

PRAY PLEASE FOR:

Holy Souls in Purgatory
Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146)

WEEK AT A GLANCE (September 30 - October 6)

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
	6:30 pm	Altar Server Meeting & Training
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
Wed	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting
Thurs	10:00 am	Rosary - Woodingford Lodge
	11:30 am	Jollymakers - Bingo
	7:45 pm	RCIA & Growing in the Spirit
Fri	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	10:30 am	Adoration
	11:15 am	Benediction
Sat	8:00 am	Confessions
	9:30 am	Confessions
	3:00 pm	Wedding
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School
	1:15 pm	Life Chain - Tillsonburg Clock Tower
	7:00 pm	High School Ministry

Knights of Columbus Can Collection
SSVP Collection & Food Bank

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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – SEPT 21/22, 2019

Regular Envelope	\$ 4,430.20
Youth Ministry	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 360.00
Loose	\$ 256.10
Total	\$ 5,066.30



MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Sept 30 - Oct 6)

Tues	7:00 pm	Mass Cancelled
Wed	10:00 am	Mass Cancelled
Thurs	3:30 pm	Communion Service- Tillsonburg Retirement Centre
	7:00 pm	Mass Cancelled
Fri	10:00 am	Jose Borges Tullio Cecchetto Irene Hasilo A Special Intention
Sat	9:00 am	Brent McKay Fr. Mike Langan Ben Platteau A special intention for Eric Jermetz
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sun	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (October 5/6)

Saturday (5 pm)

Commentator:	Olga Patterson
1st, 2nd Lector:	Ed DeDecker, Kathy Myny
Gift Bearers:	George & Carla Matos
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Yvonne DeBrabander, Heather Campbell, Valerie Claessens, Rosemary Couture
Greeter:	Linda Zillic
Rosary:	Deacon Andre De Decker

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator:	Mike Bossy
1st, 2nd Lector:	Brian O'Rourke, Stephanie Hill
Gift Bearers:	Mark & Tina Hopper & Family
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Steve Spanjers, Rob Schonberger, Cristina Donais, Sandra Laking
Greeter:	Colleen DeRouck
Rosary:	Mae Feeney

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator:	Janet Guralski
1st, 2nd Lector:	Kathy Holly, Alex Dammert
Gift Bearer:	Linda Johnson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jennyl Hamilton, Alex Hanley, Karen Gracie, Ted Novakowski
Greeter:	Linda DeSutter
Rosary:	Allen J. Scovil

Altar Server (October 8 & 10) Addison Wills



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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

"That our parish community be enlivened by the Holy Spirit to preach the gospel in bold new ways, we pray to the Lord."

At every Sunday liturgy we have been praying this prayer in our Universal Prayers. It is a result of Bishop Fabbro's announcement that we are observing a special Year of Prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our diocese as we seek to be "a mission-orientated Church that forms disciples of Jesus". What bold new ways? Why are we mission-orientated? How do we form disciples? For me, it has been a call to evaluate all that I do so I want to share with you our parish's Youth & Family Ministry evaluation and where we are headed.

In January 2006 we gathered a number of parishioners to form a Youth Advisory Board. Our mission was to "provide opportunities for all youth to learn about and enter into a relationship with God in their lives, foster a relationship between the youth and the parish and continue to support and advocate for our youth as they continue their faith journey." Over the next seven years we continued to meet, survey, and discern what opportunities to provide to foster those relationships. It was clear to us that the million dollar question was how we engage parents in faith formation and/or mass attendance. In January of 2014 our parish announced that Youth Ministry had taken on a mantle of family ministry, meaning that we will intentionally minister to the entire family through various programs and retreats, in the schools and sacramental preparation.

Fast forward to May 2019, and to Bishop Fabbro's announcement to be a mission-orientated Church that forms disciples of Jesus. The greatest formater of disciples was Jesus – we see it over and over in the New Testament. The disciples journeyed with Him throughout His ministry and they grew in their relationship to know God, love God and serve God. Their journey was not easy; often they travelled to the people rather than expect the people to come to them. So we must too. So our parish is being intentional in engaging youth and their families to know God, love God and serve God, through our parish programs at the parish and in our schools and community.

We are boldly going into mission territory, our schools, where our youth are gathered with a new initiative with our Sacred Noon Hour twice a month. Young people are encouraged to know, love and serve God through song, prayers of the Saints and works of mercy.

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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

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We continue to celebrate liturgies, Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation with our school communities. We continue to form disciples through Altar Serving, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and our High School Ministry. Families continue to know, love and serve God in our Birthday Card Program, Family Catechism and in our preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation.

Being bold (defined as not hesitating or fearful in the face of actual or possible danger or rebuff; courageous and daring) is not easy. Sometimes it means letting go of events or programs to make way for something new. What do you need to let go of to be bold in your discipleship? Thanks be to God He sent us the Holy Spirit! Come Holy Spirit – fill the hearts of your people with the desire to boldly go out and make disciples!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our Sunday school program happens during the 9 am Mass Sunday mornings. 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.

HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH

We have created opportunities for high school aged youth to gather once a month for personal faith development including conferences and retreats, community outreach (which allows you to gain some community service hours), school outreach (being role models for your younger peers and service hours), and outreach to our Parish (which includes drama and music). Our first get together is Sunday October 6th from 7-9 pm in the Parish Centre in room 9. There will always be elements of faith, food and fun when we gather. For more info contact Mrs. Hanley at chanley@dol.ca.

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.

ANNOINTING MASS

On Wednesday October 9th, during the 10 am Mass, Fr. John will offer the healing sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to all those who wish it. Please share this date with your friends and family.

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 too 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.

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 20th at 2:55 pm in the Parish Centre, 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 jklansink@gmail.com or 519-550-03304.

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. The deadline for registrations to be returned is October 9th.

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.

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 each or 3 for \$5.00 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 at 519-842-4946.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR SSVF

Baskets will be placed at the back of the church to receive your generous donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank during the Thanksgiving Season. We are blessed to share with those in our community who suffer from food instability. Chunky soups, granola bars, canned meat and canned fruit are greatly appreciated.

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.

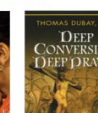
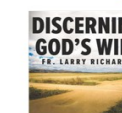
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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. The deadline for registrations to be returned is October 16th.

FORMED

PICK FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS



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

ST. MARY'S SSVF 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The London Prayer Vigil is September 25 – November 2, excluding Sundays, at Wellington and Commissioners Roads, 7 am to 7 pm. Parking is available at the adjacent mall. Join the largest pro-life mobilization in history! Book your vigil time 40daysforlife.com/London-on or join Tillsonburgers on Tuesday, October 15th for 1 or 2 hours between 7:00am and 12pm. Call Deacon Andre for car pooling arrangements (519) 913-3533.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP- SACRED HEART CHURCH- INGERSOLL

Sacred Heart Parish will hold an eight week grief support group called "Healing Journey Through Grief" Tues, Oct 22nd until Tues, Dec 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. For more information or to register, contact Faye Brekelmans or Julie Maltby at 519-485-1802.