

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Jan 6 -12)

Mon	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	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	Pastoral Team Meeting
	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Preparation Meeting
	7:00 pm	CWL Executive Meeting
Thurs	11:30 am	Jolly Makers - Bingo & Cards
	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
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School
	2:55 pm	Family Catechism
	7:00 pm	High School Ministry

Altar Server (January 7 & 9) Jasmine Hopper

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – DEC 21/22, 2019

Regular Envelope	\$ 6,913.10
Christmas	\$ 1,010.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 5.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 600.00
Building Fund	\$ 35.00
Loose	\$ 413.20
Total	\$ 8,976.30

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – DEC 28/29, 2019

Regular Envelope	\$ 6,133.35
Youth Ministry	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 15.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 600.00
Christmas	\$ 18,841.35
Building Fund	\$ 1,860.00
Loose	\$ 381.85
Total	\$ 27,881.55

**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Jan 6-12)**

Tues	7:00 pm	Leslie Horvath Rosemary Mooney Maurice Deketelaere
Wed	10:00 am	Sean Ketchabaw Roland Raynaert Stella Loncke
Thurs	3:30 pm 7:00 pm	Maple Manor The Holy Souls in Purgatory Roger Couckuyt Yvonne VanHaecke
Fri	10:00 am	Regina Kiss Agnes Wilson Sylvere VanGulck
Sat	9:00 am	Karl & Anna Kisilak Ron Semenuk Maria Boruzs
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sun	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Jan 11-12)****Saturday (5 pm)**

Commentator:	Cathy Palmer
1st, 2nd Lector:	Bertha MacFarlane, Kathy Myny
Gift Bearers:	Ted & Bertha Gignac
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Ellen Devlin, Sue Harrison, Gary Myny, Doug Shwaluk
Greeter:	Merna Vermeeren

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator:	Marlene Kirwin
1st, 2nd Lector:	Michael Jaffray, Karin Lansink
Gift Bearers:	Michael & Ashley Jaffray & Family
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Steve Leonard, John Oliveira, Kate Norman, Steve Spanjers
Greeter:	Joanne Maertens

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator:	Ed Roczen
1st, 2nd Lector:	Kathy Holly, Audrey Jayne
Gift Bearer:	Linda Johnson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Heidi Pasztor, Steve Pasztor, Stephan Pelland, Darlene Papaioannou
Greeter:	Cheryl Rosillo



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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2020

From Colleen ...

As I was preparing to write this New Year reflection, a warm fuzzy memory from my choir days came to me, particularly a song we had sung for the Epiphany of the Lord:

*We have traveled from afar, following a wondrous star,
For it leads the way to the child they say, oh how joyful we are,
Follow, follow that wondrous star, follow, follow wherever you are,
It will guide you through the night, so follow that star to thy perfect light.*

(Lyrics from Follow That Wondrous Star written by Mary Donnelly and George L. O. Strid)

Epiphany gets its name right here, in the story of the three astrologers from the East. They saw a sign in the heavens, correctly understood it and chose to follow it, no matter the personal cost. These three are fearless pilgrims, walking in the tiny light of a star, traveling by faith. They are called wise because they search the heavens and their dreams for direction from a source they cannot name. And in their zeal, they find the One they are looking for.

It is interesting that St. Paul tells the Ephesians that the Gentiles are also heirs to the promise of salvation in the second reading this weekend. The astrologers were the first Gentile followers of Jesus. Without the benefit of Scripture or the stories of salvation, without religion and its rituals, they made their way into the presence of Christ. Many have since followed in their winding footsteps, through many places and years, searching for the light that they do not entirely understand but are willing to risk everything for. Some will find their way to the light, with or without our encouragement.

As we begin the New Year let's ask ourselves this: Are we fearless and zealous travellers in our faith? Do we take the time to understand our faith and follow it no matter the cost? Who do we know that is searching for the "light" they may not entirely understand? Are we full of joyful encouragement to journey with them? We may be the "star" to someone in our family, our workplace or in our community. We can't help but reflect the "perfect light" of Christ if we stay always basking in His light ... So follow, follow wherever you are!

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

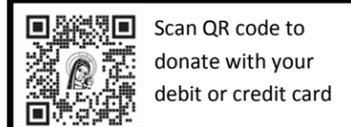
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Teena Mendonca, Business Administrator
Courtney Duckworth, Secretary

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 the Office

Weddings

By appointment, and 6 months notice

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 resumes Thursday January 9th at 7:45 pm in the Parish Centre Rm #5. Our topic will be "Introduction to the Sacraments and Baptism." Everyone is welcome to attend!

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, January 12th 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 jkansink@gmail.com or call at 519-550-0304.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NIGHT

Our monthly High School Nights are the second Sunday of the month from 7-9 pm and our next night is this Sunday January 12th. These nights are open to all high school students and will include games, faith formation, prayer and of course food! Why come? Be a part of a community of your peers who share values and views that will help you navigate the prevalent culture that is at school and in the media. We will be hosting High School Nights at the Parish Centre in Room 9. Please share this with all the high school aged youth in your life and we hope to see you this Sunday!

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2019

On July 3-5, 2020 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 your calendars ... our theme is RESTORED! The cost is \$200 which includes the conference, lodging, bussing and food. If you want to know more information about going as a participant or a chaperone please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224). To secure a spot on the bus, drop of the initial payment of \$75 to the rectory in an envelope with your name and phone number on it. More info will be available in the weeks to come!

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES BOXED SETS

Boxed sets of offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the Annex of the Church.

R.C.I.A.

The photos of our RCIA Catechumen and Candidates and their sponsors are at the back of the Church. They have journeyed through their first official Rite of Welcome & Acceptance in December which is a part of the larger Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults it is often the first time many parishioners are aware of who these wonderful people are. It is an opportunity for all of us to be a welcoming community and take time to say hello to their families. Please pray for them, their sponsors, their families and the RCIA team as we journey in the Period of the Catechumenate!

2019 PURE LIFE SUMMIT

Date: Saturday February 29, 2020

Time: 8:30 am (Registration) - 10:00 pm close

Location: St. Andre Bessette High School, London

Theme: I THIRST: Know Jesus for He Longs to Know You (We will be breaking out the program YOU: Exploring Theology of the Body) Speakers: John Bishop (from FOCUS) and Katelyn Miller (from Renewal Ministries) with Fr. Thom Blondin (Parish Administrator of All Saints Strathroy, Sacred Heart Delaware, St. Charles Glencoe) Who is the Summit For?: The Summit is intended for those in High School and Beyond, Parents are welcome. **Cost:** \$50/person. Financial Assistance can be available by contacting info@famfi.ca.

SUNDAY MISSALS

The Living With Christ Sunday Missal for 2019 – 2020 is available at Parish Office during office hours. The price is \$5.00 each.

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.

SCENT SENSE

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

ATTENTION REACH OUT MEMBERS

The Living with Faith booklets are available in the sacristy on the shelf behind the door. Please stop and pickup what you need for your visits.



We welcome into our faith community through the waters of baptism: **Lexina, Jamie & Elizabeth Doupe, Isaac Hansebout, Violet Rhyno & Lilah Tesselaar.** May they and their families always be guided by the Lord.

MOMENTS OF ENCOUNTER RETREAT

"The intention of Moments of Encounter is to: renew, encourage and accompany the people of God as they go forth to transform the world for the sake of the Gospel." The Moment of Encounter Retreat is an opportunity for us to gather, to pray, to consider how our faith in Jesus is giving shape to our lives. We will spend time listening to the Lord in the Scriptures, deepening our awareness of our Baptism, examining some of the realities and challenges of living out our faith and considering how and where we may be being called to share our faith. We would like you join a group from our parish to learn more about Bishop Fabbro's mission for our Diocese and we are hosting a retreat experience for individuals from our parish, in partnership with our soon to be Family of Parishes (St. Michael, Walsh and Sacred Heart, Langton) to think about and pray about how our faith is shaping our interactions. The retreat will be held Saturday, January 18th, 2020 in our Parish Hall. We will begin with Mass 9 am followed by the Moments of Encounter Retreat (with lunch at 12 noon) and ending at 1:30 pm. Please register with the Parish Office in Tillsonburg (519-842-3224) no later than January 11th.

SIGN HELP

We are looking for some help changing the messages on the Parish sign out front. You need to enjoy all weather climates! We will provide you with everything you need including the message. If interested, please contact the Parish office.

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille ("retro-vi" with a long i) has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels of distress including disillusionment and deep misery. The program is designed to provide the tools to help get marriages back on track. The next Retrouvaille weekend is being planned for January 17 through 19, 2020. The weekend retreat will be held at the Michaelite House in Melrose, Ontario (just North of London) To register, please visit www.helpourmarriage.com or call Greg and Anita Turner at 519-243-0687. In Windsor/Essex, the next weekend will be Windsor/Essex Retrouvaille will be the weekend of Feb. 14 – 16, 2020, at Holy Family Retreat House. To register for the Windsor-area weekend, please call 1-800-705-6356 or email at 1015@retrouvaille.org. Retrouvaille is a non-profit organization and the presenting teams are made up of people who have gone through the program themselves and overcome significant obstacles in their own marriages. Everyone involved in organizing and presenting the program are unpaid volunteers.

PRAY PLEASE FOR:

Gilbert VanLaeken, Reginald Pitre

Since love grows within you, so beauty grows.

For love is the beauty of the soul.

- St. Augustine

VERITAS LECTURES 2020

The Veritas series returns at King's University College, London, on January 23, 2020 at 7 pm with "That They May Be One." In the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and amidst polarizations, both within Christian traditions and between us, how is Jesus' prayer in John 17, "that they may be one..." being lived today? The current climate of polarization drives wedges within and between Christian communities. Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church, will explore the signs of hope for unity. Co-sponsored by the Ecumenical Commission of the Diocese of London. Parking and admission are free, goodwill donations are welcome. Facilities are wheelchair accessible. For more information please visit www.kings.uwo.ca/campus-ministry/veritas-series.

"UNPLANNED" FILM

Free Screening and Discussion

King's Campus Ministry will offer a free screening of the film, "Unplanned," which speaks to one of the most polarizing topics of our day. "Unplanned" brings us an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. The film presents the story of Abby Johnson, whose best-selling book of the same title gives voice to a woman who has been on both sides of the abortion conversation. All are welcome to attend on January 9, 2020, at 7 pm in the Kenny Theatre, King's University College, London.

FAITH OF STEEL

Young men, ages 14 years old and older, are invited to join in some pick-up hockey on Friday, Jan. 3, 2020. The day begins with Mass at 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Mitchell, followed by a family fun skate at 10 am at the Mitchell and District Arena, and then at noon a pickup hockey game. Lunch will be provided at the arena. Players are asked to bring a \$10 donation to help offset costs. For more information please contact Fr. Danny Santos, Director of Vocations, at vocations@dol.ca or 519-435-1824.

VEHICLE BREAK-INS

Please lock your vehicles at all times and remove all valuables, as we have had some break-ins occur during Mass times.

USED CANDLES

Often we have used candles left over from Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter celebrations. If you are interested in them please contact Melinda Doneff at 519-842-3116.

*Donations for Christmas Flowers were made in Loving Memory of the :
Mayorcsak & Gehring Families*