

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Jan 16

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Rosary starts at 9:30am
Bud & Janet Johnson: The Johnson Family
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows Mass

6 - 6:45 pm **Parkhill** – Adoration with Reconciliation
7:00 pm Intention of Fr. Tony Laforet: A Parishioner

Wednesday, Jan 17

9:15 am **Parkhill – School Mass**
Frieda Spruytte: Chris & Barb VanderVloet

Thursday, Jan 18

9:30 am **Craigwiel Gardens – Ailsa Craig**
Deceased Members of the VanderVloet and Meeuwssen
Families: The Estate of Frank J. VanderVloet

Friday, Jan 19

9:30 am **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:00 am Ron Garinther: IHM CWL

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Jan 20

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

Sunday, Jan 21

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

“I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting, and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security.”

(Apostolic exhortation “Evangelii Gaudium,” November, 2013)

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John knew immediately that Jesus was the Lamb of God, the one who takes away our sins, the Promised One of God. In John’s heart there was no hesitation or doubt, rather I imagine joy and delight! When the two disciples run up to Jesus, he asks them, “What are you looking for?” They reply, “Rabbi, which means “Teacher.” I believe Jesus asks the same question of you and me. How do we answer him? Maybe we can’t answer that question, unless we face a deeper question: “What is God asking of me?” Am I truly *letting* that question shape me? Are you and I ready, like Samuel, to say: “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening?” Can we accept his invitation to ‘discipleship,’ to love and serve God with generosity and mercy?

World Day of Migrants and Refugees invites us to ‘come and see’ the faithful and courageous works of so many volunteers, organizations and parishes serving migrants and refugees. As strong advocates with a commitment to care for others, these ‘disciples’ put the gospel into action. They show us, and those they serve, the working hands, feet, and heart of our merciful and loving Messiah. Will you and I, along with Samuel, John and the first disciples, ‘come and see,’ trusting in the Lord’s love and saving power – given to us and through us for others?

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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,

As we now begin Ordinary Time, nothing seems so quite ordinary about the amount of snow we have received. And there is nothing ordinary about the generosity of Tony Willemse who spent his Tuesday afternoon plowing the excess snow from the parking lot at Sacred Heart Church. Tony, we are really grateful for your kindness!



We are also grateful to Monica Thorpe and the Sacred Heart Youth Choir (and their parents) who have helped us to celebrate our Sunday Masses over the past two months at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Their musical efforts have been greatly appreciated by the parishioners at Immaculate Heart of Mary. However, the Youth Choir will no longer be able to continue to assist in these Sunday celebrations at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The monthly edition of the **Word Among Us** has been a welcome source of spiritual reflection for many of our parishioners. However, this resource comes from the United States and given the poorly valued Canadian dollar, we must raise the price of this valuable resource from \$1.00 to \$2.00 beginning in February. Thank you for your understanding.

We will also be raising the roof on Thursday, January 18th when our beloved parish secretary, Karen Kester celebrates another birthday. Please send her a note of appreciation for her work in the Parish Office as she battles to keep Julie and I under control. **Happy Birthday Karen!** (Sorry, we are not able to tell you how young she is?)

In Peace, Fr. Tony



Sacred Heart Youth (SHY) – Youth Group Meeting – **January 21st** – Come on out to the parish hall from 7-10pm and join us for a great time building our faith together! Don't forget to invite your friends and bring a smile! Everyone high school age and older are welcome!

First Communion Parent Meeting! - **January 18th**, 7pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Please bring \$10 to cover the cost of the materials. For more info contact jdegouw@dol.ca

All Ladies of Sacred Heart – CWL General Meeting – **Wednesday, January 17th** following the 9:15am school Mass. We will begin with a reflective prayer and social time. You do not need to be a member to join us for this time of fellowship. Please feel free to come out.



If you have a baby to be Baptised or you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of Baptism Join us for REBORN as we explore the deeply personal relevance of Baptism, bringing to light the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and, most importantly, the child being baptised. Meeting will take place **Thursday, February 22** at 7 pm in the parish hall at Sacred Heart. For more info contact jdegouw@isp.ca

Grand Bend Diners - Meet at St. John's By The Lake Anglican Church at 12:00 noon on January 25th to hear from Sherri Lynn who is a mobile dental hygienist. For registration for dining dates, please contact Faye Skinner at 1-877-502-8277 before the events. All newcomers are welcome.

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



Sun Jan 14: Sr. Mary Boere, Pastoral Minister
Mon Jan 15: Fr. Eduardo Berrera, F.M.M.
Tue Jan 16: Fr. Donatien Lwiyando, S.X.
Wed Jan 17: Fr. Martin Nyland
Thu Jan 18: Deacon Reginald Quesnal
Fri Jan 19: Deacon Mark Castanier

Sat Jan 20: Most Rev. John Michael Sherlock