

PRAY PLEASE FOR:

Agnes Wilson, Mary Hader, Marcella Kunderman & Sylvere Van Gulck

*God our savior wills everyone to be saved
(1 Timothy 2:1-8).*

WEEK AT A GLANCE (September 23- 29)

Mon	8:00 am	CWL Meat & Apple Pie Prep
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	8:00 am	CWL Meat & Apple Pies
	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	2:30 pm	Rosary- Harvest Retirement
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thurs	11:30 am	Jollymakers-Bingo
	3:30 pm	Rosary- Maple Manor
	7:30 pm	RCIA Meeting
Sat	9:00 am	CWL Presidents Meeting
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School

“FOR OUR COMMON HOME” - DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The Amazon produces 20% of the oxygen we breathe. Yet its forests, streams and people are threatened because of the resources there. Join a workshop on Development and Peace’s new campaign, For our Common Home: A future for the Amazon,” a future for all to learn about the vital role the Amazon plays for the entire planet and the importance of standing alongside those who protect the Amazon. A future for the Amazon is a future for all! The closest workshop is at St. Michael’s parish, 511 Cheapside Street, London on Thursday September 26th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. For more information please contact Annette Donovan Panchaud at annette.donovanpanchaud@kings.uwo.ca

PARISH NURSING & HEALTH CARE WORKERS

The Institute for Ongoing Formation at St. Peter’s Seminary has partnered with the University of Dayton to offer online education programs. All nurses and other health-care workers are invited to enroll for their own personal and/or professional development. “The Parish Nurse as Counsellor and Spiritual Companion” addresses topics such as: pastoral care, holistic health, mental health, and grief, loss and suffering. Many other online courses are also offered. Register by Oct. 14. Course dates: Oct. 18 – Nov. 21. For more information, visit www.stpetersseminary.ca/Programs/Parish-Nursing/21 under the “Online Studies” heading on the Parish Nursing page.



MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 23-29)

Tues	7:00 pm	Mass Cancelled
Wed	10:00 am	Mass Cancelled
Thurs	3:30 pm	Communion Service- Harvest Retirement
	7:00 pm	Mass Cancelled
Fri	10:00 am	Mass Cancelled
Sat	9:00 am	Mass Cancelled
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary’s
Sun	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary’s

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Sept 28/29)

Saturday (5 pm)

Commentator: Cathy Palmer
1st, 2nd Lector: Dan Mahony, Carla Matos
Gift Bearer: Veronica Holly
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary VanHooren, Jeannette Keba, Kathy Myny, Norbert Vanhooren, Merna Vermeeren
Greeter: Merna Vermeeren
Rosary: Moma Fardella

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator: Anne Stancek
1st, 2nd Lector: Andrew Stancek, Janine Vink
Gift Bearers: Elaine & Doug Hill
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vicky Luki, Miriam Schernekau, Margaret Tops, Wim Vink
Greeter: Joanne Maertens
Rosary: Kathy Myny

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator: Ed Roczen
1st, 2nd Lector: Rachel Parker, Allen Scovil
Gift Bearers: Jayne Family
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Helen Borbely, Nora Marie Bruder, Pat D’Hulster, Ana Jayne
Greeter: Joyce Cole
Rosary: Lorriane Gilbert

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – SEPT 14/15, 2019

Regular Envelope	\$ 5,115.00
New Year’s Day	\$ 5.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 40.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,690.00
Loose	\$ 349.25
Total	\$ 7,199.25



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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

From the Desk of Fr. John ...

A few items to share this weekend.

1. The parent meetings for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation were held this past week. Many of our young people will soon begin the preparation for these sacraments, so please keep them in your prayers.
2. We have had numerous funerals over the past few weeks! Many families in our parish are grieving the loss of a loved one. Please remember them in your prayers.
3. The parish Finance Committee and the Building Committee have met numerous times over the past few months looking at the needs of the parish and the future of the Parish Centre and the Rectory. A preliminary presentation has gone into the Diocese regarding the future of these buildings. You can look forward to hearing from these committees when they have something definite to present.
4. I will be leaving on Monday for the pilgrimage to the “Holy Land” of Ireland. A number of parishioners, along with others from across the diocese, will be visiting the Shrine at Knock, the tomb of St. Patrick and other holy sites. You will be remembered in our prayers and daily Masses.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

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Teena Mendonca, Business Administrator
Melissa Sioen, Secretary

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri
(9 am - 12 pm, 1 pm - 4 pm)

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: 8:00 am -8:45 am & 9:30 am - 10:00 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our Sunday school program will begin this Sunday at the 9 am Mass. 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. For more info please contact Colleen Hanley at chanley@dol.ca or 519-842-3224 ext. 23.



HOW DO I BECOME CATHOLIC?

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the Church's process for calling adults to a conversion of mind and heart and preparing them for a full and active life in the Church as disciples of Jesus. The process of becoming a mature Christian involves more than just learning about the faith of the Church. The RCIA aims to transform the entire person into an individual who has truly put on Christ Jesus. Our process will begin early in September, so if you are interested in entering into the process please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext. 23). The first step is just to meet over coffee and chat and share information.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation is usually conferred on youth in grade 8. If your family has a young person entered into grade 8 this year and you missed the Confirmation Family Information Night please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext.23) to set up an appointment to register.

DO YOU WANT TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER?

Youth currently in grade 4 and up are most welcome to become altar servers. We will train you to assist at the altar during weekday and Sunday masses, weddings, funerals, special feast days and Holy Week. If you, or someone in your family, are interested in this rewarding ministry please complete the green sign up sheet at the back of the church by the main doors or contact Mrs. Hanley at chanley@dol.ca. Our Orientation & Training Night will be Tuesday October 1st at 6:30 pm in the church for all new and experienced altar servers.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are normally celebrated in grade two. If your family has a child entered into grade two this year and you missed the Parent Information Meeting please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext.23) to set up an appointment to register.

GROWING IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Thank you to all who have registered for "Growing in the Spirit of Our Catholic Faith" this fall. We begin "Growing in the Spirit of Our Catholic Faith" on Thursday October 3rd at 7:45 pm in the Father Langan Parish Centre. Our first topic will be "The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith and the God Who Is Love". All are welcome to attend, even if you haven't registered. Its not to late to do so, there are blue registration forms at the back of the Church by the main doors for you to complete and return to the rectory office or mail slot. Any questions please contact Colleen Hanley at the office.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY HELP

One of our greatest treasures in our Parish is our high school aged young people. Their enthusiasm for sharing their faith with each other and other young people in the elementary schools is amazing. They have a love of Christ and their zeal is infectious! If you would like to be a part of this amazing ministry – as an adult mentor or faith leader, please contact Colleen Hanley as soon as possible. Our High School Ministry program will begin October 6th. servers.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Are you interested in developing your families' faith and in connecting with other families who share a common purpose? The Family Catechism program begins Sunday, October 20 and is open for registration online. Families with children and youth of all ages are welcome to attend. Please visit www.famfi.ca or contact Karin Lansink at jkllansink@gmail.com or 519-550-03304.

BIBLE STUDY

There will not be a bible study on September 23rd nor the 30th, but returning October 7th. "The Church does not draw certainty about God's revealed truths from the Bible alone." Dei Verbum

LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is on Sunday, October 6th, in Tillsonburg from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Join thousands across Canada in this prayerful one-hour vigil affirming the right to life for the unborn. We meet by the clock tower at the corner of Broadway and Bridge St. at 1:15 pm.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Right to Life information: 40 Days for Life begins September 25th and continues on weekdays to November 2nd. St Mary's Church will be participating as a parish on Tuesday, October 15th from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm near the LHSC Victoria Hospital at the corner of Wellington & Commissioners. Consider joining us for 1 or 2 hours. Contact Deacon Andre for car pooling arrangements (519-913-3533).



CWL BAZAAR GRAND DRAW TICKETS

Once again we will be having our Grand Draw as part of our Annual Bazaar November 9th, 2019. We are looking for some help to sell tickets for the Grand Draw this year, if you are interested in helping with this please contact Irene Gubesch at 519-842-3312 & Marg Wilson at 519-842-9910. *The cost of the tickets are \$2.00 a ticket or \$5.00 for tickets with the following prizes:*

1st Prize: \$1000.00 Cash

2nd Prize: \$200.00 Cash

3rd Prize: \$100.00 Cash

If you can help us sell a book of tickets to your friends or family that would be a big help! Thank you for your support.



CWL MEAT & APPLE PIE SALE

St. Mary's CWL is taking orders for Meat & Apple pies. The cost is \$4.00. To place an order, please call: Nora Marie Bruder at 519-842-8460, Irene Gubesch at 519-842-3312 or Margaret Mahu at 519-842-2506.

CWL PENNY TABLE

Penny Table items for the Bazaar would be greatly appreciated once again. Please leave NEW ITEMS ONLY at the church office clearly marked for Penny Table. Thank you Darlene Papaioannou 519-842-4946. Thank you and for more information, please contact Darlene Papaioannou

ST. MARY'S SVP COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

St. Mary's Parish commissioning of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be held on Tuesday October 8th at the 7:00 pm mass. All members of the parish are welcome to attend the ceremony and receive the Sacred blessing as we start up again for our 2019-2020 year of ministry.

FOLK CHOIR PRACTICE

Folk Choir practice will be starting up again on Wednesday September 25, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Please contact John Vermeeren at 519-842-6161 for any new members.

SCENT SENSE

We appreciate that all our parishioners are aware of allergies and sensitivities to strong perfumes and scents. Thank you for your consideration.

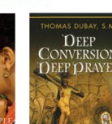
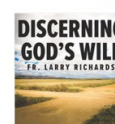
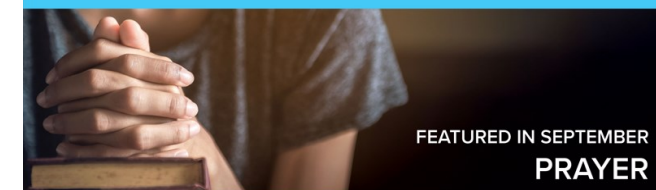
ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Are you in need of uniform pieces for St. Mary's High School in Woodstock? Please contact Colleen Hanley 519-842-3224 Ext. 23 to check out all the donated uniforms pieces from past St. Mary's students.

FORMED

PICK FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS



Visit Formed.org and use our Parish Code: **GKKYTH**

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP- SACRED HEART CHURCH- INGERSOLL

Sacred Heart Parish will hold an eight week grief support group called "Healing Journey Through Grief" Tuesday, October 22nd until Tuesday, December 10th. 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 or Julie Maltby at 519-485-1802.

CASUAL NOON HOUR ASSISTANT NEEDED

St. Joseph's Catholic Elementary School, Tillsonburg is currently accepting applications for a Noon Hour Assistant from 11:45-12:45 Monday - Friday. Anyone who is interested in this position, please contact Laurie Davids at 519-660-2783. Even if you are only available a couple of days through the week, please give Laurie a call.

HAVE YOU MOVED ?

If you have changed your address or in the process of moving, don't forget to notify the parish office. You can reach us at stmarytils@dol.ca.