

Mass Schedule - Week 2 – Aug 14th – Aug 19th

Tuesday, Aug 14

Wednesday, Aug 15

NO MASSES – Aug 14th - 17th

Thursday, Aug 16

Fr. Tony on Vacation

Friday, Aug 17

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Aug 18

1:30 pm **Parkhill – Wedding –**
Anna Vander Vloet and Theodorus Weys

5:00 pm **Grand Bend** - Intention of Our Parishioners

Sunday, Aug 19

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

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

Retrouvaille Weekend - Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. The next Retrouvaille weekend program will be held August 24-26. Please contact Greg & Anita at 519-243-0687 or retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com, or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com for more details.

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

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August 05, 2018

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 12, 2018

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

I remember my difficult, three-day ski mountaineering trek with a friend where we encountered many challenges. First we used up our food supply sooner than expected. Then, on the third day, carrying a heavy pack and skiing our way back to our starting point, we stopped at lunchtime and the only thing we had left to eat was a sweet pudding powder. I experienced a sugar rush but, half an hour later, I was just as famished as before.

What do we really feed on? Success? Being accepted by others? Perfectionism? Financial security? Status? These things may give us a “sugar rush” but they leave us just as famished as before. Today’s Gospel invites us to seek what nourishes us, to strive after “the bread of God...[which] gives life to the world.”

This life-giving food is a free gift. But how do we access this gift? Jesus tells each one of us today, “Whoever comes to me will never be hungry.” Every day, as we grow in our personal relationship with the Lord, the words of the psalm can ring true for each one of us. The Lord wants to give us “food in abundance” so that we can proclaim the “glorious deeds of the Lord” in our daily lives.

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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,



In his recent book, Divine Renovation
Apprentice: Learning to Lead a Disciple-Making Parish, Fr. Simon Lobo writes,

In recent years, the word *disciple* has come back into fashion in the Catholic world. Most Catholics have a vague sense that this term refers to a follower of Christ.... Community Christian Church in Chicago describes the process of disciple making as “apprenticing people in the ways of Jesus.” They like that term “disciple making” because “it implies a relational way of learning that includes both knowing and doing.”

You can’t just become a disciple by passing a test in a classroom. Discipleship is a lifestyle, and therefore it possesses characteristics—patterns of life—that can be clearly identified and observed. Some of these characteristics include attending church weekly, praying daily, reading Sacred Scripture, entering into worship regularly, participating in a small group, attending adult faith formation courses, serving at the parish and broader community, being financially generous, placing Jesus at the center of one’s life and sharing faith with others. (p82)

With these inspiring words in mind, we need to ask ourselves, “How Jesus is calling me into discipleship?”

At this time, our parishes are looking for more parishioners to become readers and Eucharistic Ministers for our Sunday liturgies. Training will be provided for each of these ministries in the Fall. This is a great

Mass Schedule – Week 1 – Aug 7th – 12th

Tuesday, Aug 07

7:00 pm **Parkhill** –
Betty Glavin: SH CWL
The Souls in Purgatory: A Parishioner
7:30-8:30 pm Adoration with Reconciliation

Wednesday, Aug 08

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Rosary starts at 9:30am
Rosemary Slater: Patti Ann Reynolds
Barry Strong: The Family
Melvin Orr: Rob Mackie
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual help follows Mass

Thursday, Aug 09

9:30 am **Chartwell Residence – Parkhill**
August VanMassenhoven: SH CWL
Hanlon & Helen McDonald: The Family

Friday, Aug 10

11:30 am **Parkhill** –
Adriana Roelands: Chris & Barb Vander Vloet
Deceased Members of the Vander Vloet and Meeuwsen Families:
The Estate

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Aug 11

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

Sunday, Aug 12

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

All of us must struggle so that work can become a reality of humanization and a positive future.

Pope Francis

Financial Update

Immaculate Heart of Mary

\$44,540.30
55,825.78
(11,285.48)
370.49

June 2018

Deposits YTD
Expenses YTD
Surplus/(Deficit)
Net Change this Month

Sacred Heart

\$61,980.33
55,487.93
6,492.40
1,984.38

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

Pornography Hurts Campaign - Following the mass on Saturday **August 18th** and Sunday **August 19th** the ladies of the Catholic Women's League will have postcards available for everyone to sign and send to the government opposing pornography and the harmful effects it has on families and society in general. Members of the league will be available to answer any questions on this very important issue.

Merlin Shrine Pilgrimage - Bishop Fabbro and Bishop Dabrowski invite the faithful to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the [Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary](#) on Wednesday, **August 15**. Bishop Fabbro will celebrate Mass at 11am, followed by lunch. Prior to the Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. After lunch, a Rosary Procession will take place, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:15pm. The faithful can join a walking pilgrimage to the Shrine, either: a 10 KM walk departing from the North Buxton Museum at 8:00am, or a 5 KM walk departing from the Merlin Community Hall at 9:00am. Parishes are invited to organize a pilgrimage to this celebration. Registration is not required

Grand Bend Diners - meet at St. John's by The Lake Anglican Church at 12:00 noon on **August 9th**. We will be having Rosalyn from One Care do a travelogue on British Columbia where she lived for several years on the 9th of August. For registration please contact Faye Skinner at 1-877-502-8277 before the event. All newcomers are welcome.

way to give back to God; to serve God by offering your time, talent and treasure. Please contact me or our Pastoral Worker, Julie de Gouw if you are interested in serving your parish in either of these ministries.

We are grateful to Monica Thorpe who is assisting us with music ministry during our time of transition. Thank you for your words of encouragement for Monica and our wonderful choir while we continue to search for a Music Director and organist for Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Please spread the word and continue to pray that someone will respond to this request to renew our music ministry.

Please also pray for the success of our Vacation Bible School which will be taking place this week at Sacred Heart Parish. **Let's get ready for a Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer!**

Here's the latest on our Building Project at Sacred Heart Parish. The diocese is now assisting us in contacting local architects who we may hire to build our new church. These architects will be making presentations to our Building Committee hopefully in September or October.

Finally, I will be away from the parish from **August 13th to 17th** while I take a few more days to vacation, relax and renew my energies for a busy new year of ministry which will begin in September. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated.

May we always be moved by the power of the Holy Spirit

Fr. Tony



NEW DATE!! PILGRIMAGE to Ste Anne de Beaupre & more with Father Dan Morand, August 20-24th/18, to visit St Anne de Beaupre, St Joseph Oratory, Our Lady of the Cape (Blessed Mother), St Francois de Laval in Old Quebec city and St Kateri Tekakwitha; \$639 + \$110 tax. Call Marie Alexandre (519)352-6913 or George Cifa (519)639-4971.

Office Closed – The office will close on **Tuesday, Aug 7th** and will re-open at 9am on **Wednesday, Aug 8th**.



Bulletin News Items – Please keep in mind that during the summer months the bulletins are only printed every other weekend. Remember to plan ahead and get any announcements in early. The next 2 week bulletin will be **August 19th**.

Annual Penny Sale – St. Peter's Church in St. Joseph is having their annual penny sale on **August 12th** following the 11:00am mass. Draws are at 2pm. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart Youth Group



On Saturday, July 21st we held our annual St. Sebastian Soccer Tournament. Over 100 players on 7 Teams participated in very intense competition. Even the rain didn't dampen the mood. A special thanks to everyone who volunteered and to the Middlesex dairy producers for providing free chocolate milk and ice cream after each game.

August 5th – Youth Group Night – Come on out to the Sacred Heart 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!

August 12th – Beach Day - Join us for Mass at 9:00am in Parkhill. After Mass we will make our way to the Pinery Provincial Park where we will have lunch under the pavilion. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of food and the entry fee in to the Pinery. Please bring anything you feel necessary for the beach! But we will not be responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged items. For more info contact Veronica Roelands @ (519) 294-0663 or veronica.roelands_4@hotmail.ca



New at Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary regarding Baptisms!

FAITH FORMATION FOR PARENTS!

Parents are invited to attend a meeting that has been designed to help parents and godparents prepare for their child's entrance into the sacramental life of the Church. They will explore the profound effects and mission of the Sacrament of Baptism. These meetings will be held four times a year. Parents are encouraged to attend a meeting before their child is Baptised, either before or after their baby is born. The next meeting will be held **August 30th** at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 7pm. Next meeting date in 2018 is November 29th. For more information please contact Julie at jdegouw@dol.ca or phone 519-294-6844 ext. 24.



Welcome to Our Parish Family – Congratulations to Eden Doornbosche, celebrating entrance into the church through the waters of Baptism during the month of July.

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



Sun Aug 05: Fr. Wieslaw Gutowski
Mon Aug 06: Fr. Matthew Durham, C.S.B.
Tue Aug 07: Fr. Michael Bechard
Wed Aug 08: Deacon Morgan Treacy
Thu Aug 09: Katherine Marsh, Pastoral Minister
Fri Aug 10: Fr. Thomas Blondin
Sat Aug 11: Fr. Lawrence (Larry) Brunet
Sun Aug 12: Deacon Alex Litt
Mon Aug 13: Catherinanne George, Campus Minister
Tue Aug 14: Stephanie McGuire, Coordinator Youth Ministry
Wed Aug 15: Parish Secretaries in Diocese of London
Thu Aug 16: Fr. William Capitano
Fri Aug 17: Gerard Leroux, Pastoral Minister
Sat Aug 18: Fr. Richard (Dick) Cartier

*“In strengthening the priest, you strengthen the whole Church ...
Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation,
you strengthen everything in the Church.”*

Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.