

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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# St. Aloysius Catholic Church

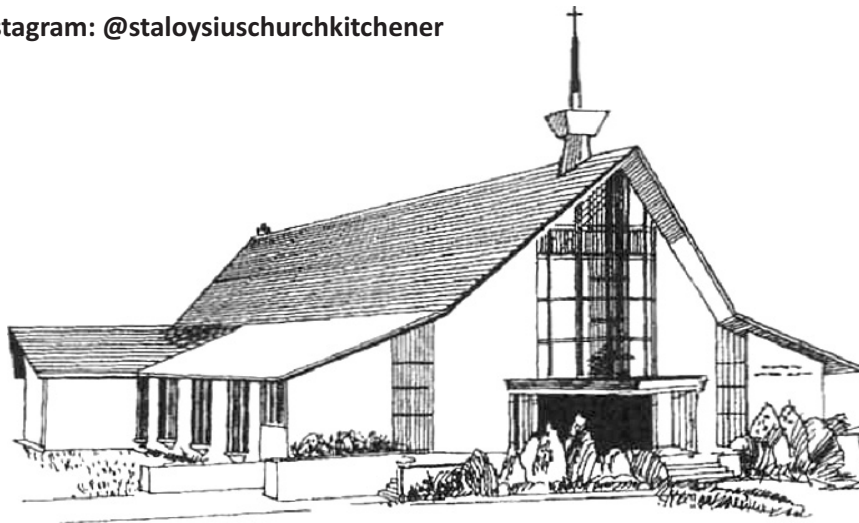
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sept 9-15, 2024

- Monday** (ferial)  
**8:30 am** + Demerise Lafleur  
 + Gord McDougall
- Tuesday** (ferial)  
**7:00 pm** - Int. of Bernadette DeBoer  
 + William Stoyles
- Wednesday** (ferial)  
**8:30 am** - Int. of Fr. David Avila
- Thursday** (ferial)  
**8:30 am**
- Friday** (Memorial – St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor)  
**8:30 am** + All Souls in Purgatory  
 + Mr. and Mrs. Juan Legado
- Saturday** (Feast – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)  
**8:30 am** + Anthony DuCharme
- Sunday** **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sat 5pm** - Int. of Leah DeAmorim  
 - Int. of Cliff and Amanda Hatch  
 + Ken Deitner
- Sun 9am** - Int. of our Parishioners  
*Children’s Liturgy during 11am Mass*
- Sun 7pm** + All Souls in Purgatory

**Schedule of Events**

Sept 9 – Sept 15, 2024

- Monday**
- Food Pantry Open ..... 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- 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**
- St. Aloysius School Mass ..... 9:30 am
  - Briarfield Mass/Communion Service ..... 10:00 am
  - Finance Committee Meeting ..... 6:30 pm
- Thursday**
- Doon Village Mass/Communion Service ..... 10:00 am
  - St. Kateri School Liturgy ..... 10:00 am
- Friday**
- St. Timothy School Liturgy ..... 9:30 am
- Saturday**
- Secular Carmel Meeting ..... 9:30 am
  - Baptisms ..... 3:00 pm
  - Confessions ..... 3:45 pm
- Sunday**
- Children’s Liturgy ..... during our 11am Mass

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

Sunday Envelope Collection .....	\$2105.00
Sunday Loose Collection .....	\$1107.00
<b>Total Offertory for Sept 1, 2024 .....</b>	<b>\$3212.00</b>
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$843.46

**Thank you for your ongoing financial support!**



**News about the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and 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 stalloysius.on.ca. Contact the parish office for more details.

**Children’s Liturgy**

Our Sunday morning Children’s Liturgy has resumed after a Summer Break. Young, school aged children can hear the Word of God in simplified terms every Sunday morning during our 11am Mass in our parish hall. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with our Children’s Liturgy. This is a great volunteer opportunity for parents, or high school students. Please contact our parish office for more information.



**Catholic Women’s League News**

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer! Now that September is here, there is a lot of CWL news to share. CWL membership fees are due this month. They remain the same as last year at \$36.00. Please place your dues in the collection basket or drop it off at the office.

Their first meeting of the fall season will be on September 17 following 7pm mass. They hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars for their upcoming annual events, and stay tuned for more details:

- Christmas Bazaar - Saturday, November 16
- Seniors’ Dinner - December 4

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## Maryhill Historical Society Heritage Day

Sun Sept 22, Mass at 11am at St. Boniface Church followed by lunch at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre. Lunch hosted by the CWL. There will be presentations, 50-50 Draw & Silent Auction. Tickets are \$15 for lunch. Email: [maryhillroots@gmail.com](mailto:maryhillroots@gmail.com) or Diane 519-648-2432, Tom 519-824-4074 or Linda 519-242-9595. Following the luncheon there will be a car cavalcade to the area shrines. The Edward Halter House (Historical Society) will be open for visitors.

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## 40 Days for Life

The annual campaign runs from Wed Sept 25 – Sun Nov 3, 2024. Please consider signing up for one hour per week, online at: [40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or 519-607-1550. Join them for their Opening Rally – Tues Sept 24 at St. Anthony Daniel Church in Kitchener at 7pm followed by refreshments, fellowship and an opportunity to sign up for the campaign. 40 Days for Life is an international campaign that aims to end abortion through prayer, fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigils.



## Marian Days

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph will be hosting a 'Diocesan Marian Day' on Saturday October 5, 2024. The day begins at 9am and concludes at noon. The presider will be Bishop Miehm For more visit; [Marian Days \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](http://MarianDays(hamiltondiocese.com)).

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## Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss.

Monthly informal drop-in support - available at St. Michael Parish on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; 7pm.

6-week Program-theory and sharing- The program runs Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from October 16th to November 20th at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. Registration is required by October 1st by contacting their parish office 519-884-9311, or email [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca).

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## Frassati Leadership Program

The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will equip and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. Registration for this program closes October 25<sup>th</sup> and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/frassati2024>.



**Parenting Tip of the Month** As a new school year begins, we set up new schedules and set boundaries and guidelines to help our children achieve the best success they can. It is a great time to incorporate prayer, perhaps before meals and bed, into the family routine. Let your children know that speaking to God at any time is an easy way to ask for support and share their joys. God is always ready to listen and provide help; this is a proven way to help your children succeed! From the Diocese of Hamilton Family Ministry Office.

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## Gospel Reflection for Sept 8, 2024 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus encounters a woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

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