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(September to June)

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OUR PARISH'S VISION STATEMENT:

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is a welcoming place of joyful worship where one finds grace, refuge, serenity, strength and compassion.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, with the love of the Father, the parish offers outreach, understanding and hope to a diverse community in a meaningful way.

Prayerfully, openly and lovingly, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish provides a faithful witness to our Lord Jesus Christ.

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PARISH PRAYER:

Come Holy Spirit, Come by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Your well beloved spouse upon the Parishioners

LORD'S DAY MASSES
SATURDAY 5:00p.m; SUNDAY 9:00a.m; 11:00a.m; 4:00p.m

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday 9a.m; Tuesday 7p.m; Wednesday-Friday 9a.m

CONFESSION TIMES
Tuesday 6-7p.m; Saturday 3:45-4:45p.m
30 minutes before all other regularly scheduled Masses
(including Sunday Masses)

BAPTISMS
Call/Email the Parish office to book.

MARRIAGE
Call/Email the Parish Office One year in advance

R.C.I.A
(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Call/Email the parish office

SPECIAL NEEDS
Families with children that have special needs are always welcome in our parish. Please contact us to show us how we can help you.

STEWARDSHIP
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We welcome you to our Parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Greg.
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Please check one: Envelopes____ Pre-authorized giving_____ (form will be emailed to you)
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Rosary 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026 MASS INTENTIONS: November 23-29, 2026	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	**9:00 AM**	**FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GEORGE & ANGELA ZYCHOWICZ** - Jadwiga Zychowicz	Rev. Tom Moisan
TUESDAY	**7:00 PM**	✝**MICHAEL ANZIT & ISABELLA BOTTICELLA** —Family ✝**MARK BERALDO** - Sylvia & Valerio DeFaveri ✝**FRANCISCO & MARIA GARCIA, BERNAVE & MARIA FERNANDES** — Alberto & Iliana ✝**FILIPPO SANTINI** — Manny & Tina Attard ✝**CAMILLO TRAVAGLINI** — Pat & Rosa Ciarmoli ✝**PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU** — Family ✝**CAROL MONACO, ANGELA & VINCENZO D'ASTICE**—Mario & Rino D'Astice & Rosaria & Daniella Monaco **SOULS IN PURGATORY** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. BILL TRUSZ** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JULIE CASCIO**—IHM Peach Festival Committee **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DANIELA GIANNINI**—Jadwiga Zychowicz **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF AMANDA HEMMINK**—Matteo Gigliotti **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PAULA TYMCHUK**—Walter & Patricia Tymchuk **IN THANKSGIVING FOR FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED**—Daniela Giannini	Rev. James Swanson
WEDNESDAY	**9:00 AM**	✝**SANTE DI DONÈ**— Lucato Family	Pallottine Fathers
THURSDAY	**9:00 AM**	✝**MANUEL MONIZ** — Family	Widows
FRIDAY	**9:00 AM**	✝**ELIZABETH KIEFER** — Joe Kiefer	Rev. Adam Zettel
SATURDAY	**5:00 PM**	✝**RINO AGOSTINO** - Family ✝**LIBERATO DURAN**—Family ✝**FRANCES GRGURAS**—Brenda Silverthorne ✝**FLORA & PETER MENEGALDO**—Grace Ivezic ✝**JOE, IOLANDA, PETER & MORRIS MERCANTI**—Sam & Roma Mercanti ✝**JONATHON MICHLEWICZ**—Crystal Intini & Family ✝**DECEASED OF MINDO & VILLANUEVA**—Family ✝**JOSEPH & MARY OGULIN** ✝**GIUSEPPINA PETITTI**—Sam & Daniela Caltagirone ✝**ANTONIO PICCOLI**—Chris, Josie, Megan, Emily Stevens ✝**IGLA ROSSI**—MaryAnn Centofanti ✝**MARY ELIZABETH ROWLES**—Sam & Luci Frosina **HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**—Kunkel Family **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARY FASCIONE** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DANIELA GIANNINI** **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOSH & VANESSA LUPO**—Larry & Ilaria Paletta **FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTHEW MAYICH**	Rev. Pablito Labado
SUNDAY	**9:00 AM** **11:00 AM** **4:00 PM**	✝**ANNA & ANTONINO TUTTOLOMONDO** — Family ✝**BREANNA ROLO** — Family **PRO POPULO**	

My dear parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of *Christ the King*. This celebration invites the question – in what ways do I allow Jesus to express His *kingship* over my life? Are there any domains I have not let him reign? May the Holy Spirit illumine our hearts and strengthen us so that we may fully surrender to Christ, allow Him to reign, and thereby find the true joy and peace that only such service can bring.

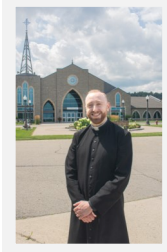
Next weekend we will begin Advent, a season of preparing for the Lord. Let us imagine what it would be like if we were perfectly prepared for Christ at Christmas. What would it look like to have lived Advent perfectly? I suggest it would include cultivating an intense spirit of prayer, and an eager longing for the coming of Christ. When we speak of the coming of Christ, we mean not only at Christmas, rather we prepare for the *three comings of Christ* – Christmas, the Second Coming, and the daily coming of Jesus into our lives. Let us reflect on this as a theme for our prayer during Advent.

This upcoming Wednesday, we will have the joy of celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with our grade 7 students from Immaculate Heart of Mary School. We also celebrated Confirmation with St. Gabriel this past Wednesday. Please keep our young people in your prayers, and may they always be led by the Holy Spirit!

During November, we still have our *Book of Remembrance* allowing us to write down the names of deceased family, friends, or those we wish to pray for. As usual, it is kept at the front as a clear reminder that we are continuing to keep them in our prayers, and bringing them to God at all our Masses.

I want to draw your attention to some special events coming up! 1) Our Pierogi dinner on November 24th (3-7 PM), **2)** the Colamici concert on November 28th at 7 PM, and **3)** a fundraising evening for the Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ on December 6th at 7 PM! I ask you to please mark them down in your calendar, and plan to join us! Invite as many other people as you can as well!

Our adoration chapel is still in desperate need of additional adorers. If you are willing to help cover any hours in the adoration chapel, please contact Jadwiga who coordinates the chapel, or reach out to the office. From my own experience, any hour in the adoration chapel (day or night!) is a great blessing and brings with it many special graces from the Lord.



May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley

Knights of Columbus: *Pierogi Dinner Eat-In/Takeout: Tuesday, November 24, 3-7PM Parish Hall, Adult $15; Child $10. Includes: Pierogies, Sausage, Fried Onions, Sauerkraut, Dessert.

***Santa Claus Parade: Saturday, December 5 at 2p.m.** King St, Stoney Creek

***Raffle Prizes Needed:** For our Christmas Raffle drop off at the office by November 27. Thank you for your generosity!

***Christmas Food Drive—December 5–19,** Drop off Non-perishable food.

***Men's Retreat on Saturday December 12, 2026 from 8 am - 5 pm**
Experience the life-changing power of the Gospel proclaimed in an engaging and inspiring way. This retreat walks men through the heart of the Gospel message and invites them to more fully embrace Christ's mission.
Cost: $30 incl. Breakfast and Lunch

Catholic Women's League: *IHM CWL is celebrating 70 years! Please join us in celebrating with us at our Christmas Social on **December 6 at 1 PM at the Powerhouse Restaurant. For Tickets email: cwlwinona@gmail.com.**

***The CWL will be selling Advent Candles on the weekend of November 21/22 and November 28/29.** For a bundle of 4 Advent taper candles (12"), $15. All proceeds go to our CWL to support our church community and social justice initiatives.

***Christmas Bake Sale:** After all Masses on **November 21 and 22 in the parish hall.** Love to bake? We would be delighted to have your treats! Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space.

***Membership $45.** Payment accepted by e-transfer: cwlwinona@gmail.com, cash or cheque. **Contact President, Lucia Marchionda for more information cwlihmpresident@gmail.com**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

November 21st/22nd—CWL Bake Sale (Parish Hall)
November 22nd—2 PM—Family Catechism (IHM School Gym)
November 23rd—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)
November 23rd — 7 PM—Mom's Group (Mtg Rm 1)
November 24th—3 PM—Pierogi Dinner/TakeOut (Parish Hall)
November 24th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)
November 25th— 9 AM—DeMazenod Door Cooking
November 25th—7 PM—Confirmation — IHM School
November 25th—7:15 PM—Lectio: The Case for Jesus (Mtg Rm 1)
November 26th—6:30 PM — Teen Night (Parish Hall)
November 26th—7 PM — Praise & Worship (Church)
November 28th—7 PM — Colamici Music Concert
November 28th/29th—KofC - Coats for Kids Weekend
November 28th/29th—Jesse Tree Weekend
November 28th/29th—CWL - Membership/Coffee Sunday Weekend
November 30th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)
December 1st— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)
December 2nd—7:15 PM—Lectio: The Case for Jesus (Mtg Rm 1)
December 3rd—7 PM—Praise & Worship (Church)
December 5th/6th - SSVP Collection
December 5th— 2 PM Stoney Creek Santa Claus Parade
December 5th-19th—Christmas Food Drive (Gathering Space)
December 6th — 7 PM — Fundraiser for Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ
December 7th—6:30 PM—Card Group (Parish Hall)
December 8th— 8 PM—Meditation Group (Church)
December 9th—9 AM—DeMazenod Door Cooking (Parish Hall)
December 9th—7:15 PM—Lectio: The Case for Jesus (Mtg Rm 1)
December 10th—7 PM—Praise & Worship (Parish Hall)
December 11th—6:30 PM—Youth Night (Parish Hall)
December 12th— 7 PM—Young Adults (Parish Hall)

Stewardship - November 14/15, 2026

Envelope	Loose	E-transfer	Canada Helps	Pre-Authorized (15th/30th)	Total
$4,123.35	$1344.65	$350.00	$100.00	$3305.00	**$9209.70**

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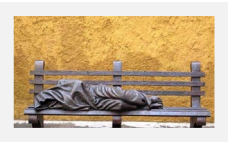

Social Action: THANK YOU to all who donated to the BLUE BOX last weekend. This week our kitchen volunteers will gather in the parish kitchen to cook over 300 meals that will be served to the homeless, poor, working poor and marginalized who come to De Mazenod Door for breakfast and lunch. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Blest are those who give and those who receive.

Jesse Tree Envelopes will be available in the gathering space next weekend (November 28/29). Please pick up an envelope with family name. Children 's names and an instruction sheet and sign the list with your name and contact info in case we have to contact you. We have 22 families to take care of this year, majority of them available themselves of services that DeMazenod Door provides. Thank you.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
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If you or someone you know is in need of support, please don't hesitate to reach out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are here to help members of our community facing difficult times. All requests are handled with care and confidentiality. **Contact us: 289-799-2314 or by email: ssvp.immaculateheart@gmail.com. Next Collection: December 5/6**, please make cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has appointed Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough. The announcement was made on Friday, November 13, at 12:00pm in Rome (6:00am local time). Bishop Lobsinger commented on the announcement: "*It is with humble gratitude that I accept the appointment of the Holy Father, Pope Leo, to be the Bishop of Peterborough. It will be hard to leave the Diocese of Hamilton, having lived and served in this Diocese my entire life, however I look forward to my new ministry in Peterborough with excitement and joy*." The faithful are invited to join in a Mass of thanksgiving to celebrate Bishop Lobsinger's appointment on **Sunday, November 29, at 11a.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King (714 King Street West, Hamilton). We give thanks for Bishop Lobsinger's generous service to the Church and ask the faithful to keep him in their prayers as he prepares to begin this new chapter of ministry. May the Lord bless him with wisdom, strength, and joy, and may Mary, Mother of the Church, accompany him as he shepherds the people entrusted to his care.

We are happy to announce that we are starting a Catholic Moms Group at our parish. We are holding two sessions. We have one in the morning for the retired moms, moms who stay at home, and for those on maternity leave. Kids are welcome to come. We have an evening session for those that can't make it in the morning due to work and commitments. **The first evening session will be on November 23 at 7pm in meeting room 1. Please register using this link: https://bit.ly/47ZgXTO**

The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on Saturday, November 28 at 8am in the Parish Meeting Room. We will be watching the eighth video in a series by Dr. Brant Pitre, "Lectio: The Case for Jesus - Session 8 – The Resurrection of Jesus", followed by a discussion and fellowship. The purpose of our group is to prayerfully explore our Catholic Faith over coffee and donuts. All men of the parish are welcome!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:

Anna Giardino

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.


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