

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, June 26

5:30 pm **Parkhill – Mass celebrated with the Graduation Students**
Fred Fursman: Lucio & Alice Facchina
Adriana Roelands: Morley & Maureen Thompson

Wednesday, Jun 27

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Rosary starts at 9:30am
Thomas Molloy: The Family
Melvin Orr: Rob Mackie
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual help follows Mass

Thursday, Jun 28

9:00 am **Parkhill** –
Emile & Maria Janssens: The Estate
Gus Van Massenhoven: Chris & Barb VanderVloet
9:30-10:30am Adoration with Reconciliation

Friday, Jun 29

9:30 am **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:00 am Willem Roes: Jim & Joan DeZorzi
Garinther Family: Corry Vink

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Jun 30

4-4:45pm **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm **Grand Bend** - Intention of Our Parishioners

Sunday, Jul 01

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

May the challenges in the ecumenical journey encourage us to know each other better, pray together and unite in works of charity.

Pope Francis

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

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Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

The Church celebrates John the Baptist's natural birth by a festival of his 'nativity,' assigned exactly six months before the nativity of Christ. The fact that Christ praised John the Baptist so highly encouraged a special veneration.

Today's first reading is the second of the four "Servant of the Lord" songs of the prophet Isaiah. John was the Servant made ready and fit for the preaching of God's word. John was the sharp-edged sword who pointed out the true light to the nations, the one whose salvation would reach to the ends of the earth. Saint Paul spoke of John who heralded the Messiah's coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

Because John represents the old, he is born of an elderly couple; because he represents the new, he is revealed as a prophet in his mother's womb. John's preceding Jesus was clearly fixed in the Christian tradition, so much that in two of the three Gospels that begin their story before the public ministry with Jesus' first appearance on earth, John the Baptist is brought forth to precede the appearance as well.

John always defined his humanity in terms of its limitations. He came to teach us that there is a way out of the darkness and sadness of the world and of the human condition, and that way is Jesus himself.

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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,

Two weeks ago I announced at the start of Mass that we had installed an air conditioning unit in Sacred Heart Church. We are grateful for the generosity of one of our parishioners who donated monies for this unit to be purchased and installed. This used unit should provide relief during the warm weather until we are able to build a new church at Sacred Heart.



Our Why Catholic? program was a huge success! Over the four years, our clustered parishes saw almost 100 parishioners participate in these small faith groups. Many participants have expressed a desire to continue meeting with their small faith groups. Therefore, all Why Catholic? participants are invited to gather for a Potluck BBQ at Sacred Heart Parish on **Sunday, July 22nd**. By now, your group leaders should have contacted you to invite you to this gathering in July. As well, any parishioner who is interested in joining one of these small faith groups or forming a new group is welcome to join us for this Potluck BBQ. Please contact Michelle Peters at michpeters7@gmail.com or Ann Sutton at annsutton@hay.net.

On **October 22, 2018**, Catholic school board elections will be held throughout Ontario. In an effort to encourage members of our Catholic community to consider a vocation as a Catholic school trustee, OCSTA has produced a brochure entitled *A Call to Service*. This brochure illuminates the distinctive role of the Catholic trustee and outlines some of the legal qualifications required prior to running in the election. These brochures are available at the entrance of the church. Please pray that numerous people will consider this valued vocation as a Catholic trustee.

Two weeks ago, Bianca shared her experience of becoming in Full Communion with the Catholic Church. This weekend, 12 year old Hannah Beierling has offered to share her experience of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Celebrate the Klondyke Marsh! - In 1947, Gerard VandenBussche bought 1200 acres of marshland south of Grand Bend, from the Canada Company. Over the next several years he had the bog cleared and drained, then started to sell parcels of land to families from the Netherlands and Belgium, eager to begin farming in their adopted country of Canada. On Sunday, **July 22, 2018**, 2-4pm, at the Alhambra Hall on Klondyke Road, south of Grand Bend, the descendants of those first farming families will honour their history with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque and book. The book will be available for \$10 per copy while supplies last. Join us, as we celebrate the families of the Klondyke! Pre-order your copies before June 30, by contacting one of the committee members:

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Grand Bend Diners - Meet at St. John's By The Lake Anglican Church at 12:00 noon on **July 12th** with Elinor Clarke as our guest speaker. We meet again on **July 26th** to hear Sandra Shields who will speak on Lifeline. Blood pressures will be taken for those interested on July 12th. 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 Jun 24: Fr. Lucio Couto
Mon Jun 25: Fr. Canon Peter Sanczenko
Tue Jun 26: Melissa Pacitti-Fallone, Coordinator Youth Ministry
Wed Jun 27: Fr. Tom Ferrera
Thu Jun 28: Fr. Patrick Fuerth
Fri Jun 29: Fr. Paul Baillargeon
Sat Jun 30: Seminarians, Diocese of London

Sacred Heart Youth invites you to –



St. Elmo Canoe Trip

Join us after the 9:00am Mass on **July 1st 2018** at Sacred Heart Parish in Parkhill. After Mass there will be a BBQ lunch. Please bring a small dessert to share.

Following lunch we will head out to the Parkhill Reservoir for the best part: CANOEING!! Please bring appropriate clothing, a towel, sunscreen, lifejackets are mandatory, please let us know if you don't have one, and a BIG smile!

If you DO NOT have a canoe or kayak PLEASE let us know! Our trip will be complete @ 4:00pm. There is a liability form that will have to be filled out. Cost of the trip is \$15 (includes food and canoe rentals)

For more info or a liability form contact Veronica Roelands @ (519) 294-0663 or veronica.roelands_4@hotmail.ca

NOTE: If there is anyone in the parish that has a canoe or kayak and wouldn't mind letting us borrow them for the day let us know.

7Up* Survivor Challenge

Join us for Mass @ 9:00am on **July 15th 2018** at Sacred Heart Parish in Parkhill. Following Mass, we will have a PIZZA LUNCH. Pizza is \$2/slice, please bring a small dessert to share. After lunch we will have our SURVIVOR CHALLENGE! All *Grades 7 and UP are welcome to come! Invite your friends and be prepared to have a blast! For more info contact Veronica Roelands @ (519) 294-0663 or veronica.roelands_4@hotmail.ca

Norfolk Catholic Family of Parishes Mass - On Sunday, June 17, Bishop Fabbro joined together with all four parishes of the Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk to celebrate Mass. It was a moving and historic day: the first time a Diocese of London Family of Parishes celebrated Mass together. To view the photos please visit our diocesan Facebook page or Flickr photo album.

Why Am I a Catholic!

I know that as a very little girl, my Oma would be so happy when my Gramma would bring me to church. I really don't remember it as I was only seven when my Oma passed away but my Gramma often tells me about it. Oma didn't talk anymore but her face would light up and she would have the biggest smile when my Gramma Mary would walk into the chapel at the nursing home with me, hand in hand.

As I became a little older I began to wonder why we didn't go to church regularly like a lot of other families. I would ask my Gramma to take me to church. At that time, she has just started to go to church herself on a regular basis.

Getting involved in the Mass was also a big deal to me. Monica was always more than happy to see me in the choir and I would be extra excited with special Masses when Father Tony would call up the children to help him bless the water for Baptism or the oil of anointing. This all started for me about two years ago. I decided that I wanted to attend the Catholic School and become a Catholic.

So last September I started at Sacred Heart School in my 6th grade and started to attend RCIA classes on Wednesday evenings. At the very same time that I started that journey, I found out that my Mom was very sick. But now I had someone to help me through this. Someone I could talk to, cry to and pray to, "Jesus". They say everything happens for a reason. Well, I don't know what I would have done if I had not of had my faith and started learning how great and loving Jesus really is. I know He was listening to me.

He has helped our family (especially my Mom) through a very painful and trying year and made everything so much easier to deal with and I can see my Oma smiling down on me from heaven every time I pray or walk into church.

Hannah Beierling

May we all be moved by the power of the Holy Spirit!

Fr. Tony

Are laws allowing euthanasia & assisted suicide leading society down a dangerous path?

Join us on Wednesday **July 4th**, 7pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish hall, for a screening of “Fatal Flaws” Legalizing Assisted Death. This is a documentary film by filmmaker Kevin Dunn. Guest Speaker Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director for the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, will be on hand to speak about this issue and answer questions. Contact Tammy Vandersanden for more info tvandersanden@execulink.com.



“Pope Francis – A Man of His Word, the new documentary from Oscar-nominated filmmaker Wim Wenders is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a biographical documentary about him. A rare co-production with the Vatican, features exclusive behind-the-scenes footage and sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today’s global questions. From his deep concern for the poor and wealth inequality, to his involvement in environmental issues and social justice, Pope Francis engages the audience face-to-face and calls for peace. Now showing in Forest, Ontario, at the Kineto Theatre, 24 King Street, on Sunday, **July 8**, at 2:00 pm and on Monday, **July 9**, at 8:00 pm. Admission is a good will offering only. Doors open 30 minutes prior to showing, come early as we expect a full house!”

New Day (London and area) - New Day is a faith-based support group for people living with mental health issues.. Come receive and share in the compassion and strength of this welcoming group. We meet every Tues. afternoon 1:30 - 3:00 pm at St. Peter’s Cathedral Parish Community Centre,196 Dufferin St, London. For further information call Bob or Joanne at 226-377-4831, email info@newdaylondon.ca, or visit www.newdaylondon.ca.

You Are Not Alone (London and area) - Are you giving support to a person struggling with mental issues? Come share your wisdom and resources, lighten your worries and deepen your faith. We meet at 7:00 pm the second Wed. of the month, at St. Michael’s Parish, 511 Cheapside St., London. All are welcome. If you would like to chat first to see if YANA is the support you are looking for, please call Cathie at 519-850-0600 or Dorothy at 519-204-2931.



The **Knights of Columbus** take part in the **Wheelchairs for the Third World** each year. The cost of a wheelchair is \$185.00 delivered to a third world country. To assist us in this humanitarian effort we are taking up a collection at the doors of the church after Mass on the weekend of **July 7/8th**. Please give generously.

This year the Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for a **FAMILY BRUNCH** after the 11am Mass on **Sunday, July 15th** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Grand Bend. All the food will be prepared by the Knights and we know that you will enjoy it. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 6 - 13. Kids under 6 eat free. The proceeds of this event will go to our charity work. Tickets will be available at Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sacred Heart Churches after Mass for two weeks prior to the event. Please support this effort.

Cat Chat VBS – Vacation Bible School returns with our Cat Chat theme “Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer, with Amazing Angels and Super Saints”. Our 100% Catholic VBS, empowers today’s kids with rock solid Catholic doctrine and provides an enjoyable way for youth to learn more about their faith! The VBS will run mornings of the week of **August 6-10th**. Visit our parish website www.shihm.dol.ca for registration forms and more information. Registrations close July 13th. Cost is just \$20 per child! In order to host such an energetic week, many volunteers are needed to make the program run smoothly. If you would like to participate as a leader, either youth or adult, or be part of the support team contact Karen Minten (karenminten@rogers.com) or Frances Diggins (fldiggins@gmail.com)



North Middlesex Canada Day Celebrations – **July 1st – 6pm** – Live music, children’s games, fireworks at dusk. Food and drink for sale. Donations welcomed. 32217 Kerwood Road, Ken Vernon Park (West Williams Community Centre).