

"It is better to be a child of God, than king of the whole world!"

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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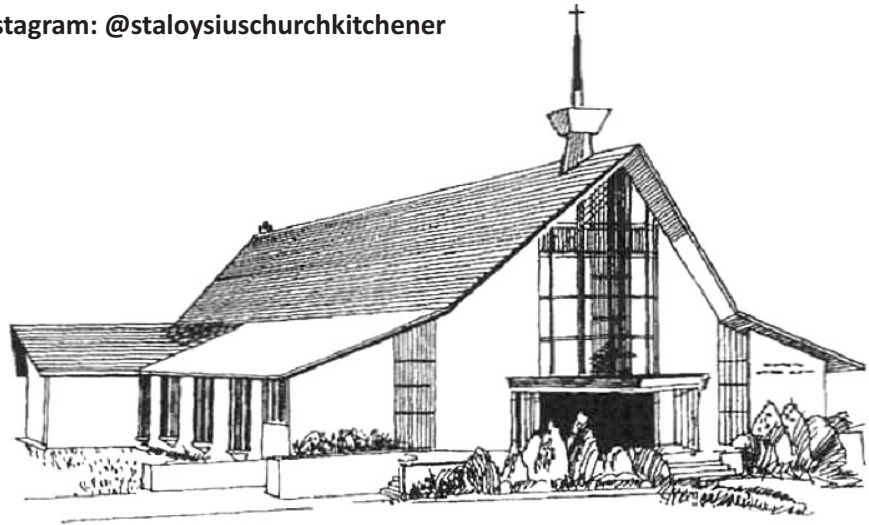
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OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: Closed, TUESDAY-THURSDAY: 9am-12pm & 1pm-4:30pm, FRIDAY: 9am-12pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY..... 5:00pm
SUNDAY.....9:00am
(interpreted for the deaf)
.....11:00am
.....7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY.....8:30am
TUESDAY.....7:00pm
WEDNESDAY...8:30am
THURSDAY.....8:30am
FRIDAY.....8:30am
SATURDAY.....8:30am

CONFESSIONS - Tuesday: 6 - 6:45pm, Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

BAPTISM - Please contact our parish office for more details.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC - Please contact our Parish Office for more information.

FUNERALS - When death occurs or is expected in your family, please contact the parish office and we will assist you in making the necessary arrangements. For information on Catholic Funeral Rites, Cremation & Catholic cemetery locations, please visit thecatholiccemeteries.ca or call 1-800-661-5985.

MARRIAGE - Please contact the parish office at least Twelve (12) months in advance.

PARISH RECORDS AND REGISTRATION - New to the parish? You can pick up Registration forms in the Church foyer, in our parish office, or download one from our website. Please help to keep our parish records up-to-date and please inform us if you are moving.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK - Please contact the parish office to notify the Priest if a friend or family member is in the hospital or would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE - If you feel called to the Priesthood or religious life, please speak with one of our Priests for more information.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 23-29, 2024

Monday (Memorial – St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest)
8:30 am + Graciosa Cacoilo

Tuesday (ferial)
7:00 pm + Luiza Cabral
 - Int. of Mary Thomson

Wednesday (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Eduarda Avila

Thursday (Feast – St. John de Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs)
8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory

Friday (Memorial – St. Vincent de Paul, Priest)
8:30 am + Marie Mooney

Saturday (ferial)
8:30 am

Sunday **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sat 5pm + Mr. and Mrs. Koronczl
 + Katica and Vjekoslav Rozman

Sun 9am + Ken Deitner
 - Int. of Rosa Paiva

Sun 11am - Int. of Dominik Chmielarski
Children’s Liturgy during 11am Mass

Sun 7pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Sept 23– Sept 29, 2024

Monday
 • Food Pantry 7-8pm

Tuesday
 • Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
 • Stained Glass Guild 1:00 pm
 • Confessions, Adoration and Mass 6:00 pm
 • Prayer Group following 7pm Mass

Wednesday
 • Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am

Thursday
 • Doon Village Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am

Saturday
 • Confessions 3:45 pm

Sunday
 • Children’s Liturgy during our 11am Mass

Register Now for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation



Do you have a child in Grade 2 or Grade 7 this year? Our registration for First Communion (Grade 2 and up) and Confirmation (Grade 7 and up) has now opened on our parish website. All candidates will need

to be fully registered by end of day, October 31, 2024 to be eligible to receive the Sacraments in the Winter/Spring of 2025 at St. Aloysius Church. Children not attending a Catholic school must enroll in and complete the Hamilton Diocese Correspondence program prior to receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Important information and our enrollment form can be found on our parish website at <https://www.staloyisus.on.ca/>. Contact the parish office for more details.

Retirement Home Ministry Volunteers needed

Do you have some free time available, and are you looking for ways to make a difference in our Parish neighbourhood? Each week we visit nearby retirement homes and hold a Mass or Communion service for their Catholic residents. Currently we are looking for people willing to devote about 90 minutes of their time each week (including travel time) to help at our Trinity Village Retirement Home Communion Service/Mass. The service takes place every Tuesday morning at 10:30am. Those who volunteer at local retirement homes find the experience to be very rewarding and a great opportunity to share their faith. For more information, please speak with one of our Priests after Mass, or call our Parish office.



Children’s Liturgy looking for volunteers

Our weekly children’s liturgy takes place in our Parish Hall during our 11am Mass. Each week, young school aged children hear the Word of God in simplified terms. We are always looking for volunteer help! Please contact our parish office for more information.

Special Collection next Sunday September 29

Every year the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. This collection helps each Diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference. Any additional funds from the collection are at the disposal of the diocese for its own pastoral needs. Look for the special collection envelope in your offertory box, and please give generously.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$2205.05
Sunday Loose Collection	\$1203.00
Total Offertory for Sept 15, 2024	\$3408.05
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$843.46

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!



CWL News

The CWL is looking for donations for their Christmas Bazaar. They are looking for items for the following tables; children's table, baked goods, crafts, silent auction, raffle, and the tombola table. Please remember that the silent auction, draw items and knitted items must be new, and the children's items can be gently used with no broken or missing pieces. Their annual bazaar will be taking place Sat Nov 16 from 10am-1pm. CWL membership fees of \$36 are now due. Please place your dues in the collection basket or drop it off at the office

40 Days for Life



From Sept 25- Nov 23, be part of the annual 40 Days for Life campaign, a powerful global movement to pray for the end of abortion. Over these 40 Days, you are encouraged to join the group in prayer and fasting as well as attending a peaceful vigil outside of Freeport Hospital. St. Aloysius Parish has agreed to sponsor Sat Oct 12 and we are committing to

fill all of the hours. Please sign up on the Adopt-A Day sign-up sheet in the church foyer. You can also sign up for other prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener

40 Days for Life Opening Rally: Join them on **Tues Sept 24 at 7pm** at Sacred Heart Parish, Kitchener. They will begin with Holy Mass at 7pm. Refreshments and sign-ups will follow.

Mass for Reconciliation – September 30

Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is Monday, September 30. That morning, the annual "Every Child Matters" rally will be held in Victoria Park. Ahead of the gathering, a Mass for Reconciliation will be offered at 8 am at St Joseph parish (Courtland and Madison). Following Mass, all are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a walk up Courtland Ave to join the gathering in the park. This Mass is offered as a joint effort of St Anne and St Joseph parishes. Please join us in prayer and action as we work to answer the Calls to Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Struggling Marriage? Find Hope with Retrouvaille

Does your marriage feel stagnant or disconnected? The solution may be Retrouvaille – a program designed to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This practical program is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. The next Retrouvaille weekend is Oct. 18-20, 2024. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org.

October is Hamilton Diocese Vocations Month



Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. You are encouraged to pray for vocations throughout the month. If you know someone who you think should consider a particular vocation such as the priesthood, be sure to encourage them. For more information about vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>.

Hamilton Diocese – Young Adults Vocations Night

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to participate in our Diocesan Vocations Month under the patronage of Our Lady of the Rosary by attending an evening of prayer, a social hour with food, praise music and a vocations testimony on Sat Oct 5 beginning at 6:30pm at Canadian Martyrs Church, 1349 Main Street West, Hamilton. Sponsored by the Diocese of Hamilton Vocations Office: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For info contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

The Committee for the Carmel of St. Joseph invites you to their Annual Dinner on Monday October 28 at Holy Family Parish in Kitchener. The evening will begin with Mass at 5pm, followed by dinner in the parish hall. Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will preside at Mass. The evening will support the Carmelite Nuns. To support the Carmel or to purchase tickets for the dinner, please email saintagatha@thecarmel.ca.



Gospel Reflection for Sept 22, 2024 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- In today's Gospel, we learn that the disciples of Jesus had been discussing among themselves who was the greatest. Jesus is about to turn their idea as well as our society's idea of

"greatness" upside down. He embraces a child and tries to help the Twelve understand that to be great is to be focused on something other than themselves. Jesus teaches that true "greatness" lies in being a good steward of those who are not great: welcoming one who is not viewed as great by our society's standards, like the child, the innocent, the vulnerable, the suffering, those who are outside our comfortable circle of family, friends, companions and colleagues, those who need a welcome. Jesus redefines our notion of greatness. How do we define greatness? Is our notion of greatness consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ? *From ICSC– E-Bulletin.*

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