

Mass Schedule – Week 2 – Dec 05 – Dec 10

Tuesday, Dec 05

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Rosary starts at 9:30am
For the Living & Deceased members of the de Kort &
Bertens Families: Joanne & Bill Vandenberg
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows Mass

6 - 6:45 pm **Parkhill** – Adoration with Reconciliation
7:00 pm Deceased Members of the Roelands & Martens Families:
The Children

Wednesday, Dec 06

9:00 am **Parkhill** – Frieda Spruytte: Chris & Barb Vander Vloet

Thursday, Dec 07

9:30 am **Craigiel Gardens – Ailsa Craig** – Sacrament of the Sick
Intention of the Residents – SH CWL

Friday, Dec 08

9:30 am **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:00 am Doris & Harry Farrar: June & Malcolm Benn

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Dec 09

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

Sunday, Dec 10

9:00 am **Parkhill** - Intention of Our Parishioners
11:00 am **Grand Bend** – Intention of Our Parishioners
3:00 pm **Parkhill** - First Reconciliation

The Lord does not leave us orphans: we have a Mother, the same one as Jesus. Mary takes care of us and always defends us.

Pope Francis, September 15, 2017

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

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Solemnity of Christ the King

We live in a ‘humpty-dumpty world,’ a broken world. Millions slaughtered by their own kind, mass migration of refugees across the globe, disease ravaging continents, and the ever-widening gap between the rich and the poor are some signs of the cruel joke. ‘All the king’s men’ – the kings of science, technology, economics, politics and even religion – ‘could not put Humpty together again.’

There is only one King who can bring fulfillment and that is Christ the King, raised from the dead. He will rescue his sheep from all the places where they have been scattered; by disease, starvation, war and oppressive authority. Those baptized into the life and death of Christ are called to share kingship with Jesus the good Shepherd who seeks and rescues the lost sheep.

We are called to be kings of a ‘humpty-dumpty’ world. We are the King’s men and women putting Humpty together again, restoring life not as the kings and queens of illusion would have it, but as Christ the King would have it. “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.”

With the new liturgical year soon upon us – a time of new beginnings – let us make a stronger commitment to respond with care and compassion to those around us and work for a more just world.

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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 celebrated the Feast of King the Christ but we now move into a new liturgical year next weekend as we begin the Season of Advent.

Advent calls us to slow down, to be more aware of God's presence in our lives. Advent invites us to ponder our connectedness with all of creation through the love of Christ. **How aware and intentional are we that each act of loving is giving birth to Christ?** Here is a suggested practice for Advent. Create a bookmark of heavy paper, placing Advent symbols on one side. Then consider: How is the Incarnation evident in me as I look back at the previous year? How do I live today as an incarnate word of God, contributing to the ongoing healing of the world? Add your response in words or symbols. On the other side of the bookmark, place your response to these questions: What is my hope and desire this coming year for giving birth to Christ? In what ways might God be inviting me to see and to love in new ways?



This week, 23 students from Grade 5-9, lead by our new Youth Team, expressed their love of Christ through their participation in our latest EDGE Ministry Night. It was a great gathering where our very own Knights served a Breakfast of Champions! Thank you to all our volunteers and parents who gathered upstairs with Julie and I for a lively discussion on family life. **Our next EDGE Night is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20th.** Stay tuned to this bulletin for further details and check out our Facebook Page to see what new things you can do with pancakes!

The Ailsa Craig United Church will host our annual Ecumenical Christmas Concert on Friday, December 1st at 7 pm. Please come and join us for this festive celebration of song and merriment featuring many local church choirs including our very own Sacred Heart Choir.

Mass Schedule – Week 1 – Nov 28 – Dec 03

Tuesday, Nov 28

11:00 am **Grand Bend – Funeral Mass – Barry Strong**

6 - 6:45 pm **Parkhill** – Adoration with Reconciliation

7:00 pm In Thanksgiving of Marianne & Andy Roelands: The Children

Wednesday, Nov 29

9:00 am **Parkhill** – Anna & Andrew Kustermans: Joanna Simpson

Thursday, Nov 30

9:00 am **Parkhill** – Sr. Rita Dietrich: Martina Glavin

9:30-10:30am Adoration with Reconciliation

Friday, Dec 01

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Intention of Bishop Colli: IHM CWL

10:30 – 11:15 am Adoration with Reconciliation

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Dec 02

6:00–6:45pm **Parkhill** - Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 pm **Parkhill** - Intention of Our Parishioners

Sunday, Dec 03

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

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

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –

Sun Nov 26: Fr. John Staskevicius

Mon Nov 27: Karen Robert, Pastoral Minister

Tue Nov 28: Deacon Paul Bezaire

Wed Nov 29: Christine Yeomans Coordinator Youth Ministry

Thu Nov 30: Deacon John Shiha

Fri Dec 01: Fr. Louis Mousseau, O.F.M.Cap.

Sat Dec 02: Rebecca Bondy Pastoral Minister/Youth Ministry



Advent Parish Mission - St. Vincent/St. Patrick's Church will be having an Advent Mission Talk on December 3 & 4, 2017. **Parish Mission Speaker:** Rev. Fr. Patrick Bénéteau, Vocations Director - Diocese of London.

7:00 PM Sunday, Dec. 3rd - First Mission Talk begins (Venue: St. Patrick Church, Kinkora) *Refreshments right after session*

9:00 AM Monday, Dec. 4th - Morning Mass (Venue: St. Patrick Church, Kinkora) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament right after the Mass - Benediction at 4:00 PM

7:00 PM Monday, Dec. 4th - Second Mission talk begins (Venue: St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mitchell) *Refreshments right after session*

SAVE THE DATE! On Sunday, February 18, 2018, at 2:30pm at Sacred Heart parish hall, Joan Bolt will host an information meeting for a Pilgrimage to Italy! Come and hear details about the wonderful tour of Holy sites and so much more!

Together, let's take action for peace!

In June 2017, the Minister of International Development and La Francophonie presented Canada's new International Assistance Policy. Canada therefore committed to ensuring that women and girls have the opportunity to take active roles in establishing and maintaining peace in their communities. Despite its remarks in support of women and peace, the government did not increase the international aid budget and chose instead to increase the military budget by 70% over 10 years.

Sign the Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Action Card today (found in today's bulletin)! Please feel free to mail these action cards directly to the Prime Minister's Office (no postage required) or drop them off next week at church. Together, let's call on the Canadian government to give women the resources they need to be at the heart of peace.

Financial Update

<u>Immaculate Heart of Mary</u>	<u>October 2017</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>
\$82,944.82	Deposits YTD	\$106,580.91
<u>86,651.69</u>	Expenses YTD	<u>103,044.82</u>
(3,706.87)	Surplus/(Deficit)	3,536.09
1,750.30	Net Change this Month	7,672.85

Thank you for your generous support of our two parish communities!

The holidays can be a difficult time for those who mourn the loss of a loved one or simply struggle with the dark and dreariness of these winter days. Once again this year, the local churches in Grand Bend will be celebrating a **Blue Christmas Service at St. John Anglican Church on Wednesday, December 20th at 7 pm.** Please come and join us for this Service of Light and hear your pastor present this year's Reflection.

Alpha is a tool for evangelization that is being used by thousands of Catholic parishes in over 70 countries around the world. It is introducing people to the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. This has led to more than 27 million people around the world experiencing Alpha. **Please join us on Thursday, November 30th at Immaculate Heart of Mary for a Potluck Dinner** and fellowship as we listen to our guest speaker, Fr. Robert Remark and his parishioners from Holy Family Parish in London share their experience of this opportunity to grow in their faith as intentional disciples. For a preview of the program, go to the parish website www.shihm.dol.ca and click on the **ALPHA AT IHM.** For further info, please contact Julie de Gouw.

In December, our Eucharistic Celebrations at the nursing homes will include the Anointing of the Sick. Is it this time of year when the elderly are prone to colds and flu. Therefore, all the residents will receive this sacrament and all our parishioners who might suffer from any ailment or pain are also invited to join us and receive God's healing strength and grace as well.

This same healing and grace is found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The following dates are opportunities to celebrate God's healing gift of Reconciliation during the Season of Advent:

- Friday, December 8th – Sacred Heart School 1:45 pm**
- Saturday, December 10th – First Reconciliation – Sacred Heart Parish**
- Wednesday, December 13th – All Day Confessions (*Schedule inside*)**
- Sunday, December 17th – All Saints Church, Strathroy 2 – 4 pm**

Families who wish to have their Advent Wreaths blessed are welcome to bring their wreath to the church for our Weekend Celebrations during the **First Sunday of Advent (December 2/3rd).** Please place them on the floor below the church's Advent Wreath.

In the Peace of Christ,
Fr. Tony

Immaculate Heart of Mary C.W.L.~~All ladies are invited to the general meeting on **December 6th** at 7:00pm in the Fr Beck Auditorium. The item for Canadian Food for Children is Vaseline. Immediately following the meeting we will be enjoying our Advent Party and all spouses are invited to join us. There will be a \$5.00 gift exchange. Come out for good fun, good food and good times. Lunch Groups A & B are on duty.

Office Closed – The office will be closed the week of **Nov 28th – Dec 1st**.



Sacred Heart – On **December 3rd** there will be a coffee social in the parish hall following the 9am Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sacred Heart Youth (SHY) – **December 3rd** – **Youth Group Meeting** – Come out to the Parish Hall from 7-10pm and join us for a great time building our faith together! And don't forget to invite your friends and bring a smile! Everyone high school age and older are welcome!



Ailsa Craig Foodbank is set to start filling their Christmas hampers! In a continued effort to help support our local foodbank, we are asking that you fill your grocery cart with a few extra items each week! All grocery items can be dropped off at the entrance to the church at Sacred Heart. The grocery items for the next 2 weeks are: STUFFING and PIE FILLING. Thank you in advance for your works of mercy!

As we approach the season of Advent and prepare ourselves spiritually to celebrate the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Advent might also be a time to remember those among us who will have no joy or peace at Christmas because the day to day struggles of making ends meet, is just too hard! Help your parishes help those in need by donating to our Benevolent Fund. Every little bit helps! God Bless!



All Day Confessions and Adoration will be held at Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary on Wednesday, **December 13**. Prepare your heart and minds to encounter Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation by spending some time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament, during Adoration.

Times for **Reconciliation** are as follows:

Sacred Heart	9:00am – 12:00 (noon)
Immaculate Heart of Mary	2:00pm – 5:00pm
Sacred Heart	7:00pm – 9:00pm

Times for **Adoration** are as follows:

Sacred Heart	9:00am – 9:00pm (Benediction)
Immaculate Heart of Mary	2:00pm – 5:00pm

Please see the sign up sheets at the entrance of each church to participate. Two people needed per time slot please.

Angel Tree/Giving Tree – As we prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Advent gives us the opportunity to take stock of the many blessings we have received, and find opportunities to help others who, at this time of year, find everyday life just a little bit difficult. Here is your chance to live your faith through service to others and be an intentional disciple, by reaching out to those in need. At the entrance of our church's, you will find a tree with a request for a particular gift item on it. Please return your gift in an unsealed gift bag by Sunday December 10. For more information contact Gera Peters gjpeters@hay.net or Julie de Gouw at jdegouw@dol.ca

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –

- Sun Dec 03: Seminarians in the Diocese of London
- Mon Dec 04: Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator
- Tue Dec 05: Fr. Dwayne Adam
- Wed Dec 06: Fr. Robert Weaver
- Thu Dec 07: Deacon Lyle Lalonge
- Fri Dec 08: Fr. Bernard Pinsonneault, C.S.B.
- Sat Dec 09: Colleen Keane, Pastoral Minister

