

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Jan 20-26)

Mon	7:00 pm	OCDS Carmelites
	8:00 pm	AA
Tues	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	7:30 pm	Liturgy Meeting
Wed	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	CAT Meeting
Thurs	11:00 am	Rosary - Tillsonburg Retirement
	11:30 am	Jolly Makers - Bingo & Cards
	3:30 pm	Rosary - Maple Manor
	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
	10:00 am	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
	12:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
	2:55 pm	Family Catechism

Altar Server (January 21 & 23) Ethan Pasztor

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – January 11 & 12, 2020

Sunday Envelope	\$ 4,138.80
New Year's Day	\$ 15.00
Initial Envelope	\$ 43.00
Loose	\$ 280.00
Father Langan Parish Centre	\$ 518.00
Capital/Building Fund	\$ 2,260.00
Total	\$ 7,254.80

Thanks!


We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness.

- St. Theresa of Calcutta

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Jan 20-26)

Tues	7:00 pm	Barry Govia A special intention for Son Tran
Wed	10:00 am	Stella Loncke Lori VanSpronsen Nick Doneff
Thurs	3:30 pm	Harvest Retirement
	7:00 pm	MASS CANCELLED
Fri	10:00 am	Regina Kiss Koos Vanderwater Martin & Hendrika Grim
Sat	9:00 am	Sylvere VanGulck
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sun	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Jan 25 & 26)****Saturday (5 pm)**

Commentator:	Ed DeDecker
1st, 2nd Lector:	Linda Bertling, Jerry Claessens
Gift Bearers:	George and Carla Matos
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Rosemary Couture, Valerie Claessens, Heather Campbell, Yvonne DeBrabander
Greeters:	John & Adele Armstrong
Rosary:	Moma Fardella

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator:	Anne Stancek
1st, 2nd Lector:	Andrew Stancek, Janine Vink
Gift Bearer:	Barbara Libon
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Wim Vink, Mariola Pleli, Sarah Leonard, Barb Compeau
Greeter:	Elaine & Doug Hill
Rosary:	Kathy Myny

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator:	Kathy Holly
1st, 2nd Lector:	Ed Roczen, Heather Pelland
Gift Bearers:	Linda DeSutter & Tim & Laurie Monk
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Helen Borbely, Nora Marie Bruder, Pat D'Hulster, Ana Jayne
Greeter:	Linda DeSutter
Rosary:	Allen Scovil



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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From Colleen ...

Last week I had the opportunity to break open the Gospel reading with a catechumen depicting the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. We had begun our study of the sacraments in RCIA and it was quite fitting that we discussed the Sacrament of Baptism prior to breaking open Matthew's Gospel. In our sharing, we talked about "suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him." It was a powerful image for the catechumen and I will always remember her asking if our hearts are opened like that to the Holy Spirit when we celebrate baptism, or any of the sacraments!

This weekend we have John's account of Jesus' Baptism. The Church in her wisdom helps us move from the waters of our baptism to the salvation of our souls, much like we do when we come to Mass. We bless ourselves with Holy Water, as a reminder of our baptism and all that it calls us to, and at the communion rite Fr. Tom elevates the Host and says "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world, blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb" to which we respond "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." We are reminded of the saving power of our Lord! Do our hearts open up to the Holy Spirit when we receive Holy Communion? Do we allow our hearts to receive the graces of the sacraments? Do we hear God saying to each one of us that we are his beloved?

I think the Gospel this weekend should remind us of the unseen power of sacramental grace. John says "I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." We do not know what the future holds for us, but we have been given a mission just like John to make Jesus known to the world. Our mission involves great trust, trust in God's plan for our hearts to be opened each time we celebrate a sacrament and trust in God's plan of salvation for our world. Each day we are called to trust in God's mercy and to open wide our hearts to the many graces of the Holy Spirit. Fr. Tom told our grade one students at Mass on Wednesday that the Holy Spirit embodies the love the Father has for the Son and the love the Son has for the Father and that this love washes over us. Do I fully receive that love when I receive the Eucharist, go to Confession, or receive the Sacrament of Anointing? When we witness a baptism at Mass are we truly present to that love?

We are entering into a new exciting time for our parish, becoming a Family of Parishes with our brothers and sisters in Langton and Walsh. It is my prayer, and hopefully yours, that we let this washing of love between the Father and the Son lead us to the greater experience of opening our hearts to God's saving plan for all of us. Come Holy Spirit!

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



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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: 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

JANUARY 19, 2020

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

You're Invited to the
Grade 8 Parent/Student Information Night
Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
at
St. Mary's Catholic High School
431 Juliana Drive, Woodstock, ON N4V 1E8

"Experience Life as a WARRIOR!"

Our FOCUS is:

Building Friendships
 involving interactive social opportunities, arts and athletics

Building a Strong Foundation
 through academic excellence

Building Character
 through a faith-centered and supportive community environment

Building YOUR Future
 starts at St. Mary's Catholic High School

Please call Guidance for details / information 519-675-4435

Website: <https://www.ldcsb.ca/school/SMH>
 Instagram: [smchswoodstock](https://www.instagram.com/smchswoodstock)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The London District Catholic School Board will be taking registrations beginning **Monday, January 20, 2020 - Friday, February 7, 2020** for the **2020-2021** school year for Junior Kindergarten and for any student who did not attend a Catholic school for Junior Kindergarten but will attend for Senior Kindergarten. Children born in **2016** are eligible to attend **Junior Kindergarten** and children born in **2015** are eligible to attend **Senior Kindergarten**. Please call **St. Joseph's Catholic School** at **519-660-2783** to make an appointment to register your child and for required documentation.

We can't wait to welcome you to our school community!

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 Tom, 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.

BREAKFAST AFTER MASS

Knights of Columbus are having breakfast after the 9 and 11 am masses on Jan 26th (next weekend). All are welcome!



STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2020

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 you 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 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.

POPE FRANCIS FUND - INVITATION TO APPLY

The Diocese of London has published a notice to invite applications for a 2020 grant from the Pope Francis Fund. Please click here for the document in PDF format or visit <https://dol.ca/pope-francis-fund>. Created by Pope Francis in 2016, the World Day for the Poor was connected to the end of the liturgical year to draw the attention to our "preferential option for the poor." Inspired by the Holy Father's call to serve those who are under-privileged and lacking in basic human needs, Bishop Fabbro announced the Pope Francis Fund on Nov. 17, 2019, the Third World Day of the Poor. The initial investment in the Fund was one million dollars. In his Letter to the Faithful, Bishop Fabbro writes, "In the Pope Francis Fund, it is my goal that our faith community is taking concrete action to serve those who are struggling to meet their basic human needs. It is a public declaration that we must take to heart the words of Jesus; 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me' (Matthew 25:40)." Registered Canadian charities interested in applying for a grant from the Pope Francis Fund are invited to carefully review the fund criteria, which are included in the notice.

BIBLE STUDY:

The next session will take place Monday, February 3rd, from 1:30-3:00pm in the office meeting room. "The Church is not superior to the Word of God, but is its servant." Dei Verbum

GROWING IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Growing in the Spirit of Our Catholic Faith will continue Thursday January 23rd at 7:45 pm in the Parish Centre Rm #5. Our topic will be "The Sacrament of Confirmation Eucharist: Source & Summit of Christian Life." Everyone is welcome to attend!

RIGHT TO LIFE INFORMATION:

There will be a Pro-life Vigil Saturday, January 25th from 2-2:30 pm at the office of MP Dave MacKenzie, 208 Huron St., Woodstock and 3-3:30 pm at the office of MPP Ernie Hardeman, 12 Perry St., Woodstock. For more information call 519-421-0029.

RESPECT FOR LIFE SERVICE:

Tuesday, January 28, at 10:00 am at Life Church, 547 Athlone Ave., Woodstock, Social to follow.
 Copies of the January Interim are available in the Annex of the Church.

Please support Tillsonburg Right to Life by renewing your annual membership or by taking out a membership. There is a special envelope included with your Church envelopes.

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 26th 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 call 519-550-0304.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This year, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place from January 18 - 25. The theme is "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28: 2). Local and international resources are available online, placing a particular emphasis on hospitality as a much-needed virtue in our search for Christian unity, and calling us to a greater generosity to those in need.



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 in Windsor/Essex will be the weekend of Feb. 14 – 16 at Holy Family Retreat House. To register for the weekend, please call 1-800-705-6356 or email at 1015@retrouvaille.org.

VERITAS LECTURE

The Veritas series returns at King's University College, London, on Thursday, Jan. 23 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.

ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY LECTURE

Assumption U presents their latest lecture from The Stephen Jarislowsky Chair in Religion and Conflict, "Are Limits on Religious Expression Becoming a Trend in Canada?" on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 7 pm at the Signature Events Centre, 3310 Dougall Ave., Windsor. "The rise of secularism in Quebec with Bill 21 has prompted questions as to the future of religious expression in Canadian society, particularly with regard to wearing religious symbols and attire. This panel will consist of local community members from four different religious backgrounds. Each panelist will be asked to share their thoughts on the current state of religious expression in Canada and speculate as to whether religious symbols will become less visible as time progresses." All are welcome and admission is free, with discussion and refreshments to follow. For more information please call Cecile at 519-973-7033 and press '0' (zero).

Please Pray For :



Mary VanDeMaele
Istvan "Steve" Pihokker
Robert VanAcker

*He who sows courtesy reaps friendship,
 and he who plants kindness gathers love.*

- St. Basil