deGouw & VanderVloet Families:  
Chris & Barb VanderVloet  
In Thanksgiving: Joe & Joanne Minten

Wednesday, Nov 15

9:15 am **Parkhill – SCHOOL MASS**  
Maria Facchina: SH CWL

Thursday, Nov 16

8:30 am **Parkhill** – Lucy VanderVloet: The Bax Family  
9-10:00 am Adoration with Reconciliation

Friday, Nov 17

9:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory: A Parishioner  
In Thanksgiving for 60 Years of Marriage:  
Arnold & Coby Vanden Boomen

### **Weekend Mass Times**

Saturday, Nov 18

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

Sunday, Nov 19

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

*If we are faithful to Christ and do good works, we  
can spread the light of God's Hope.*

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**November 12, 2017**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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The parable of the ten bridesmaids used to strike me as unreasonably harsh. Why, I wondered, were the “wise” ones so unhelpful to their “foolish” sisters? Could they not have simply shared their oil? Further reflection, however brings to light some other aspects of the story.

In some respects the ten are all the same. All of them fall asleep. Later on, all are called to accompany the bridegroom into the wedding banquet.

What distinguished five of them as wise, however, is that they have come *prepared*. When the call is heard, therefore, they are the ones who are ready and able to respond. The others are foolish because, though they hear the same call, they are not in a state of readiness to answer that summons.

Note the importance of the words “wise,” “ready” and “awake.” We hear in them echoes of the first reading’s description of wisdom: she is given to those “who desire her,” who “rise early to seek her,” who are “vigilant.”

In our efforts to be faithful disciples we need to be *available*, to be always open to God’s call whenever it comes, even – or especially – in places of darkness and unexpectedness. God understands our weaknesses and our failings. The disposition of our hearts is what makes all the difference.

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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,

Our Bible Study on the Eucharist began last Tuesday in both of our parishes. We have 58 people registered for this amazing opportunity to learn and grow in our understanding of this powerful and mysterious gift we call the Eucharist. Yes, there is still time to join us but only nine more weeks left. Please contact Julie as soon as possible to order your workbook. **Tuesday’s Study will now begin in Grand Bend at 1:30 pm and in Parkhill at 7:30 pm following Adoration at 6 pm and the 7 pm Mass.**



The Sacred Heart Building Committee met on Thursday evening and welcomed Dave Savel (Financial Administrator), Dino DiMurro (Building and Property Coordinator) and Fr. Michael Bechard (Director of Liturgy) from the Diocesan Office in London. These gentlemen will be assisting us in the next steps of building a new church. The committee will need to choose one or more experienced architects who will complete a concept design which will meet our needs as a vibrant and growing community of faith. **Please keep the members of our Building Committee in your prayers as we move forward with this project.**

In preparing for this building project, parishioners should be aware that all monies donated to the **Building/Restoration Fund** will go directly to the parish. There is no assessment of these funds and so the diocese does not receive any portion of these donations. **These donations will also help us cover cost of the repairs to the roof at Sacred Heart which were just completed this week** (.....just in time for the cold winter weather.) In the future, please consider directing your donations to the Building/Restoration Fund at Sacred Heart Parish.

**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](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca)

**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.

**Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –**



Sun Nov 12: Louise Trapp, Parish Nurse  
Mon Nov 13: Brenda Atkinson, Pastoral Minister  
Tue Nov 14: Deacon John Doomernik  
Wed Nov 15: Fr. Pedro Zúñga, F.M.M.  
Thu Nov 16: Fr. Benjamin Raze  
Fri Nov 17: Ron McDonald, Pastoral Minister  
Sat Nov 18: Fr. Richard Dales

**Thank You** – The Vocations Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to make “Priesthood Sunday” a success. From the initial stages of planning through to the completion of the event, the support of the parishioners helped us achieve a day which provided an excellent opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation for Fr. Tony. Thank you once again and we look forward to the next one!

**Parkhill Carnegie Gallery** (233 Parkhill Main Street – beside the Post Office) presents **Destination** in concert. This group, formerly known as the Valleyview Men’s Quartet, will perform at the gallery on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. Tickets: \$12 available at the door. See poster for details and where tickets can be purchased.

**Grand Bend Diners** meet at St. John’s By The Lake Anglican Church at 12:00 noon on **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** when we will hear from the choir out of Grand Cove Estates in Grand Bend. For registration please contact Faye Skinner at 1-877-502-8277 before the events. All newcomers are welcome.

**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.

Our Concert Series Team Presents: **London Pro Musica Choir**; Conducted by: Dr. Charlene Pauls: **Performing: Handel’s “Messiah ... in The Country. Sunday, December 3, 2017 - 3:00 p.m.** (snow date: Sun, Dec 10) at the Huron Country Playhouse Main Theatre - \$40.00/person. Check out on Facebook and our website! Tickets are available from: Doug & Deb Procter 519-238- 2973; Janice Sinker 519-238-5436; Paul Seagrave 519-238-8811; Carey Eddy 519-238-8566 & akSence 226- 377-1861. This is a fundraiser for:

*The Huron Shores United Church Building Renewal Project.*

**Christmas Seekers - A Canata** - Our choir and others will perform “The Christmas Seekers on Sunday, **November 26 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Legion. Free will offering. The story will be told through beautiful songs, narration and acting!! Bring the whole family! Bring friends!

**On Wednesday, we welcome everyone to join us for Mass at 9:15am** with the students and staff of the Sacred Heart School community. During our celebration, we will remember family and friends who have died and those who have faithfully served our country during war and peace time.

**Pope Francis has officially declared the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as the first World Day of the Poor.** Pope Francis invites the church and all people of good will to reach out, encounter and touch “**all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity**”. Such an encounter is sorely needed in light of the current and global refugee and immigrant crisis. Pope Francis reminds us that, “**The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel**”. Therefore, we must ask ourselves, How will we make time and space to encounter the poor, not just on this day but every day?..... Perhaps we may consider showing our love by supporting our annual Christmas Giving Tree and/or donating to our local Food Bank.

In the Peace of Christ,  
Fr. Tony



## **Immaculate Heart of Mary CWL** held a very successful bazaar



on Saturday November 4th. Many thanks to all those who gave of their time and talents and the wonderful support of the parishioners and the community. The prize winners from the Raffle Tickets were:

- 1st prize**~~ 1 Night Spa Getaway~~ Joey Curtis  
(Donated by Oakwood Resort)
- 2nd prize**~~2 Dinners & 2 Tickets~~ Dorothy Kester~~  
(Donated by Aunt Gussie's and Huron Country Playhouse)
- 3rd prize**~~\$150.00 Gift Certificate to F.I.N.E. A Restaurant~Sandra Vandongen  
(Donated by Rice Homes)
- 4th prize**~~Handmade Baby Quilt~~Lynda Rapley~~  
(Donated by Grand Cove Quilters)

**IHM CWL Membership** – All new and renewed Catholic Women's League memberships received on or before December 6<sup>th</sup> are eligible for entry into the draw to win a **FREE 2018 IHM CWL membership!**



**Knights of Columbus** – The next meeting is on Thursday, **November 16<sup>th</sup>** at 8pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

**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.

## **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 19<sup>th</sup>** – **Youth Group Meeting** – Join us in the Parish Hall from 7-10pm for a good time with friends learning about our great faith. Invite your friends and bring a smile! All youth high school age and young adults are welcome!



## **Celebrating 50 years of Development and Peace - CARITAS Canada:**

Development and Peace was established in 1967 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in response to Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter *Populorum Progressio*, which says that **Development is the new word for Peace**. Peace cannot be seen simply as the absence of war. It must be built daily, and it must strive towards a more perfect justice among human beings (*Populorum Progressio*, 76). That founding principle of Development and Peace is still maintained today.

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is the member organization in Canada of **CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS**, a Confederation of 162 Catholic relief, development and social service organizations working on behalf of our brothers and sisters who are poor and oppressed in 198 countries and territories.

In today's bulletin, please find a copy of their 50th anniversary timeline: this commemorative resource highlights key moments in Development and Peace's 50-year history.