

# St. Louis Catholic Church

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**Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4, Friday 9 - 12

**Weekday Masses:**  
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m.  
*Rosary: Tuesday to Friday  
before 9:00 a.m. Mass*

**Sunday Masses:**  
**Saturday: 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 9:30 a.m.**  
**11:30 a.m.**



St Louis Catholic Church

## Pastoral Team:

### **Pastor**

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### **Coordinator of Youth and Children's Ministries**

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### **Parish Secretary**

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### **Custodian**

Doug Lichty

**Welcome new members** - Whether you are just passing through the area or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to St. Louis Catholic Church. We hope you will find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful. People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering. Registration here at St. Louis is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. Parish registration simplifies the process with regard to sponsoring a sacramental candidate; obtaining pastoral references and for preparation of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Registration is easy and can be completed at the Parish Office during regular office hours. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church.

**Parish Records** - Our parish records are very important. We try to keep them up to date. Please advise the office of any changes.

**Music in the Liturgy** - Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to join our choirs. Please contact the choir directors:

- 9:30 Choir - Bob Reinhart (robertreinhart182@msn.com),
- 11:30 Choir - Donna McLellan (donna-ipad@hotmail.com),
- 5:00 Choir - Peter DeSousa (organist) or Youth Music.

**Sunday programs for children** - During the Sunday morning 9:30 a.m. Mass there is babysitting for children under 3 years of age, Sunday School for 3 to 6 years of age and Children's Liturgy of the Word for children ages 7 and up.

**Sacramental Life** - St. Louis Parish celebrates the sacraments for its members who are registered and regularly attending. If you are not registered you are automatically a member of a parish closest to you.

**Baptism** - Celebrated once a month. Please speak with a priest after Mass on Sunday.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Saturdays 4 - 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

**Marriage** - For registered and supporting members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date.

**Becoming Catholic** - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, preparing adults for baptism and/or to join the community. Please contact the office for further information.

**Anointing and Pastoral Care** - Our parish community cares about the sick and elderly and the lonely. Please notify the parish office to arrange for them to receive the Anointing of the Sick, or to have the Holy Communion brought to them.

**Pastoral Care to those in Hospital** - A family member is asked to contact the parish whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit, or Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing).

**Priesthood and Religious Life** - Is God calling you to religious life, as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? If so, please contact the Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at crvocations@gmail.com or www.resurrectionist.ca

**Diocesan Newsletter** - For information about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com

## Parish Organizations and Contacts:

### **Finance Council**

Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

### **Maintenance Committee**

Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

### **OOTC Community Suppers**

Keith & Sharon Schnarr 519-801-8687

### **Parish Webmaster**

Daniel Delattre, daniel@uwaterloo.ca

### **Altar Servers Coordinator**

Dave Pagett, 519-744-7705

### **Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd, Youth Ministry**

Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

### **Catholic Women's League**

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### **Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound**

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### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239

### **Prayer Chain**

Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

### **St. Vincent De Paul**

For food hamper or more  
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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

<b>Monday, May 1 – No Mass</b>			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
<b>Tuesday, May 2- St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>			
9:00 AM	To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church		
9:30 AM	Book Group		L. Hall
4:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis		Nursery
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal for 11:30 AM Mass		Church
<b>Wednesday, May 3- St. Philip and St. James, Apostles</b>			
9:00 AM	† Elvira Baca Jurado – Garcia Arreola family		
7:00 PM	† Geraldine Smith - CWL		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
6:00 PM	First Communion Practice		Church
7:00 PM	CWL Mass –Crowning of Mary followed by meeting		Church L Hall
<b>Thursday, May 4</b>			
9:00 AM	† Barbara and Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family		
<b>Friday, May 5</b>			
9:00 AM	† Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
<b>Saturday, May 6</b>			
<b>Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>			
5:00 PM	† Robert J. Thomas - Family		
	† Phyllis Ertel – Larry Ertel		
	† Louise Feeney - Family		
	† Carol Schneider – Ron Schneider		
<b>Sunday, May 7 – Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>			
9:30 AM	† People of St. Louis Parish		
11:30 AM	† Intentions of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Children and their families		
10:30 AM	Sunday Social		L. Hall
5:00 PM	OOTC Volunteer Dinner		L Hall

### The Second Reading from 1 Peter 2:20-25

This reading from this epistle attributed to St. Peter is thought to be part of an early Christian hymn based on the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah (53:4-12) that describes the lot of a “suffering servant” sent by God to heal the world. The author names Christ as this servant, who undergoes suffering without returning any sort of retribution. Christ is depicted here as the perfect model of suffering. The author’s point is to remind Christians that while Christ’s suffering was undertaken in their name, they must be willing to patiently endure similar suffering in their present day reality. The ability to suffer along with Christ is both a grace and something Christians are called to by God.

What are the practical ways in which a Christian must patiently endure suffering? The author provides several answers: commit no sin, speak no words of deception, offer no insult when insulted, and make no threat when threatened. The proper response to all things that will test the patience of a Christian is to surrender the self just as Christ freely gave himself over to ‘the one who judges justly.’ This just judge is his own Father, and thus, suffering is to be seen as an offering of love.

The reading ends with a call to ‘live for righteousness,’ which is made possible because Christians have been healed by Christ’s suffering. The suffering servant is now likened to a shepherd who is faithful in watching over his flock. The author accuses his readers of having once wandered from the flock but have now returned to the fold. The Greek word here for ‘guardian’ is *episkopos*, the word used for ‘bishop.’ Thus, this early Christian hymn can be understood to be a profession of belonging both to Christ and to the authority of the Church.

(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, & Proclaimers of the Word)

St. Louis CWL warmly welcomes all ladies 16 years of age and older to join us on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> for our special General Meeting. We will begin with Mass at 7 PM and a Celebration of Mary and Service Pin ceremony will follow. We will have a brief meeting in the Large Hall with refreshments and time to socialize. Please join us! Non-members are always welcome to our General Meetings.



**Attention all graduating High School students** – The CWL is offering the St. Louis Christian Leadership Award again this year. To apply for this bursary you must submit an essay that is no longer than 2 pages long explaining - what your faith means to you; how do you practice your faith; what talents has God given you that you share with the rest of the world; how are you a model Christian to those around you? Please submit the essay no later than May 26<sup>th</sup> to the parish office with attention to the CWL – Kitty Tsang on the envelope.



**Muffins, Mugs and Mingle** - Families, parishioners of St. Louis parish, please come out on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM - noon in the Large Hall for a time of visiting and fun with one another. Bring your own mug, muffins and other treats will be available for consumption. Babysitting will be provided in the nursery by some of our wonderful youth of our parish!! It is an opportunity to get out and enjoy one another's company!! We hope to see you there.



**VBS is returning after 3 years (Mornings only). Theme:**

**Jesus Is Our Guide – He Teaches Us the Bee-Attitudes**

**Dates: Tuesday July 4 – Friday July 7**

**Times: 9 AM till Noon (Mid-morning snack provided)**

**Ages: for campers: 5 – 11 years old; for volunteers: 12 years old +**

**Cost: \$60/Child, or \$110/Family Register by May 15th.**

Minimum number of campers is 10 and maximum is 30. For registration and/or more information contact Kelly Krause at 519-743-4101



**Babysitting/Sunday School** - right now we have this program offered during the 9:30 AM Mass downstairs in our babysitting room. Children 0-3 yrs of age participate in babysitting. Children 3-7 yrs of age join Kelly Krause in our Sunday School room (just inside our babysitting area) to hear the Gospel read to them at their level and to make a craft. No registration is required: come and see.

We are open to the possibility of offering this program during the 11:30 AM Mass as well. To make this happen we need 8 volunteers. If you are interested in helping please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office. If we get 8 volunteers, we will announce that this program will run during both the 9:30 AM and the 11:30 AM Masses each Sunday.



**Tuesday morning Book Group** started a new book on Tue. April 18 (9:30 AM in the Large Hall): “*The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully*” by Joan Chittister. We read & discuss during 1 hr meetings. No homework. Everyone welcome.

## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD





Join us for an **ELEGANT AFTERNOON TEA** on **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There are two sittings: 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. For tickets please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or email [stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com). There will be handcrafted scones with jam and devon cream, delicately filled sandwiches, delicious mini desserts and a choice of traditional teas. If gluten free is needed please request this when you purchase your ticket.



**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is hosting a Lunch in honour of Mother's Day**, on Sun., May 14 at noon in the parish hall. Bring your whole family. (Tickets are limited). For more info and tickets: call Patrycja at 519-886-0342 X 3 or [lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com)

Ticket price \$20 each includes hot lunch severed buffet style (Chicken soup, Chicken schnitzel, scalloped potatoes, veggies, Caesar salad, cake & coffee/tea). Door prize, 50/50 & Raffle tickets will be sold.



Prayer Vigil - **Thursday, MAY 4, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Opposite **Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener**, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, **Schneider Park**. **Any queries, please contact Cathy at:** [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com)



The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir is excited to present: Sing for Joy! on Sunday May 7, at 3:00 pm at Floradale Mennonite Church. Join us as we sing songs that bring us, and hopefully you, JOY! We will also premiere a piece written to celebrate our conductor's 20th anniversary with the choir written by Justin Lapierre. Tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$5 for children ages 5-18 and are available from <https://bit.ly/23IMCCSing> or at the door. For more information: [conductor@imcchoir.org](mailto:conductor@imcchoir.org)

**Restoration Saturday May 13th, 7:30pm Sunday May 14th, 3pm**



Trillium Lutheran Church featuring a DaCapo alumni choir and the premiere of *A Great Tide of Love* by director Leonard Enns: Tickets for all of our concerts are general admission. All tickets are pay-what-you-can and can be purchased online (with no service fees) or at the door (cash only). As a point of reference, previous years' ticket prices were as follows: \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors (65+), \$15 for post-secondary students, and \$5 for youth & children (18 & under)



Catholic Education Week 2023 begins Sunday, April 30. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, *'We are Many, We are One.'* The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is, *'We who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another.'* (Romans 12:5)

**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - World Day of



Prayer for Vocations. God does not want us to merely "do" things for Him. God simply wants us. This is what this Sunday's Gospel is about: "He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out... ..and the sheep follow him because

they know his voice." Jesus is speaking of a kind of relationship, a personal kind of knowing that is deeper than any one time dramatic experience can ever be. And it is from this relationship alone that we reliably hear God's call. Read more at [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.ca)



The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. **Email-vocations@hamiltondiocese.com** [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/) or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at [rvocations@gmail.com](mailto:rvocations@gmail.com), or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha, at 519-884-6700. Pray for vocations!

Sunday	Easter	Loose	Indigenous Reconciliation	Pre Auth.
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**PRAYERS STRAIGHT FROM THE BIBLE - CANTICLES**

**The Firstborn of all Creation - Colossians 1:12-20**

Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son. Through Him we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation, for in Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, thrones and dominations, principalities and powers.

All things were created through Him and for Him: He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

And He is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, and so He is pre-eminent above all.

For it was the Father's will that the fullness of God should dwell in Him, and that through Him all things should be reconciled to Himself. Through the blood of the Cross He brought peace to all things, both on Earth and in the heavens.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The heart of the hymn consists of verses 15-20, into which Christ enters directly and solemnly as the "image" of "the invisible God". The Greek term *ekon*, "icon", is dear to the Apostle: in his Letters he uses it nine times, applying it both to Christ, the perfect icon of God and to man, the image and glory of God.

However, by sin, men and women "exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images representing mortal man" (Rom 1: 23), choosing to worship idols and become like them. We must therefore continuously model our being and life on the image of that of the Son of Go, so that we may be "delivered... from the dominion of darkness" and "transferred... to the Kingdom of his beloved Son" (Col 1: 13).

This is a first imperative in this hymn: to model our life on the image of the Son of God, entering into His sentiments, His will and His thoughts. (From *Vatican.va - Pope Benedict XVI - Sep 7, 2005*)

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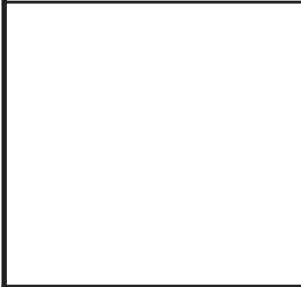
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