

**PRAY PLEASE FOR:**

**Margaret Latos & Matthew Kuraly**

*For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth  
(John 18:33b-37).*

**WEEK AT A GLANCE (Nov 26 - Dec 3)**

<b>Mon</b>	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	4:45 pm	SSVP Membership Meeting
	6:30 pm	Folk Choir Practice
	8:00 pm	Right to Life
	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Tues</b>	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
	5:00 pm	Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	CAT Meeting
<b>Thurs</b>	9:30 am	Blessing of Advent Wreaths at St. Joseph's School
	11:30 am	Jollymakers (Bingo & Cards)
	2:15 pm	Blessing of Advent Wreaths at Monsignor O'Neil School
	7:45 pm	RCIA
<b>Fri</b>	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
<b>Sat</b>	9:00 am	Ingersoll Deanery- Presidents CWL Meeting
	9:30 am	First Confessions
	10:00am	Confirmation-Decision Point
	10:30 am	Confessions
<b>Sun</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	2:55 pm	Family Catechism

*SSVP Collection & Food Bank  
Knights of Columbus Can Collection*

*In the event of a funeral Mass on Wednesday or Friday, Mass will be cancelled and the Mass Intentions will be offered at the funeral.*

**Altar Server (Nov 27 & 29) Grace Verspeeten**

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY – NOV 17/18**

Regular Envelope	\$ 4339.00
Loose	\$ 268.90
Capital/Building Fund	\$ 90.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4697.90</b>



**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Nov 26 - Dec 3)**

<b>Tues</b>	7:00 pm	Joseph Borbely Rose Marie Borbely John Off
<b>Wed</b>	10:00 am	Hank Schroder John Cavanagh In Thanksgiving for Mina Spanjers
	3:30 pm	Mass - Harvest Retirement
<b>Thurs</b>	7:00 pm	Fr. Mike Langan Deceased members : Versteegh Family
<b>Fri</b>	10:00 am	Margaret McGarity Daniel McGarity George & Juliana Sawadski
<b>Sat</b>	9:00 am	Candida Pereira Denis Turcotte
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sun</b>	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Dec 1/2)**

**Saturday (5 pm)**

Commentator:	Faith In Action Team
1st, 2nd Lector:	Faith In Action Team
Gift Bearers:	Faith In Action Team
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Dave Bertling, Linda Bertling, Heather Campbell, Valerie Claessens
Greeters:	Faith In Action Team
Rosary:	Vince Molloy

**Sunday (9 am)**

Commentator:	Marlene Kirwin
1st, 2nd Lector:	Anne Stancek, Tina Hopper
Gift Bearers:	Patrick, Patricia & Dan Benoit
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Carol Van Moerkerke, Eric Van Moerkerke, Mary Virag, Barb Compeau
Greeter:	Joanne Maertens
Rosary:	John Oliveira

**Sunday (11 am)**

Commentator:	Kathy Holly
1st, 2nd Lector:	Heather Pelland, Teena Mendonca
Gift Bearers:	Linda DeSutter & Tim & Laurie Monk
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Norma Roczen, Norbert Vanhooren, Helen Borbely, Pat D'Hulster
Greeters:	Linda DeSutter
Rosary:	Norbert Vanhooren



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

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**NOVEMBER 25, 2018**

**From Colleen ...**

The Advent season begins next weekend and the Church in Her glorious wisdom celebrates the end of this liturgical year with an awesome celebration – Christ the King! Jesus longs to reign in our hearts and rule our lives. By our baptism, we are sons and daughters of a King, heirs to a royal Kingdom. So I invite all of us to reflect upon the presence of the Kingdom of God present among you. Do you see it in your heart? Do you daily invite Jesus to rule your life? Do you acknowledge Him as your Lord? And do you see the ways He comes to you through your daily circumstances or in others and in your daily situations? Seek Him out constantly and this will bring joy to your heart.

During the first Sunday of Advent we will be celebrating the first rites of the RCIA process: the Rite of Acceptance and the Rite of Welcome. The RCIA Rites declare the intention of the inquirer to continue journeying towards full communion with the Catholic Church and the Church accepts their intention to be members of the faith. The RCIA process moves from the Period of Inquiry to the Period of Catechumen. The Rites are done within the Mass – a community affair! Those who are already baptized will celebrate the Rite of Welcome and become Candidates; those who are not baptized will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and become Catechumens.

In late September, we began our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process. What an inspiration this RCIA group is to me; the bravery of the inquirers to come forward into unknown territory, the willingness of the sponsors to accompany them in this adventure of faith and the openness of the team to share their experience and knowledge of the Catholic faith.

We have been blessed to have four inquirers in the RCIA process: Connie Booker journeying with her sponsor Valerie Claessens, Darren Smith journeying with his sponsor Ron Semenuk, Mandy Cannon journeying with her sponsor Carol VanMoerkerke and Crystal McKnight journeying with her sponsor Joe VanLandshoot. You can see their pictures at the back of the Church and please help welcome them at Mass!

I found this beautiful prayer to celebrate this incredible feast day – Christ the King! Perhaps this week we can pray this before we begin preparing for the Advent celebration ...

*Lord, I invite You, today, to come reign in my heart. I give You complete control of my life. You are my Lord and my King. I love You and want to live in accord with Your perfect and holy will. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.*

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Brian Hanley, Deacon  
Colleen Hanley, Pastoral Minister  
Teena Mendonca, Business Manager  
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: 9:30 am -10:30 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

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

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

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. This year Sunday School will be available at the Sunday 9 AM Mass. For more information please contact Colleen Hanley (chanley@dol.ca) or call the office.

### **CONFIRMATION NEWS**

Preparation meetings for Confirmation are the 1st Wednesday (6:30 – 8:30 pm) or 1st Saturday (10 am – noon) of each month. Our next preparation meetings are Saturday December 1st (10am-noon) or Wednesday December 5th (6:30-8:30 pm) in the Father Langan Parish Centre. For more info please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext23 or chanley@dol.ca).

### **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Our Grade 2 students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation the four Saturdays of Advent following the 9:00 am daily mass. To accommodate the young parishioners, Fr. John will hear confessions for seasoned parishioners from 10:30 am to 11:30 am during the Advent season.

### **ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS**

Save the date! Friday December 7th from 7-8 pm the Annual Altar Server Bowling Trophy is up for grabs! Please check your emails and the sacristy for information and permission forms and return no later than Wednesday December 5th to Mrs. Hanley. Hmmm ... I hear Fr. John is a pretty good bowler!

### **FAMILY CATECHISM**

We are a group that offers family faith formation in a welcoming setting - teaching your children the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith with other like minded parents is fun and effective! We offer classes for JK - Gr. 9, as well as an adult video and discussion. Our next meeting is on Sunday, December 2 at 2:55 pm in the Father Langan Parish Centre. For more information please visit [www.famfi.ca](http://www.famfi.ca) or talk to John & Karin Lansink.

### **RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE**

The Religious Articles store will be open in the new addition after all the masses this weekend.



### **THE LEGACY OF ST. PATRICK - PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND**

As you enjoy a 10 day tour to the Emerald Isle, you will experience the history, culture and faith of Ireland that came through the missionary efforts of St. Patrick in the 5th century. This pilgrimage includes visits to many historical churches as well as a visit to Knock, where in 1879, Mary appeared to 15 townspeople. In addition to your Irish Guide, as part of this pilgrimage, Fr. David Johnston and Fr. John Pirt will be offering daily Mass. Cost is \$2639 per person (Based on twin) - airfare extra. For further information, contact Cheryl Johnston, 855 St. Clair St., Chatham, ON N7L 0E9 Phone: 519-354-6040 or 1 877 735 5633 ext 6225 Email: cjohnston@selloffvacations.com

### **BIBLE STUDY**

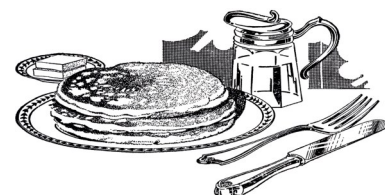
Monday November 26th at 1:30pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room. This is the last session until February 4th.

Topic	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
parable of lost sheep	18.10-14		15.3-7	
discipline in community	18.15-18		17.3	20.23
Where 2 or 3 are gathered	18.19-20			
On reconciliation	18.21-22		17.4	
parable of unforgiving servant	18.23-35			
JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM	(according to		Luke)	
Turn to Jerusalem	19.1-2	10.1	9.51	
Rejection by Samaritans			9.52-56	
parable of good Samaritan			10.29-37	
			10.38-42	
Mary and Martha			11.27-28	
On truly blessed				

The Holy Spirit can help us bring the message of Scripture to bear on new questions and new situations presented to us in the circumstances of our individual lives.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST**

After the 9 am & 11 am Mass the Knights of Columbus are hosting a parish breakfast with all proceeds going to K of C charities such as the Christmas Hamper Program. There will be no breakfast in December, so don't miss out this month!



### **CWL GRAND DRAW- NOV 10, 2018**

We again had a successful Grand Draw! A BIG thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the selling of the tickets. Also a BIG thank you to everyone who bought a ticket! And the Winners were:

- 1st Prize - Fred Barth**
- 2nd Prize - Joan Guillemette**
- 3rd Prize - Sue Gay**

Thank you, Irene Gubesch

### **CWL BAZAAR - NOV 10, 2018**

A very BIG thank you to all the convenors and the many volunteers who gave their time and talent to make this year's Bazaar a huge success! Thank you for your support. Thank you, Irene Gubesch

### **SUNDAY MISSALS**

The missals have arrived! They are \$5.00 each and will be available at the back of the Church after all Masses this weekend and for the next month.

### **MARIAN PILGRIMAGE- MAY 5-14, 2019**

Join us on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes with 206 Tours and Fr. Tom Ferrera! Anyone interested in this great opportunity can visit and register online at <http://pilgrimages.com/frferrera/>. For more information please call Carol Van Moerkerke at 519-877-2355 or Karin Lansink at 519-550-0304.

### **THE SACRED HEART CWL LANGTON - CABBAGE ROLLS**

The Sacred Heart CWL Langton is again taking orders for cabbage rolls. Price \$17.00 per dozen. Cut-off date to order is Dec 2, 2018. Pick up date is Dec 8, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church from 9 am - 11 am. Please phone Jeannette Major at 519-875-4952 or email at [jmamajor@hotmail.com](mailto:jmamajor@hotmail.com).

### **REACH OUT MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS**

There is an important meeting for all volunteers who take communion to shut-ins and to the nursing/retirement homes, those who visit parishioners in their homes and nursing/retirement homes as well as any ministry (Rosary, Music, Mass Set-up) in the nursing/retirement homes on Friday December 14th at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall following the daily Mass. If you are a Reach Out volunteer and currently not assigned anywhere we ask you to please come to this meeting.

### **FATAL FLAWS MOVIE PRESENTATION**

A repeat showing of "Fatal Flaws Legalizing Assisted Death" will be presented on Tues Dec 4th at 7:30 pm and Wed Dec 5th at 10:45 am in the FLPC Rm # 5 following the daily mass.



### **ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE CELEBRATION**

On Wednesday December 5th, St. Mary's will be hosting a Communal Penance Celebration in the Church. It will begin at 7 pm with a short preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation followed by individual reception of the sacrament. There will be several priests from the deanery present to hear confessions. For more information please see Fr. John.

### **ST MARY'S GIVING TREE**

Now is the time to start thinking of your possible gift for the giving tree. The Giving Tree is a wonderful way to help provide for those in our community seeking assistance with food and gifts for their family this Christmas. During the first three Sundays of Advent (Dec 1-2, Dec 8-9 & Dec 15-16) you can place your gift at our Giving Tree located at the back of the Church by the large crucifix before all the Masses. Our gifts are for children up to 17 years in age. The gifts may be toys, clothing, books, toiletries, etc. Please NO war toys or used items. Please do not wrap the gifts. Gift Certificates (food or non food) are great ideas! If you would like to donate a monetary amount in lieu of a gift, put your name and address on an envelope. The cheque can be made payable to either St. Mary's Church or Tillsonburg Knights of Columbus. A tax receipt will be issued. For more information please contact Deacon Andre.



## **Christmas Schedule...**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

- 5:00 pm - Children's Choir
- 7:30 pm - Folk Choir
- Midnight Mass - Sunday Choir
- (Incense only at the Midnight Mass)

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10:00 am

### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

- Dec 31 - 5:00 pm
- Jan 1 - 10:00 am