

## Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Oct 2

7:00 pm **Parkhill** – Emile Masschelein: Chris & Barb Vander Vloet  
Irene Masschelein: Gerald & Carrie Van Osch

7:30-8:30 pm Adoration with Reconciliation

Wednesday, Oct 3

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Rosary starts at 9:30am  
Ron Garinther: Nelson & Gloria Laporte  
Scott Heithoft: Marueen Arriola  
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows Mass

Thursday, Oct 4

9:30 am **Craigwiel Gardens – Ailsa Craig**  
Martina Glavin: Margarida Pontes  
Fred Fursman: Casey & Anna Willemse

Friday, Oct 5

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Magdalena Ofner: The Strong Family  
Intention of John & Gera Peters (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary):  
Your Why Catholic Friends

10:30-11:15 am Adoration with Reconciliation

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Oct 6

2:00 pm **Grand Bend – Wedding** –  
Megan Hutchinson & Luke Denommé

2:30 pm **Parkhill – Wedding** –  
Ashley Loomen & Bradley Kennes

4-4:45 pm **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Sunday, Oct 7

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

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

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

Parkhill Tel: 519-294-6844; Grand Bend Tel: 519-238-8556

Fax 519-660-2918

[www.shihm.dol.ca](http://www.shihm.dol.ca)

**Pastor: Fr. Antoine (Tony) Laforet**

**E-mail: [tlaforet@dol.ca](mailto:tlaforet@dol.ca)**

**Pastoral Worker: Julie de Gouw**

**E-mail: [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca)**

**Secretary: Karen Kester**

**E-mail: [shparkhill@dol.ca](mailto:shparkhill@dol.ca)**

---

---

**September 30, 2018**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

---

---

Today's readings make a clear distinction between our desires for worldly riches versus the riches that we receive as a result of just living by following God's law. The riches of the world easily seem more appealing at first glance – status, power, wealth, material things. They seem to bring with them freedom, opportunities and comfort. Wealth in and of itself is not a bad thing. What matters is how one acquires it and what one does with it.

Pope John Paul I once said “It is not wrong to want to live better; what is wrong is a style of life which is presumed to be better when it is directed towards ‘having’ rather than ‘being,’ and which wants to have more, not in order to *be* more but in order to spend life in enjoyment as an end in itself.” The reading from James sends a warning specifically to the rich who oppress others for their own benefit.

If we can re-direct our worldly riches and possessions (we all have some!) to serve us in the way that helps us to gather eternal treasures, we can be rewarded with eternal life in the kingdom of God. This has already begun here on earth through the good fruits that result from spiritually-healthy choices and just actions: peace, joy, kindness, goodness, charity and well-being. May God bless all of our good efforts!

Natalia Kononenko, Toronto, ON

**c/o 159 Ann Street, Parkhill, Ontario, Canada N0M 2K0.**

*Love opens our eyes and enables us to see the great worth of a human being.*

Pope Francis

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 stated in the third edition of the Family of Parishes Info Series, Bumps, Bruises and Blessings, “(Missionary) disciples have concern for all, including those beyond the doors of the church.” This is one of the reasons we are running the Alpha Course in our parishes this Fall. It is our mission to reach out and share the Good News with all God’s people. Indeed, we would love feed God’s people with the solid food of the catechism, the scriptures and church teaching but, like any infant, many are not ready for this solid food. Therefore, like Jesus Christ, we need to meet people where they are at. We need to begin with the basics and bring them along in faith as we would with our own children.

The Alpha Course provides all people with an opportunity to listen and share their faith in a nonjudgmental environment where all are supported with love and encouragement. We welcome everyone to join us at Sacred Heart Parish Hall on **Wednesday, October 3rd at 6 pm** for our first session of Alpha. We will begin with dinner at 6 pm, hear a talk called, **Who is Jesus?** and break into discussion groups. Our evening should be concluded by 8:30 pm. Please register online through our Parish website or drop off your registration to the Parish Office before Wednesday so we may plan the correct number for dinner.

**Last week the priests, deacons and ecclesial lay ministers of the diocese were invited to a workshop on evangelization called, Forming Disciples in Mission.** Julie and I found this workshop to be very affirming since our parishes have already been focused on this important mission as intentional disciples. At this workshop, we learned that as intentional disciples, we must, *always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks for a reason for our hope.* –

**Fall Free Store (Grand Bend)** - The Huron Shores United Church's fall free store is back!! Fri., **Oct 12** – 6:00-8:30 p.m. Sat., **Oct 13** - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come, browse and take away what you can use free of charge. Wide selection of fall & winter clothing for the entire family, small household items & more! See poster at church entrance.

**Refugee Sponsorship Committee** - We are pleased to announce that we will be sponsoring a refugee family sometime in the next several months. This outreach ministry will be done in partnership with All Saints Parish, Strathroy, St. Charles Garnier Parish, Glencoe, Sacred Heart Parish, Delaware and Sacred Heart Parish, Parkhill. We will be forming a Sponsorship Committee which will consist of two members from each parish, a total of eight people. This is a very specific ministry that is in need of someone who is committed and dedicated to the cause. Please prayerfully consider being a member of this committee! Please speak to Fr. Tony.

**Feast of Our Lady of Fatima – October 10 – 14<sup>th</sup>**

All Saints Parish in Strathroy is holding special activities all week to celebrate. Activities vary from celebrating Mass to a dinner. There will be a silent auction as well as raffle tickets available. For further details please check the flyer posted on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the church.



**Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –**



- Sun Sep 30: Fr. Richard Charrette
- Mon Oct 01: Deacon John White
- Tue Oct 02: Deacon Cap Van Au
- Wed Oct 03: Fr. Ljubo Lebo, O.F.M.
- Thu Oct 04: Fr. Stephen Marsh
- Fri Oct 05: Fr. Richard Tremblay
- Sat Oct 06: Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary

**Food Bank Donations** – As Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, please consider making a donation to the local area Food Bank at this time of year to help those less fortunate. Donations can be placed in the box at the entrance of the church.



**EDGE is back!!** - EDGE is starting back up and we are excited for a brand new season! EDGE is a fantastic ministry for youth in grades 5 thru 8. We encourage all youth to come out and see what we are all about! We will kick off the new season with a fun social night with the theme: “Always Burning” a brief introduction to the Holy Spirit! Come and join us on **October 1<sup>st</sup>** at 7pm in the parish hall. We have a great season planned and are looking forward to seeing everyone back, along with some new faces in the group! For information please contact Danielle Lima at [daniellelima77@gmail.com](mailto:daniellelima77@gmail.com).

**Declaration of Nullity** - Are you or someone you know divorced or divorced and remarried? Are you hoping to get remarried in the Church or have your new union blessed? Or are you simply looking for some closure? Consider applying for a Declaration of Nullity (“annulment”) from the Diocese of London Marriage Tribunal. The process is free of charge. We are here to help. If you want to start the process or if you just have some questions about obtaining a Declaration of Nullity feel free to call us at 519-439-1553 or toll free at 1-866-603-4317.

**Come and See Weekend at St. Peter's Seminary**  
St. Peter's Seminary invites you to a discernment retreat for men 17-45 years old considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a first-hand experience of the life of a seminarian, spiritual helps for discernment, and an opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. Dates: **October 26-28<sup>th</sup>**. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Patrick Bénéteau at [vocations@dol.ca](mailto:vocations@dol.ca) or 519-432-1824 ext. 204.

1 Peter 3:15. We must be prepared to give a personal account of how we have come to know God more deeply and how our life has changed because of that relationship. We hope to share more of this workshop material with our Parish Pastoral Council and all members of our parishes in the near future.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that **Monica Thorpe**, who has been the Music Director at Sacred Heart Parish for the past 15 years, has also been appointed the Music Director for Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. We are grateful to Monica for offering her support during our time of transition at Immaculate Heart of Mary and now look forward to her bringing new life to our liturgical celebrations in Grand Bend. With regard to hiring a new organist or keyboardist, we interviewed three candidates but decided not to hire anyone to a full or part-time position at this time. However, two of the candidates, **John Adam** and **Laura de Gouw** will be hired on an occasional basis when needed at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. We thank everyone for their patience and support during this time of transition.

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

Fr. Tony

**Show Yourself the Door**

During a tour of San Francesco Basilica in Assisi, Italy, a friar took a group of pilgrims through the upper and lower churches and to the crypt where Saint Francis and his companions were buried. Throughout the tour he talked about the life of Francis and the architecture, art, and history connected to him. At the end the friar brought the group back to the upper church and showed them the stunning frescoes attributed to Giotto illustrating scenes from scripture and Francis’ life. As he guided the group to the exit he explained that on this wall was the most important scene yet: the door! The exit, he said, is a reminder to go through the doors and spread the Good News to the whole world. Something to think about next time you exit a church!

**Mmmm Good!!** Order your CWL APPLE & CHERRY PIES today! Homemade unbaked pies are just \$10.00 each, with all proceeds going to our annual Bazaar. Orders must be placed before **October 21<sup>st</sup>**; contact Cathy Vrolyk 519-238-6420. \*\* please note that your freshly-made pies are to be picked up at the rear doors of the Auditorium at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 12 noon until 1 pm, Tuesday, **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**.



**Volunteers Welcome**...to help make pie pastry on Monday, **October 22<sup>nd</sup>** and to make pies on Tuesday, **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**, in the Fr. Beck Auditorium at IHM. Please bring your own paring knives, pastry brushes, rolling pins, large bowls, etc. Contact Gera Peters 519-238-1545 for more details.

**Life Chains - Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** – located with the **London Area Right to Life** from 2:00-3:00pm. Please arrive by 1:45pm at the NE Corner of Fanshawe Park Rd. & Richmond (meet in parking lot to pick up signs). Questions call 519-659-3334. A second Life Chain will be held with the **Strathroy & District Right to Life**, along Caradoc St. S., between Front St. and Carroll St E. in Strathroy from 1:00-2:00pm. Please arrive by 12:45pm. Questions call Debbie 519-245-2946.



**40 Days for Life** is a worldwide, cross-denominational, faith based effort to bring and end to abortion. The Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign has started and continues until Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our London campaign includes a peaceful and prayerful vigil on the corner of Commissioners Rd and Wellington Rd. Please join us for a one hour shift Monday-Friday 12:00pm-7:00pm or Saturdays 7:00am – 7:00pm. **Our Day is October 1<sup>st</sup>**. For more information or to sign up, see the poster on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church or contact:

Tammy Vandersanden at 519-870-0911 or  
Anne Roelands at 519-701-6282

## **2018 Parish Thanksgiving Appeal**

As Thanksgiving weekend approaches, we are reminded of our blessings of prosperity and family, as well as our responsibilities. Every year, our parish takes up an annual collection that raises the money needed to fund our parish locally and as part of our diocesan family. Caring for others and seeking social justice are deeply rooted in our faith: in the Gospel, Jesus directs us to help the poor, feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

Together, people and parishes are united in our incredible mission to bring Christ's light to the world. Please consider making a donation to this year's Thanksgiving Parish Appeal on **October 7<sup>th</sup>**. You may use the envelope in your box of offering envelopes, the donation envelope inserted in the bulletin this weekend, or by writing the "Thanksgiving Appeal" on the front of a plain envelope (be sure to include your name and address on the front, if using a plain envelope). The Thanksgiving Appeal contributions stay within the parish and are not included in the Diocesan Assessment. Please give as generously as you are able, and please pray for those in need.



© J. S. Patuch Co., Inc.

## **Notice**

Please note that the **last Saturday evening 5pm Mass** of the season in Grand Bend will be **October 6, 2018**. Until next May, there will only be a Sunday morning Mass in Grand Bend at 11:00am. Starting **October 13, 2018**, Parkhill will resume having a Saturday evening Mass at **7:00pm** until the end of April. Parkhill will continue to have a Sunday morning Mass at 9:00am as well.



**Immaculate Heart of Mary CWL** - All members are invited to the general meeting on Wednesday **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 1:00pm. Lunch Group "B" is in charge. The item for the Canadian Food for Children is rubbing alcohol.

