



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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**Fr. Gregory Merkley**, Pastor  
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## PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

**Tuesday to Thursday**

9:30a.m – 4:30p.m.

**Friday**

Closed

**Closed: Saturday, Sunday, Monday**

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 10a.m. until Saturday 3p.m

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday evenings 8p.m in the church  
(September to June)

## PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays 7p.m - Parish Hall  
(September to June)

## HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS

Call/Email the Parish Office.

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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

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## R.C.I.A

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Call/Email the parish office

## SPECIAL NEEDS

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| Rosary<br>30 mins before<br>All Masses | Confession<br>30 mins before<br>All Masses | <b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026</b><br><b>MASS INTENTIONS: August 24-30, 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | Diocesan Vocation<br>Prayer Intentions |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------------|
| MONDAY                                 | 9:00 AM                                    | FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARCUS KIDDER — Mario & Louise Castellani                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | Rev. Lourdasamy Subramani              |
| TUESDAY                                | 7:00 PM                                    | †BEATRIZ FERRERA<br>†DONATO IACOZZA — Vince & Marisa Ciriello<br>†PETER NGUYEN & MARIA VU — Family<br>†HALINA SAWICKA — Eugene<br>SOULS IN PURGATORY<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE BRADICA FAMILY<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MOLLY HELFERTY<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOE & TRUDY LEMMEN — Marcel & Charlene Lemmen<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANTONIA MAIOLO<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KAZIMIERZ PYRDA - Krystyna Kusmierczak<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DAVID SCOTT—Walter & Patricia Tymchuk<br>IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. JUDE & ST. RITA - Antonia Maiolo |  | Rev. Michael Anderson                  |
| WEDNESDAY                              | 9:00 AM                                    | †RITA GONZALES — Margaret                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | Missionary Sisters of Christ the King  |
| THURSDAY                               | 9:00 AM                                    | †DECEASED OF THE ALAMPI & ATTARD FAMILIES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | Rev. Patrick Ohl                       |
| FRIDAY                                 | 9:00 AM                                    | FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BOZENA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | Rev. Laszlo Amaszka                    |
| SATURDAY                               | 5:00 PM                                    | †MARCELLO AMATUCCI — Sam & Daniela Caltagirone<br>†ROSALIE CICCHI — IHM Peach Festival Committee<br>†PASQUALE D'ANGELO — Family<br>†JOHN IVEZIC — Grace Ivezic<br>†SEAN MAHER — Mary Agnes Auer<br>†ALBERT MARRONE — Lea Marrone<br>†QUINTO SIMONE — Family<br>HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY — Kunkel Family<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF BLAISE & JULIANA BARBER— Brian & Janet Patton<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GIULIANO CALTAGIRONE—Paletta Family<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DEACON PETER HOAN — Fr. Greg & IHM Parish                                     |  | The Passion of St. John the Baptist    |
| SUNDAY                                 | 9:00 AM<br>11:00 AM<br>4:00 PM             | †TILSON TANG — Family<br>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANTHONY FASCIONE — Ralph & Mary Fascione<br>PRO POPULO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                        |

My dear parishioners,

**This Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> is our parish BBQ at noon!** Thank you to all who have put effort into making this a reality, and may it help us to come together as a parish family. We have an amazing parish, with so many wonderful people, generous volunteers, and inspiring ministries that make a real difference in so many people's lives. To come together for a joyful gathering in this month of Mary's Immaculate Heart seems like a wonderful way to show our gratitude to God and each other for this wonderful community we are blessed to be a part of. May God continue to draw more and more people into our beautiful and growing parish family!

**As we've been mentioning, August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so we continue to reflect on Mary's heart in a special way this month!** Mary's heart is on perfect display in the *Annunciation*, when she says 'yes' to being the Mother of God despite the many challenges that will bring her. Mary's heart is a model because she reveals sweetness, love, and obedience to God which always brings more of Christ's presence into the world. How often do you speak to your Heavenly mother in your own words? I encourage you to share your heart with hers, because she as a loving and perfect mother cares for you way more than you can imagine. Let this August be a time to rediscover your Heavenly Mother's heart and her incredible love for you!

**This upcoming August 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> is the Winona Peach Festival – a gathering that our peach festival committee prepares for all year long.** Did you know our parish is one of the original booths of the peach festival? Thank you to all those who work so hard to keep this

involvement going, to shine the light of Christ and bring Mary's presence into the community, and to those who visit our booth and show their support. May God reward every one of you a hundredfold!

**I plan to be away this upcoming week for an annual gathering with some of my brother priests, but I'll be back in time for the weekend!**

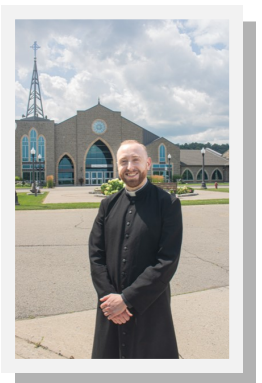
**Interested in singing in the choir?** Let me know - I'd be happy to chat with you!

**Have you looked lately on the back of our bulletin at our sponsors?** We are very grateful to the sponsors of our bulletin, who allow us to keep sharing the good news and important updates about our community. I encourage you to patronize our sponsors, and to let them know you saw their information on the back of our bulletin. Thank you very much to everyone who has and will do so! We also are very thankful to the Knights of Columbus for organizing this!

**If you know anyone interested in exploring the idea of becoming Catholic, I would be delighted to meet with them!** Feel free to let me know or reach out to the parish office, and I'd be happy to chat with them and answer any questions they may have! Our Catholic faith is a beautiful gift, one that is meant to be shared!

May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Greg Merkley





**Knights of Columbus:** Our First meeting of the year will be on **Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30p.m.** in the parish hall.

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**Catholic Women's League:** We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday, September 15 for General Meeting beginning with Mass at 7pm.** Until then, may God bless you with a safe, peaceful, and joyful summer!

#### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>**— 8 AM—COR Men's Group, Meeting Rm 1  
**August 25<sup>th</sup>**—9 AM— Meatball prep, Parish Hall  
**August 26<sup>th</sup>**— 9AM — Peach Cobbler, Parish Hall  
**August 23<sup>rd</sup>**—12Noon—Parish BBQ, Please Bring your lawn chairs!  
**August 28-30<sup>th</sup>**— Winona Peach Festival, Visit our Booth!  
**September 7<sup>th</sup>**— 2-5 PM—Healing Service, Fr. Ivo Pavic, OFM, Church  
**September 7<sup>th</sup>**— 6:30 PM—Card Group, Parish Hall  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>**— 8 PM—Meditation Group, Church  
**September 9<sup>th</sup>**—7:30 PM—Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall  
**September 10<sup>th</sup>**—7 PM—Praise & Worship, Parish Hall  
**September 11<sup>th</sup>**—6:30 PM — Youth Night, Parish Hall  
**September 12<sup>th</sup>**— 7 PM —Young Adults, Parish Hall  
**September 14<sup>th</sup>**— 6 PM —Chant Mass  
**September 14<sup>th</sup>**— 6:30 PM—Card Group, Parish Hall  
**September 14<sup>th</sup>**— 7 PM— Men's Recollection, Meeting Rm 1  
**September 15<sup>th</sup>**— 7 PM — CWL Meeting beginning with Mass  
**September 17<sup>th</sup>**— 7 PM—Praise & Worship, Parish Hall  
**September 21<sup>st</sup>**— 6:30 PM—Card Group, Parish Hall  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup>**— 8 PM—Meditation Group, Church  
**September 24<sup>th</sup>**—7 PM—Praise & Worship, Parish Hall  
**September 28<sup>th</sup>**—6:30 PM—Card Group, Parish Hall  
**September 29<sup>th</sup>**—2 PM— Seniors Outreach Services Presentation, Mtg Rm 1

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The Parish office will be closed on Fridays in August.



The next meeting of the Cor Men's Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be on **Saturday, August 22nd at 8am in the Parish Meeting Room.** We will be watching the second video in a series by Dr. Brant Pitre, "Lectio: The Case for Jesus - Session 2", followed by a discussion and fellowship. The Cor Men's Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 8am in the Parish Meeting Room for 60 to 90 minutes. The purpose of our group is to prayerfully explore our Catholic Faith over coffee and donuts. All men of the parish are welcome!



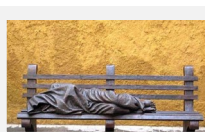
**Parish Peach Festival News:** Volunteers helping in the booth to pick up their lanyard and parking passes if they requested them. They will be on the table by the parish office, please look for your name. Thank you to everyone who signed up! If you have any questions, please email us: [ihmpeachfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpeachfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com)



Our Parish BBQ is this weekend! **Sunday, August 23** following the 11am Mass. Come hungry and bring the whole family for a day of great food, fun and fellowship! **\*\*\*Please bring your own lawn chairs.\*\*\*** See you there!



**Filipino Language Instructor Wanted:** **Filipino Language & Culture Instructor** to teach students from **Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8.** **Classes:** Saturdays, 9:30am–12pm **Immaculate Heart of Mary School.** If you are fluent in Filipino and can convers in English, enjoy working with children, and have a passion for sharing Filipino language and culture, we would love to hear from you. For more information or to apply, **please contact Mary at** [anilowskim@hwcads.ca](mailto:anilowskim@hwcads.ca)



guests so we love making it for them. Thank you and God Bless you for your kindness and care for "the least of these brothers and sisters of mine".

**Social Action: A big THANK YOU to all who donated to the BLUE BOX last weekend.** Your donation enabled our wonderful volunteers to cook Meatloaf with gravy, Roasted Veggies, Garden Salad and tropical fruit cups. Meatloaf is a big favourite of our



handled with care and confidentiality. **Contact us: 289-799-2314 or by email: [ssvp.immaculateheart@gmail.com](mailto:ssvp.immaculateheart@gmail.com).** **Next Collection: September 5/6,** please make any cheques payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

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



**SSVP Designer Purse Bingo! Friday October 23, 2026 at St. Naum's Banquet Hall 1150 Stone Church Rd. E. - doors open: 4:30 p.m; Regular Ticket: \$60 Includes:** Bingo cards, dabber, door prize ticket, buffet dinner & cash bar. **VIP Ticket: \$75 includes regular ticket, plus extras. Special Staycation Raffle! and 50/50 Draw, 2 Grand Prize Games: Jimmy Choo & Prada.** For more information e-mail: [pursebingoforssvp@gmail.com](mailto:pursebingoforssvp@gmail.com), To order tickets e-mail: [ssvpHelpUsGrow@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpHelpUsGrow@gmail.com), Security Answer: Bingo2026 (please include Full names of all your guests in the e-transfer) Email if you'd like to sponsor a purse or donate a door prize! Thank you for helping us serve in hope!



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**SENIORS OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS)** of Stoney Creek will be hosting an information afternoon here at our Parish on **Tuesday, September 29 at 2p.m. in Meeting Room 1.** This program helps Seniors who want to be independent in their homes. All are invited to attend.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:**

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

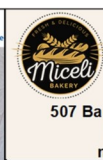
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