

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Nov 27

6:30 pm **Parkhill** – Rosary Led by Knights of Columbus

7:00 pm Dwayne Cadman: Randy & Laurie Vereecken

Fred Fursman: Marc & Pauline Cantin

7:30-8:30 pm Adoration with Reconciliation

Wednesday, Nov 28

9:30 am **Grand Bend** – Rosary Led by Knights of Columbus

10:00 am Willi Bischof: Tino & Margrit Breuer

Jane Vleuten: Jack & Kasey Santandrea

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual help follows Mass

Thursday, Nov 29

9:00 am **Parkhill** – Martina Glavin: Rosemary Hartwick

Emile & Maria Janssens: The Estate

9:30–10:30am Adoration with Reconciliation

Friday, Nov 30

9:30 am **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation

10:00 am Intention of Bill Dukelow: Andy Maguire

The Family of Shirley Ryckman

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Dec 01

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

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

Sunday, Dec 02

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

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

3:00 pm **Parkhill** – Celebration of First Reconciliation

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November 25, 2018

Solemnity of Christ the King

In today's Gospel the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of Earth clash. Although Pilate is not a king, he is the representative of the most powerful king in the world, Caesar. Therefore, this is the day that the "king" of Earth finally meets Christ the King face to face. We must all decide for ourselves to which of these kings we will pledge our allegiance, now and for eternity.

What does the king of Earth promise us? Just think of everything with which Satan tempted Jesus in the desert. Power, fame, worldly glory, material riches, pleasure and so on. He tempts us with these temporary gratifications all the time. Meanwhile Christ the King makes it clear that following him will be difficult. His subjects are certain to face trials and persecutions, and suffer for their loyalty to him.

Yet which king will make us happy? The short-term gratifications of the king of Earth are illusions. They do not lead to lasting joy or peace, but rather to loneliness, emptiness, misery and ultimately to hell. We are the children of God, made in his image and likeness. Only in him will the deepest longings of our soul be satisfied. Only in him will we find rest. The whole Bible boils down to a choice: to which king will you pledge allegiance? Give your life to Christ the King, who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen

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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,



Today we celebrate the Feast of

Christ the King! However, this is not a day when we view Christ as the most powerful of all earthly kings. Rather, it is a day to recognize and remember that Christ, our king, reigned from a cross, not a throne, crowned with thorns, not gold and jewels. What may seem like a feast exalting Christ's power actually celebrates his powerlessness and poverty in contrast to the powers of society.

This week marks the end of a liturgical year and a new year when we begin the season of Advent. Next Sunday, we will bless our Advent Wreath at the beginning of Mass. If you have an Advent Wreath at home, you are welcome to bring that wreath to Mass next week and have it blessed at the beginning of Mass as well. Simply place your wreath below our Advent Wreath and pick up your wreath after Mass.

Next weekend, you will also find an Angel Tree near the entrance of our churches. The local foodbanks are once again asking our assistance in providing gifts for the young children and adults who will find Christmas a difficult time to celebrate. Please take an angel and purchase the suggested gift for someone who is in need or consider giving a donation to our Benevolent Fund. Perhaps this Christmas, we can choose to give out of our poverty rather than our abundance. For more details about this opportunity to reach out to the poor among us, please contact Anne Roelands or Karen Timmermans at Sacred Heart Parish or Gera Peters at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Good News! Our Alpha Course continues to provide many parishioners with the opportunity to share and grow in their faith and in their relationship with Jesus and one another. Join us next Wednesday, November 28th at 6 pm for dinner and some inspirational conversation.

Sacred Heart Youth –November 25th - Parkhill Christmas Parade - Once again, we have our Keep Christ in Christmas float in the Parkhill Christmas Parade! Meet us at the church at 4:00pm to order your pizza dinner and hop on the float! Don't forget to warm up your singing voice for some cheerful caroling and don't forget to dress for the weather! We will hangout and have our pizza dinner in the church basement afterwards.

December 2nd - Youth Group Meeting - Come on out to the parish hall from 7-10 pm and join us for a great time building our faith together! And don't forget to invite your friends and bring a smile!

All youth high school age and older are welcome!



EDGE Night! - Our next Edge Night continues our theme of the Holy Spirit and this time focuses on the Church. We have several fun activities planned! Edge is for all youth in grades 5-9 and we encourage all to come out whether you've been before or if this is your first time. Bring a friend! We meet in the Parish hall on **Monday, December 3rd** from 7-8:30pm. Please be sure to accompany your youth downstairs to sign them in, and come down to sign them out when you pick them up. For more information, contact Danielle Lima at daniellelima77@gmail.com

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



Sun Nov 25: Deacon Michael Horoky
Mon Nov 26: Fr. John Staskevicius
Tue Nov 27: Karen Robert, Pastoral Minister
Wed Nov 28: Deacon Paul Bezaire
Thu Nov 29: Christine Yoeumans, Coordinator Youth Ministry
Fri Nov 30: Deacon John Shiha
Sat Dec 01: Fr. Louis Mousseau, O.F.M. Cap.

Calling all parents with toddlers at home! - You and your pre-school children, are invited on **Thursday, January 17, 2019**, to a morning out for fellowship, socializing and lunch provided by the Sacred Heart Catholic Women's League. Social begins at 10:30 am with lunch served at 11:30 am. Please advise of any food allergies. For more information or to RSVP, contact Tammy Vandersanden (tvandersanden@execulink.com) or Anne Roelands (pandaroelands@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting you!

Pilgrimage – Join Father Thom Blondin on a Marian Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Fatima (including - The Eucharistic Miracle at Santarem). Presentation/Question and answer Session at ALL SAINTS PARISH HALL, 124 Front St E., Strathroy, Sunday **Dec 2nd** following 12:00 o'clock Mass.

Employment Opportunity – St. Christopher, Forest, and Our Lady Help of Christians, Watford, Parishes are seeking a full-time Receptionist/Secretary. Details for this and other available positions are listed at www.dol.ca/employment.

2018-2019 Sunday Missals – have arrived and are available to be purchased at the entrance of the churches. The cost is \$4.00 each.

2018 Advent Prayer Books - will be available on the weekend of December 2nd

Save the Date - **An evening with Dr. Edward Sri** – On **January 18, 2019** there will be an event with Dr. Edward Sri at Visitation Parish in Comber. The evening will be starting at 7pm. It will be \$10 a person. Tickets available at: www.dol.ca/dred-sri .

The Church must pattern her behavior after the Son of God who went out to everyone without exception.

Pope Francis

Our RCIA classes will continue this week at Sacred Heart Parish on **Thursday, November 29th** at 12 pm. Come join us as we make new disciples; followers of Jesus Christ.

Confirmations classes are scheduled every Friday at 3:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. For parents and students who missed our first Parent/Candidate Meeting, we are making an extra effort to reschedule another opportunity to meet on **Saturday, December 8th** at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. Please join us and spread the word about this final opportunity to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Here's an update on the Building Project at Sacred Heart Parish. We are in the process of contacting two or three architects who will be able to help us with this future endeavor to build a new church. Surveys will soon be made available to the members of the Building Committee or any parishioner who is interested in giving their recommendations in regards to the size, design, meeting rooms and offices or any other particular needs we may have. Once the surveys are returned, the Building Committee will hopefully meet in January. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Please join us for the Ecumenical Advent/Christmas Concert at Sacred Heart Parish on **Friday, December 7th** at 7 pm.

Please note in your calendar the upcoming events in our parishes:

All Day Confessions at SH and IHM on
Thursday, December 13th

Blue Christmas Service at IHM on
Sunday, December 16th at 7pm

Open House for Parish Volunteer at rectory on
Friday, January 4th at 4pm

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

Fr. Tony

Advent Mission for the Diocese of London – St Mary’s Parish (345 Lyle Street, London, N5W 3R3) will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of the first Rosary Crusade in the Diocese of London with an Advent Mission on **November 30 and December 1, 2018**.

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., began his famous Rosary Crusades in 1948. He touched the hearts of millions of people all over the world. He wanted everyone to know what Mary would do for them if they prayed the Rosary together as a family every day. Many people in our diocese remember the “Rosary Priest” and his powerful message, “the family that prays together stays together”.

Archbishop James MacDonald, C.S.C., will be the main celebrant at the closing Eucharist. Father Wilson Andrade, C.S.C., National Director of the Holy Cross Family Ministries, will give several talks. For details check the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.

Save the Date –Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Catholic Women’s League is hosting their Annual Christmas Dinner, Penny Sale and Skit Night on **Thursday, December 6th** at the Watford Centennial Hall. Admission is \$15. Doors open 5:30pm. **Dinner at 6:30pm**. For details see the poster at the entrance of the church.

Sacred Heart Angel Tree - *Be A Blessing Adopt An Angel*. It is time to purchase gifts for our Angel Tree and bring the love of Christ to the less fortunate of our community. Angels can be found on the trees at the church and school entrances. Unwrapped gifts, with the Angel securely attached, must be returned by **Sunday, December 9th**. All gifts will be delivered to Ailsa Craig and Area Food Bank. If you have any questions, see Karen Timmermans (Saturday Mass) or Anne Roelands (Sunday Mass).

Immaculate Heart of Mary Angel Tree – will receive gifts until **Friday, December 14th**. Please contact Gera Peters (519-238-1542) with any questions.

Thank you for paying forward whatever blessings you have been given.



Confirmation Preparation! - Confirmation is a sacrament through which we receive the Holy Spirit to make us stronger and more perfect Christians and true witnesses of Jesus Christ. It is a sacrament of our initiation which began in Baptism and continues in the Eucharist. As the candidates come forward to be confirmed, they profess their faith in the Catholic Church. The period of Confirmation preparation builds on the candidate’s faith foundation, encourages community building, and helps the candidates to make good life decisions. Preparation sessions have begun for students in grades 7 & 8, are held Fridays 3:30 to 5:00 pm, at Sacred Heart parish hall, Parkhill. Contact Julie jdegouw@dol.ca or Father Tony tlafort@dol.ca for more information. We are most fortunate to have Deacon Tom MacLeod joining us for our sessions. Come journey with us! Please check the website for up to date information on class dates.



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Something 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 **November 29** at Sacred Heart Parish hall, 7pm. For more information please contact Julie at jdegouw@dol.ca or phone 519-294-6844 ext. 24.