

PRAY PLEASE FOR:
Doug Bailey
We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam
(1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Feb 25- Mar 3)

Mon	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	8:00 pm	Right to Life Meeting
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Tues	10:00 am	FDK Tour of the Church
	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
	7:45 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Wed	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	CAT Meeting
	6:30 pm	Folk Choir Practice
Thurs	11:00 am	Rosary- Tillsonburg Retirement
	11:30 am	Jollymakers - Bingo
	3:30 pm	Rosary- Maple Manor
	7:45 pm	RCIA
Fri	World Day of Prayer	
	9:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6:00 pm	Grade Six overnight Retreat
Sat	9:30 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Confirmation-Decision Point
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School
	3:00 pm	Family Catechism

In the event of a funeral Mass on Wednesday or Friday, Mass will be cancelled and the Mass Intentions will be offered at the funeral.

SSVP Collection & Food Bank
 Knights of Columbus Can Collection

Altar Server (February 26 & 28) Theresa Cuff

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – FEB 16/17

Regular Envelope	\$ 4646.25
Youth Ministry	\$ 29.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 299.70
Capital/Building Fund	\$ 150.00
Total	\$5129.95



2018 CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS
 The 2018 Charitable Donation Receipts are available in the new addition. Thank you for your co-operation in picking up your 2018 donation receipts.

ATTENTION: Bulletin submissions must be received by 4 pm Tuesdays, thank-you for your cooperation.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (March 2/3)

Saturday (5 pm)
 Commentator: Faith In Action Team
 1st, 2nd Lector: Faith In Action Team
 Gift Bearer: Faith In Action Team
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Heather Campbell, Valerie Claessens, Kathy Myny, Jeannette Keba
 Greeters: Faith In Action Team
 Rosary: Moma Fardella

Sunday (9 am)
 Commentator: Anne Stancek
 1st, 2nd Lector: Andrew Stancek, Mary Virag
 Gift Bearers: Patrick, Patricia & Dan Benoit
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mariola Pleli, Barb Compeau, Liz DeWaele, Mae Feeney
 Greeter: Ann Schroder
 Rosary: Kathy Myny

Sunday (11 am)
 Commentator: Teena Mendonca
 1st, 2nd Lector: Anna Kelly, Rachel Parker
 Gift Bearers: Michael & Kathy Holly
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ted Novakowski, Darlene Papaioannou, Norma Roczen, Norbert Vanhooren
 Greeter: Janet Guralski
 Rosary: Lorraine Gilbert



MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Feb 25 -Mar 3)

Tues	7:00 pm	Jeanne Verhoeven Nick Doneff
Wed	10:00 am	Terry Hein Jenny, sister of Gina Boyle A special Intention for: Fr. Matt George
Thurs	3:30 pm	Mass- Harvest Retirement Margaret Latos
	7:00 pm	Jeanne DeBruyn Paul Herman
Fri	10:00 am	Jose Borges Jim Tomlin Linnda Wellink Family
Sat	9:00 am	Karl & Anna Kisilak Fr. Mike Langan
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sun	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's



Let your roots go down into Christ,
 and let your lives be built on him.
 Then your faith will grow strong in the
 truth you were taught, and you will
 overflow with thankfulness.
 Colossians 2:7

7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

From Saint Vincent de Paul...
 The national site for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (ssvp.ca) identifies our Mission Statement: We "live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy." We were founded, in 1833, by Blessed Frederic Ozanam, who said, "Christianity is not about ideas, but about deeds inspired by love."

Nationally, we are involved in many initiatives every year: Since 2008, we have sent sea containers full of food, clothing, and household items to Northern Canadian communities; 148 Canadian conferences and councils send more than \$160,000 to 19 countries for food, medical assistance and local projects; and we serve our Canadian communities, more than 125,000 children and more than 200,000 adults. (ssvp.ca)

Locally, St. Mary's Conference, through the generous financial assistance of our parish, assists the people of Tillsonburg and the surrounding area. From October to April, we serve a weekly Friendship Dinner to 70-80 guests, and during the summer, we have one dinner each month, excluding July. In addition, we give support through our emergency phone line, providing food for those in need and some financial help for those who face eviction, or loss of hydro, gas or water. We also offer a night or two at a motel for the homeless. We send children in need to summer camp and we donate to the North of 60 Program.

Apart from a list of what we do, however, the hallmark of Vincentians, what St. Mary's Vincentians embrace, is our continued growth in love. Inspired by love, we welcome our guests to the dinner, we learn their names, their aches and pains, their medical appointments, their disappointments. Inspired by love, we welcome the calls on our phone line, and respond to someone in crisis. No longer are we listening to "the dirty, toothless guy" or "the unemployed bum" or "the addict on welfare" but to a brother/sister who is in pain, as we could be in pain. This breaking down of barriers, the dispelling of prejudice, of fear, is the most valuable part of Vincentian service, and makes it natural that we would offer a coffee to someone cold on the street or try to find someone a place to stay or notice, rather than be blind to, or critical of, a man/woman huddled on the sidewalk in need of some change and a smile. Service inspires me to open my eyes, to see another as myself, as if that neighbor *is* me: *my* face that is scabbed, *my* shoulders that are worn, *my* heart that is lonely. This transformation of our spirit is the greatest gift of our work, as we learn more deeply that since God lives in us, God also lives in the person to whom I can open my hands. Thus the Grace of Communion becomes communion and we "abide in His love."
 Anne Stancek, President

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Weekend Mass Schedule
 Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
 Sunday Masses: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Daily Mass
 Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00 pm
 Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 am
 Saturday: 9:00 am

Reconciliation
 Saturday: 9:30 am -10:30 am or by appointment

Children's "Sunday School"
 Oct to May, @ 9 am Mass

Catholic Schools
 St. Joseph School: (519) 660-2783
 Msgr. O'Neil School: (519) 660-2772
 St. Mary's High School: (519) 675-4435

Baptism Preparation
 Contact Father John, ext. 22

Weddings
 By appointment, and 6 months notice

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School is a program for children who are age 3 (or toilet trained) until they enter grade 2 to help them learn the rituals of mass and hear the Gospel story in child friendly language, through craft and song. Father John, at the beginning of Mass, calls the children forward and they process to the Parish Centre with their leader and return to you during the offertory song. This year Sunday School will be available at the Sunday 9 AM Mass. For more information please contact Colleen Hanley (chanley@dol.ca) or call the office.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Our next preparation meetings are Saturday March 2nd (10am-noon) or Wednesday March 6th (6:30-8:30 pm) in the Father Langan Parish Centre. Please continue to pray for the candidates, their families and their sponsors.

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN CLASS TOUR

We are very excited to have Ms. Casier & Mrs. Shearer's Hill's FDK class come Tuesday February 26th at 10 am to enjoy a tour of our Church! There is nothing like the excitement of little voices and feet in God's house!

GRADE SIX OVERNIGHT RETREAT

Are you currently in Grade Six? Want to learn more about "Being True to Yourself?" Our high school group is hosting an **overnight retreat** March 1st beginning at 6 pm and ending on March 2nd at 9 am. Our theme is a Hawaiian Luau – so get your costume ready! Guarantee lost of fun, bowling, movies, discussions, games, prizes and so much more. Registration forms are at the back of the Church – Please call Mrs. Hanley ASAP to register.

BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS

We are collecting any old palms this month in preparation for the upcoming Lent! Fr. John will be burning the old palms at each of our Catholic Schools on Shrove Tuesday. Please place your old palms in the plastic bin found in the new addition before Shrove Tuesday (March 5th).

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School is coming back this summer for one amazing week! Circle your calendars – St. Mary's will be hosting a "Cool Kingdom Party" July 22nd – 26th.



We welcome into our faith community through the waters of baptism: **Gordan Ryan Jurenas, Norah Anne Haegens, Harper Ruth Haegens & Calum Donald Haegens.** May they and their families always be guided by the Lord.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN OF OUR PARISH

Our parish is very blessed to have a number of volunteers who are mandated and trained to take Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins of our parish. Perhaps you, or someone in your family, is sick or cannot come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion once a month? If that is so, please contact our parish office at 519-842-3224 and speak to our secretary Melissa. She will receive your contact information and then pass it along to the pastoral team who will get in touch with you with next steps.

If this ministry is something that you feel called to be a part of please let us know! It can be a once a month ministry or more, depending on your availability.

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2019

On July 12-14, 2019 our parish will be sending a bus of youth going into high school or already in high school to this amazing Conference! If you have a child in grade eight they are eligible to come to Steubenville this year! Mark you calendars ... we all BELONG! The cost is \$200 which includes the conference, lodging, bussing and food. If you want to know more information or to secure a spot on the bus, drop of the initial payment of \$75 to the rectory or see Mrs. Hanley. Flyers are available at the back of the church.

ADOPT A CATECHUMEN / CANDIDATE

Our Parish is blessed with four amazing people who gather weekly with their sponsor to learn about the Catholic faith. They are our Catechumen and Candidates. They are becoming full members of our faith at the Easter vigil which is fast approaching. We are asking for your prayerful support by adopting in prayer one of these four people. There are special slips of yellow paper at the end of the pews. Please fill one out and drop it into the offertory basket. You will be mailed the information the beginning of Lent. Your prayers for an individual are a vital part of the RCIA and a great way to show support to these wonderful people.

CHILL ZONE

Chill Zone is a drop in Centre for youth in grade five and up. Youth can socialize and experience a safe community to play video and card games, participate in sports in the gym, enjoy the creativity of the craft room and find nourishment in the tuck shop! Our next Chill Zone is Friday March 8th from 7-9 pm. We are looking for adult volunteers to help lead games or sports in the gym and to help supervise throughout the year. If you are interested please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext. 23 or chanley@dol.ca).

ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY LEARN FOR LIFE SERIES

No papers, no exams... just Learn for Life! Assumption University, Windsor, invites you to register for Learn For Life 2019 Winter/Spring courses at www.assumptionu.ca/learnforlife. Upcoming offerings include "The Church and the International Order," "Laudato Si," and "Religion and Politics."

THE LEGACY OF ST. PATRICK - PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

As you enjoy a 10 day tour to the Emerald Isle, from September 24-October 3, 2019, you will experience the history, culture and faith of Ireland that came through the missionary efforts of St. Patrick in the 5th century. This pilgrimage includes visits to many historical churches as well as a visit to Knock, where in 1879, Mary appeared to 15 townspeople. In addition to your Irish Guide, as part of this pilgrimage, Fr. David Johnston and Fr. John Pirt will be offering daily Mass. Cost is \$2639 per person (Based on twin) - airfare extra. For further information, contact Cheryl Johnston, 855 St. Clair St., Chatham, ON N7L 0E9 Phone: 519-354-6040 or 1 877 735 5633 ext 6225 Email: cjohnston@selloffvacations.com

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, SPAIN & LOURDES

Join us from May 5-14, 2019 on a 10 day pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes with Fr. Tom Ferrera and 206 Tours, the leader in Catholic Tours! Your trip includes centrally located first class hotels, transfers, breakfast and dinner daily, transportation by air-conditioned motor coach and the assistance of a professional local guide. Fr. Tom will be offering spiritual direction and mass daily. Cost is \$3,820 per person, based on double occupancy, plus airfare. Anyone interested in this great opportunity can visit and register online at www.pilgrimages.com/frferrera. For more information please call Carol VanMoerkerke at 519-877-2355 or Karin Lansink at 519-550-0304.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, INGERSOLL NEWS

1. HEALING JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

Sacred Heart Parish, Ingersoll will hold an eight week grief support group called "Healing Journey Through Grief" Thursday March 21st until Thursday May 9th. The group will use the Alan Wolfelt resource Understanding your grief: Ten essential touchstones for finding hope and healing your heart. Registration is limited to 8 participants for these sessions. The cost of the resources is being shared by the Parish Health Ministry at Sacred Heart reducing the cost for the eight sessions to \$25.00. For more information or to register, contact Faye Brekelmans at 519-485-1802.

2. CWL- ANNUAL YARD & BAKE SALE

We invite you to our Annual Yard & Bake Sale. It will be held on Saturday April 6th at 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at Henderson Hall John Street in Ingersoll. There is a big variety on gently used items for everyone interested in treasures and good deals. The home baked goodies are fresh and delicious, a must to try out!

CWL VISION MASS

St. Mary's Catholic Women's League is a sponsor for the daily TV Vision mass which will be broadcasted on Saturday March 2, 2019 on Vision Television.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The annual dues of \$40 for the Knights Of Columbus are now due. It can be paid at the next general meeting, (Tuesday February 26), by mail, (PO Box 83 Tillsonburg, N4G 4H3), or in an envelope marked K of C DUES in the Sunday collection.

BIBLE STUDY

February 25, at 1:30 pm. Beginning at John 8.21-59. "The Bible has all the characteristics of human language and literature, yet its principal author is God."

UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Men's Cursillo March 21st to March 24th. Women's Cursillo March 28th to March 31st. For more information call Andre or Bonnie at 519-913-3533.

27TH ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

"HOPE IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING"
Saturday March 2nd, 9:00 am – 5:30 pm For more information visit: www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca. See poster at the bulletin board by the front door of the church.

FAMILY CATECHISM

We are a group that offers family faith formation in a welcoming setting - teaching your children the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith with other like minded parents is fun and effective! We offer classes for JK - Gr. 9, as well as an adult video and discussion. Our next meeting is on Sunday, March 3 at 2:55 pm in the Father Langan Parish Centre. For more information please visit www.famfi.ca or talk to John & Karin Lansink at 519-550-0304.

KING'S OPEN HOUSE

King's University College will be hosting an open house for future students, friends, family and alumni on Sat, Mar 9 from noon - 4 pm. All are welcome. Attend program Ted Talks, tour campus and residence, and meet professors and current students to learn about programs for Fall 2019. For more information, please visit <https://www.kings.uwo.ca/about-kings/media-and-communications/newsroom/kings-open-house-coming-march-9/>.

OPERATION-SUPPORTING OUR PARISH- LIVING WITH CHRIST SUBSCRIPTION

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