

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17th, 2017

Mass Times

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

9:00 am

11:00 am (Sacred Heart Catholic School)

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| DAILY: Monday | No Mass |
| Tuesday | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday | No Mass |
| Thursday | No Mass |
| Friday | 8:00 am |

Confessions

Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:45pm

Saturday 4:15pm to 4:45pm

Sunday 8:30am to 8:45am

and by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday 7:30 pm to Friday 8:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

(SEPTEMBER 18TH TO SEPTEMBER 24TH)

Tuesday 7:00 pm †Alan Spak & deceased family members

Friday 8:00 am †Alan Spak & deceased family members

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Saturday 5:00 pm † Gregory Mance: Maria Mance

Sunday 9:00 am † Earl McDermid

11:00 am For the People

PASTORAL STAFF



Gospel Quotation:

"His lord handed him over
to be tortured."

Pastor's Message

BACK TO CHURCH

We often think of September as "back to school" time. But in many ways it is also "back to church" time. Many of us travelled and took vacations over the summer. Apart from the Coulson Cup, there wasn't much happening in the parish over the summer. But now that it's September it's time to get back in the habit of attending Sunday Mass regularly. And it's time to get involved in the parish in various ways.

Along with having the Saturday night Mass back in Rockwood, there have been a number of changes in our parish music ministry. Noel Brett and the Sacred Heart Symphony are once again providing music ministry for the **Saturday 5:00pm Mass**. The Muia Family Singers recently retired. I'm very grateful for their years of serving the parish. It was my first Sunday as pastor over two years ago when the organist retired. Now it's time to bring back the organ. Charles Vince has volunteered to work with Julian Mason, our new organist, to provide music ministry for the **Sunday 9:00am Mass in the church**. As for the **11:00am Mass at Sacred Heart School**, last Sunday Mrs. Ondercin, the school principal, lead the parish **Children's Choir**. I'm very pleased to announce that we have had a number of parishioners volunteer to take turns leading each week along with Mrs. Ondercin. This means that the children in the school choir can join the parish Children's Choir whenever they attend the 11:00am Mass. As we try to encourage more families to attend Mass in Rockwood, this is a very exciting venture!

Speaking of encouraging Catholics to attend Sunday Mass, in my homily last week I quoted Pope Francis saying that: "an evangelizing community is filled with joy; it knows how to rejoice always. It celebrates every small victory, every step forward in the work of evangelization. Evangelization with joy becomes beauty in the liturgy, as part of our daily concern to spread goodness. The Church evangelizes and is herself evangelized through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelization and the source of her renewed self-giving." [EG 24] The beauty of the liturgy is one way to attract people to come to church. The music ministry greatly enhances the beauty of the Mass. And the way the Ministers of the Word and Ministers of Communion approach their ministries with reverence also enhances the beauty of the Mass. Having said that, we have had a number of ministers resign or move from the parish recently. Please let me know if you feel called to become a Lector or Minister of Communion. There is a **Ministers of the Word Formation Day** coming up on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 9:30am-12:00pm at St. Joseph Parish, Guelph. There is also a **Ministers of Communion Formation Day** coming up on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 1:30pm-4:00pm at St. Joseph Parish, Guelph. If this date doesn't work for you, let me know. There are other dates for these workshops taking place elsewhere in the diocese in October and November. Also please let me know if you would like to become an usher. There are no workshops involved.

Please note that our **Catechism Classes** for children attending public schools resume on Wednesday, October 4th. If you know any families with children in public school requiring sacramental preparation, please let me know. There will be a meeting in the church for all parents with children preparing for their **First Communion** on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:00pm, and a meeting in the church for all parents with children preparing for **Confirmation** on Tuesday, October 10th. I also encourage you to invite adults you know who would like to become Catholic to please contact me. Finally, I would like to mention that I'm very excited to announce that our new **Youth Group** will be holding its first meeting for students in Grade 8 to 12 on Friday, September 22nd at 7:00pm in Coulson Hall. And there will be pizza! Speaking of food, **Annual Turkey Supper** is coming up on Monday, October 2nd. Unlike the summer, there is lots now happening in the parish. In the words of Pope Francis, we pray that our faith community may be "... a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel." [EG 114] *Fr. Mark Morley*

PARISH UPDATES

UPDATED - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Reminder, the church is open continuously from Tuesday evening 7:00 pm mass until Friday morning 8:00 am Mass, for our scheduled hours of Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament, and of course for anyone wishing to spend some time that suits them. We are presently in need to have regular participants for the hours of 1-3 am on Fridays to be shared once a month. Call *Jane Hosdill* for further information at 519-827-1929. Thank you.

SACRED HEART CORRESPONDENCE CATECHISM PROGRAM (Parents of children in Grade 1 to Grade 8)

Sacred Heart Parish will begin taking registration for the Catechism Program in September. The catechism program is for students enrolled in a public or catholic elementary school that would like to participate in a religious education program.

The catechism program will begin on October 4, 2017. The classes will be held at Coulson Hall, from 6:30 to 7:45 pm, and will run once a month from October to May. The cost of the program is \$40.00 a student or \$90.00 for families of 3 or more. Please register by September 16th, in order that the materials can be ordered for the first day of class. The "We Believe" program is based on the four pillars of the Catholic Church.

You can register on line at the Diocese of Hamilton website.
http://hamiltondiocese.com/catechesis-registration/CCCreg_2015_06.pdf
(Dates for the 2017- 2018 Catechism Program: October 4, November 1, December 6, January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2.)

If you have any questions about the catechism program please call *Kathy Mazer* at 519 994 1604.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER CHAIN

We will be holding our Pro-Life Prayer Chain again this year on Sunday Sept. 24th from 2-3 pm at Waterside Park here in Rockwood. Life Chain is a Peaceful, Prayerful witness to all life, Please find it in your heart to join us. It does make a difference! Thank You , *Mary Spiteri*

YOUTH GROUP

Our Catholic Youth Group will be holding their first meeting Friday September 22nd from 7pm till 9pm in Coulson Hall. All youth currently in grades 8 through 12 are invited to attend. Come join us for Pizza, and Games. *Fr. Mark*

MICHAEL HOUSE PLAYPEN DRIVE: Michael House pregnancy centre provides shelter and support during pregnancy, childbirth, and /or early parenthood to women in need and will seek to help them make **healthy decisions for their own lives and their Children's** in our community. They offer a caring home and provide for emotional, physical and spiritual needs for crisis pregnancies and early parenting. Please be as generous as you can. Playpen Drive will start from September 16th to October 8th at all Sunday Masses. *Mary Spiteri*

Special Collection for CYO Camp Brebeuf

Reminder there will be a special collection held for CYO Camp Brebeuf during all masses on the weekend of September 23rd and 24th. *Fr. Mark*

This Week's Events
September
11 *Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm*
12 *Tuesday MASS (7:00pm)*
13 *Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm moved to the Library for July and August)*
15 *Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library (11:30am to 1:30pm)*

Did You Know?

- The second set of mysteries of the rosary are the Luminous Mysteries
- These mysteries are about Jesus' life as a grownup
- Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan
- The Wedding Feast at Cana – he performed his first miracle
- The Announcement of the Kingdom – when Jesus began going out to preach
- The Transfiguration –when three of the apostles saw Jesus transformed and heard God speaking to Jesus
- The Institution of the Eucharist – the Last Supper

INTO THE BREACH: A notice to all men in the parish! The Knights of Columbus will be running a 6-8 week series of discussions based on a booklet called "Into the Breach". The topics are designed to help us improve as fathers, husbands, and Catholic men. Copies of the booklet are available in Coulson Hall and the sessions(about 1 hour long) will run every Wednesday at 8 P.M. starting September 13 . *Fr. Mark* will be facilitating the sessions. *David Bell Grand Knight*

Prayer Calendar for Priests
Every day, in our diocese we are invited to pray for a priest serving in our parishes

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| Mon. | - Rev. Stanislaw Kuczaik, S.Chr. |
| Tues. | - Very Rev. Jerzy Tomon |
| Wed. | - Congr. of the Missionaries of St. Charles(C.S.) |
| Thurs. | - Rev. Joseph LeClair |
| Fri. | - Rev. Leszek Szczygiel |
| Sat. | - Rev. Dennis Noon |