

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Nov 4 - 10)

Mon	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	7:30 pm	Liturgy Meeting
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
Wed	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions
	1:00 pm	School Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Prep Meeting
Thurs	10:00 am	Rosary- Woodingford Lodge
	7:45 pm	RCIA & Growing in the Spirit
Fri	8:00 am	CWL Annual Bazaar Set-up
Sat	10:00 am	CWL Annual Bazaar
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Nov 4 - 10)

Tues	7:00 pm	Nick Doneff Deceased members of Sen Than Family Agnes Wilson
Wed	10:00 am	Angela Fardella Barbara Hanchuk Mary Hamel Gratitude & Blessings for all CWL members
Thurs	3:30 pm	Tillsonburg Retirement Centre- Communion Service
	7:00 pm	Mass Cancelled
Fri	10:00 am	Mass Cancelled
Sat	8:00 am	Sonia Bazinet Holy Souls in Purgatory Deceased members of John Avelar Family
Sun	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's



We welcome into our faith community through the waters of baptism: **Amelia Jean Jaffray**. May she and her family always be guided by the Lord.

PRAY PLEASE FOR:**Frank Kempf Sr.**

*The Lord lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
— Psalm 145:14*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (November 9/10)**Saturday (5 pm)**

Commentator: Olga Patterson
1st, 2nd Lector: Kathy Myny, Ed DeDecker
Gift Bearers: Dave & Ellen Devlin
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Phil Harrison, Dave Bertling, Elizabeth VanHooren, Dave Devlin
Greeter: Linda Zilic

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator: Anne Stancek
1st, 2nd Lector: Stephanie Hill, Karin Lansink
Gift Bearers: Eric & Carol Van Moerkerke & Family
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Miriam Schernekau, Vicky Luki, Judy Schonberger, Margaret Tops
Greeter: Colleen DeRouck

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator: Kathy Holly
1st, 2nd Lector: Ed Roczen, Rachel Parker
Gift Bearers: Cory & Stephanie Hopper & Family
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Dave Martin, Jessica Martin, Darlene Papaioannou, Ana Jayne
Greeter: Jack Parker

Altar Server (November 5) Kieran Sawchuk**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Monday: St. Charles Borromeo
Saturday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – OCT 26/27, 2019

Regular Envelope	\$ 5,405.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 100.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 70.00
Building Fund	\$ 545.00
Loose	\$ 283.25
Total	\$ 6,403.25

Thanks!



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

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**NOVEMBER 3, 2019****From Colleen...**

Every time I read the Zacchaeus story I can't help singing the children's song I learned in Sunday School many moons ago. You know how it goes ... Zacchaeus was a wee little man and a wee little man was he ... Poor Zacchaeus, his claim to fame is his stature not his conversion! But it is that shortness that I am most interested in the Gospel this weekend. Physically Zacchaeus may be short but spiritually he is a giant! It's the crowd that displays spiritual short-sightedness, in my opinion. They had Jesus right in front of them in plain view. But they chose to only see Jesus with a tax collector. And complain. Zacchaeus couldn't even see Jesus but did exactly what Jesus asked of him and more. With no complaining.

How is your spiritual sight? If Jesus said to you, "I must come to your house," what would be your response? Would you choose to delay Jesus so you could rush home and clean your house, prepare a special meal, invite all the right people? Zacchaeus hurries down the tree and is happy to welcome Jesus. He greets Jesus not only with joy, but with repentance. Zacchaeus answers Jesus' call to follow him with a change of heart and a change of lifestyle, he gives his wealth away. Zacchaeus' sight is on God, unlike the self-righteous crowds around him.

I think the whole point of the Zacchaeus story is that the sinner is offered forgiveness BEFORE the sin is repented. Forgiveness is there all along. God forgives, as we have already heard in the reading from Wisdom, "in order that the sinner may repent". This is where our free will comes into play – we CHOOSE whether or not to be reconciled with God. God has ALREADY CHOSEN to be reconciled with us.

For me, today's Good News is that we have the freedom to choose to follow Jesus, to be reconciled to God. And to glorify God in everything we do. We do not have to be burdened with sin and guilt. God loves us just as we are and forgives us our transgressions. We do not have to be puffed up with self-righteous indignation and weighed down with obeying people-made laws. Jesus suffered and died to free us from all that. All we have to do is repent and believe the Good News. And there is still time to repent, to be worthy of the call. Luke writes, "Today salvation has come to this house, because Zacchaeus too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost." So I leave you with your spiritual sight to answer this burning question: "In what ways has Jesus already come into your house?" Jesus calls, we choose to respond.

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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

PRAYER PARTNERS

We are still in need of more prayer partners for one of our parish youth and their family celebrating First Reconciliation and Communion, or Confirmation. Please complete one of the pink slips found at the back of the Church and place in the offertory basket or drop off at the Parish Office no later than Tuesday November 5th. You will receive in the mail (sometime in November) your prayer partner's name and a daily prayer that you commit to praying daily for them from Advent (Dec 1st) until Pentecost (May 31st). This is a great way for our parish family to be a part of sacramental preparation for our youth.

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.

GROWING IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

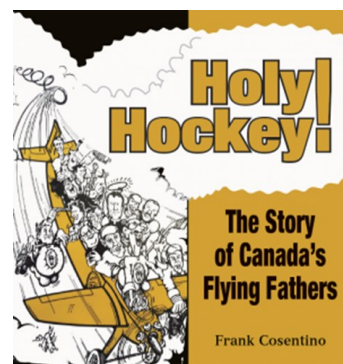
Growing in the Spirit of Our Catholic Faith will continue this Thursday November 7th at 7:45 pm in the Father Langan Parish Centre in room 5. Our next topic will be "Who is Jesus? : Just a Good Man or Lord of our Lives?" Everyone is welcome to attend!

SCHOOL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

This Wednesday November 6th, Ms. Gyurki's grade 3/4 class from St. Joseph's will be journeying to the Church in the afternoon to experience Eucharistic Adoration and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for our students, staff and their families.

HOLY HOCKEY!

One afternoon only!! The Flying Fathers Hockey Club is playing the Tillsonburg Thunder Alumni at Tillsonburg Memorial Arena on Sunday, November 24th. Puck drop is at 3:30. There is a limited number of tickets. Tickets are \$15 with all proceeds going to the Hockey for Everyone program in Tillsonburg. Tickets are available from Michael Holly at (519) 842-8826. Sponsored by the Tillsonburg Thunder, Knights of Columbus Council 3212, and the Kinsmen.



SUNDAY MISSALS

The Living With Christ Sunday Missal for 2019 – 2020 has arrived! The price is \$5.00 each. They will be available at the back of the Church before and after all Masses beginning November 1. You may also purchase your copy at the Parish Office during Office Hours.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Are you interested in developing your families' faith and in connecting with other families who share a common purpose? The next Family Catechism program is Sunday, November 3rd 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 ijklansink@gmail.com or 519-550-0304.

11TH ANNUAL MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Join us at the 11th Annual Conference on Marriage from Family Foundations Institute. This year's theme: BUILT ON LOVE. Hear from international speakers Peter & Debbie Herbeck as they explore foundations of a lively marriage and develop how to encourage and strengthen others. Enjoy a day away with your spouse, meet new friends, be encouraged in the important role your marriage plays in society. Date: Saturday November 16th 2019

Location: St. Andre Bessette High School, London. Advance tickets: \$60/couple, \$30/person. Read more, or register online, at famfi.ca. Contact sarah@famfi.ca or Karin Lansink at 519-550-0304 to find out more. Hope to see you there!

PERMANENT DEACON ORDINATIONS

On Saturday, Nov. 9 at 11 am, at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London, the Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB, will ordain the following men to the Order of Deacons: Michael Cookson, David Cummings, Leo Gulikers, Tim Raaymakers, Matt Sutton, Henry Tomaszewski, and Art Williams. Bishop Fabbro, the permanent deacons of the Diocese of London, and the members of Permanent Diaconate Formation & Study Program extend an invitation to you to attend this ordination and to be a part of this wonderful celebration. Please note that parking will be limited.

BIBLE STUDY

The next session will take place Monday, November 4th from 1:30-3:00 pm in the office meeting room. New people are welcome. "Carefully searching for the meaning intended by the original author helps us avoid imposing superficial understandings on biblical texts." *Dei Verbum*

RIGHT TO LIFE WORKSHOP

Learn how to give logical arguments against abortion. Saturday, November 16, 2016, 10 am – 2 pm. – Lunch provided - Workshop Leader – Justina Van Manen, Canadian Centre for Bio-ethical Reform, at Corner Stone Baptist Church, 34 Graham St. Woodstock. Call 226-228-7083 to register. Sponsored by Woodstock Right to Life.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

St. Mary's, Tillsonburg and Sacred Heart, Langton are seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant to cover a maternity leave. Please visit www.stmarys.dionet.ca for the employment posting.

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

St. Mary's, Tillsonburg; Sacred Heart, Langton & St. Michael's, Walsh are seeking a full-time Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry. Please visit www.stmarys.dionet.ca for the employment posting.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Fourth degree Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Christmas dinner on Saturday 30th of November here at St. Mary's the dinner will be after the 5:00pm Mass, social at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30 pm cost is \$25.00 per ticket and it's open to anyone in the parish. Proceeds from this dinner will be donated to St. Peters Seminary, tickets are available at the rectory and after Mass next weekend.

LANGTON CWL NEWS

"EUROPEAN THEMED" CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The CWL is hosting a special "European Themed" Christmas bake sale at Sacred Heart Church on December 7, 2019 from 9 am to 11 am. Along with our beautiful treats, we are offering homemade baked pies for sale. Our 9" pies come in 3 varieties (Apple, Cherry or Blueberry) at a cost of \$12/pie. All pies must be preordered and our deadline for ordering will be November 25, 2019. Your pies will be available for pick up at our bake sale. Please call Liz Deli at 519-875-4738 or 519-429-0771.

POINSETTIAS & WINTER GREENERY FOR SALE

Will be offering poinsettias and winter greenery for sale this year. For further information please email Cathie Schonberger at cathieschon@gmail.com.

CABBAGE ROLLS

Once again we will be taking orders for the cabbage rolls. Price is \$17 per dozen. Pick up is on Dec. 7th at the church from 9- 11 am. Cut off date to order is Dec 1st. Please phone Jeannette major at 519-875-4952.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - WE ALL WIN! WINNERS FOR

SEPTEMBER

John Murphy
Betty Lou Graydon
Marie Rose VanHooren
Joe Luis Oliveira

OCTOBER

Yvonne Denys
Martin Evers
Marie Elisa Oliveira
Jane Haslinger

ST. MARY'S CWL NEWS

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked diligently with any or all of the advertising, set up, sales and clean up for our **FALL RUMMAGE SALE**. Many thanks also to all of you who donated your gently used items, and to those who came out to buy or just to check things out. Thanks also to Pierre Doneff for his assistance and patience. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the delay in pick-up of the leftovers. This was out of our control. Hopefully, it will not occur again. The convenors.

"MISTLETOE MAGIC" CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Come join us at St. Mary's CWL Christmas Bazaar, in Tillsonburg on Sat. Nov 9th from 10 am till 2 pm In the Father Langan Parish Centre. You will find the Country Market, Bake Table, Books and Toys, Knitting and Sewing and the Penny Table. In the Church Hall you will find Timeless Treasures and Christmas Décor and More. Join us for lunch in St. Mary's Café for a bite to eat and some friendly conversation. On the menu....soup, sandwich, coffee and dessert for \$7. Coffee and dessert for \$3. Children under ten, \$3.

CWL BAZAAR GRAND DRAW TICKETS

Just a reminder that our CWL Bazaar Grand Draw is on Nov 9th, 2019. If anyone has books of tickets that are sold or unsold to please drop them off at the Parish Office **before Nov 2nd**. Please contact Irene Gubesch at 519-842-3312 or Marg Wilson at 519-842-9910 for more info.

CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - CALLING ALL BAKERS

Calling all **BAKERS!** We welcome any donation of baked goods for our Christmas Bazaar to be held on Sat. Nov. 9th. The bake tables will be set up in the Parish Centre again this year. Please feel free to drop off your donation of baked goods to the kitchen in the Parish Centre during the day on Friday, or Saturday morning. Thank you. Carolyn V & Diana V.

BOOKS AND TOYS

The bazaar will be here soon. Do you have books in good condition, that are gathering dust? Please consider donating them to the book store. We are especially in need of adult fiction and children's books. No Encyclopedias or Readers Digest. We are also in need of gently used, in good condition toys. Please drop Books & Toys off at the Parish Centre Nov 4th to 8th between 6 pm & 8 pm, or call Rosanne at 519-842-4372 for earlier pick-up.

CWL MEAT & APPLE SALE

"Thank you to everyone for supporting the CWL Meat and Apple Sale. A huge THANK YOU to the many volunteers who gave their time and talent to make our CWL Meat and Apple Pie Sale a huge success." Nora Marie Bruder