



St. Louis Catholic Church

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Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4 p.m.
Summer hours (Canada Day to Labour Day): Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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.



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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)

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 resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com or www.resurrectionists.ca

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, April 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord – No Mass			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
5 PM	CWL Anniv. Meeting	L. Hall	
7:30 – 9 PM	Bible Timeline 9/12	L.Hall	
Tuesday, April 9			
9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church			
9:30 AM	Book Group	L. Hall	
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly	L. Hall	
Wednesday, April 10			
9:00 AM † Joan Sichewski – Loving Family & Friends			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
7:30 PM	SVDP Meeting	L. Hall	
Thursday, April 11 – St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr			
9:00 AM † Joan Sichewski – Debbie Delattre			
7:00 PM	Lectio Divina	L. Hall	
Friday, April 12			
9:00 AM † Mary Tanton – Malton Family			
Saturday, April 13			
9 AM – NOON	SVDP Sandwich Project	L. Hall	
Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter			
5:00 PM † Marie O'Brien, Fr. Francis Forde, OMI – Pat & Joan Forde			
† Walter & Kaye Hartman – Children			
Sunday, April 14 – The Third Sunday of Easter			
9:30 AM † David & Norma Kirby – Kirby Family			
† Shirley Hinsperger – Hinsperger Family			
† Deceased Members of Hinsperger Family –			
	Hinsperger Family		
	10:30 AM	Sunday Social	L. Hall
11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish			
	12:30 AM	CWL Anniversary Banquet	Gym
	5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym



(Annunciation by Leonardo da Vinci c. 1472–1476)

The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord – usually on March 25th, but this year transferred from the Holy Week to Monday after the Easter Week (April 8th).

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God’s plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to Him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God’s decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God’s instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God’s grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God’s grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

Reflection - Sometimes spiritual writers are accused of putting Mary on a pedestal and thereby, discouraging ordinary humans from imitating her. Perhaps such an observation is misguided. God did put Mary on a pedestal and has put all human beings on a pedestal. We have scarcely begun to realize the magnificence of divine grace, the wonder of God’s freely given love. The marvel of Mary—even in the midst of her very ordinary life—is God’s shout to us to wake up to the marvelous creatures that we all are by divine design. (*franciscanmedia.org*)

Reflection on the First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Throughout the seven weeks of Easter, in all three years of the lectionary cycle (A, B, C), the Church includes readings from the Acts of the Apostles. These readings, heard on every Sunday and weekday describe the struggles and triumphs of the first followers of Christ and how the Apostles understood the significance of Jesus’ life, death, and Resurrection to transform the way they interacted with the world. Thus, over 49 days, we hear the central message of the good news and how the early Church attempted to live out from a post-Resurrection view.

Today’s account is the third description in Acts of the early community. The first description (1:13-14) described the community as the Apostles with a few women and members of Jesus’ family, all dedicated to prayer, while the second (2:42-47) expanded the ranks to those who adhered to the Apostles’ teaching, lived a communal life, and celebrated the liturgical life with prayer and breaking bread together. Scattered among those descriptions are three speeches by Peter. Today’s description follows an account of the community at prayer and how it was filled with the Holy Spirit (4:24-31). Having demonstrated the community’s life of prayer, today’s description introduces new elements to the communal life. Drawing on the Greek theme of friendship – *philia*, often described as a oneness of “heart and soul” – the description of the early community details the consequences of this oneness; it renounces individual possessiveness and provides for each person according to need. This is not secular altruism, however. Rather, it flows from the power of the aforementioned apostolic witness, and it leads to an outpouring of divine grace. Finally, the account indicates a developing order in the community. In placing the funds at the “Apostles’ feet,” the community shows itself obedient to their authority. (*From Workbook for Lectors*)

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Please join us on Sunday, April 14th for our 100th Anniversary Celebration! Following the 11:30 AM Mass concelebrated with Bishop Crosby, a catered, sit down, set menu lunch will be held in the gym. Our key note speaker will be Shari Guinta, CWL National President. ALL adults are welcome and tickets for the lunch are \$30. The last day to buy a ticket will be April 3rd at our General Meeting. No tickets at the door. Cash, cheque or e-transfer. Contact Patti Pagett @ (519) 744-7705 or dpac@golden.net regarding tickets. A cash wine bar will be available. We hope you will join us in this joyous celebration!

Vacation Bible & Lego Robotics Camp 2024 – To Mars and Beyond

– July 15-19. The camp will run all day. Campers have the choice of coming all day, or half a day. The morning will be focused on the space theme with faith intertwined through everything we do. The afternoon will be Lego Robotics, also with the space theme running throughout what they do. Ages for the all day camp is 7 to 11years old. Children 5 to 6 years old are welcome to sign up for the mornings only. Registration is now open. Forms available from the Nursery, the back of the church, or contact Kelly Krause at the parish office. Please register soon, the camp will fill up fast.

Lector & Eucharistic Minister Upcoming Retreats - If you are volunteering, or would like to volunteer as a Minister of the Word, or Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion you might be interested in two retreats that are coming up: For Ministers of the Word on Saturday, April 13 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown. 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM and for Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday, April 20, at St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph, ON. 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Please register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Although the Apostles had heard witnesses proclaim that Jesus had risen, they were still consumed by fear. They had "locked the house and their hearts" (St. Peter Chrysologus). Their minds were darkened with grief. Yet, another encounter with Christ and His words, "peace be with you", completely transformed their state. Is there an area where you need such peace? Christ continues to infuse our lives with peace and courage, empowering us to proclaim His message of hope. Fr. Pawel Szymanowski CR, Vocation Team; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

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Lectures in Catholic Experience Presents – Br. Guy Consolmagno SJ
When Science Goes Wrong: The Desire and Search For Truth
Monday April 15th at 7:30 PM, St. Jerome's University, SJ2, Atrium
Event is free - all are welcome

When we think that following science is a sure way to get to all the right answers, we misunderstand the nature and history of science; it can only get closer to the truth by recognizing where and how it has gone wrong. Even Galileo's revolution in science included some truly bizarre ideas of what the Earth looked like and how (and why) it was situated in the heavens. What can this tell us as we grapple today with dark matter and dark energy...and about the nature of the search for Truth itself?

Br. Guy Consolmagno SJ is the Director of the Vatican Observatory. A native of Detroit, Michigan, he earned undergraduate and masters' degrees from MIT, a Ph. D. in Planetary Science from the University of Arizona. He was a postdoctoral research fellow at Harvard and MIT, served in the US Peace Corps (Kenya), and taught university physics at Lafayette College before entering the Jesuits in 1989. At the Vatican Observatory since 1993, and in 2015 Pope Francis appointed Dr. Consolmagno director of the Vatican Observatory. Register on-line <https://ticketfi.com/event/5220/lectures-in-catholic-experience-presents-brother-guy-consolmagno-sj>

Saint Stanislaus' Story (July 26, 1030 – April 11, 1079) - Anyone who reads the history of Eastern Europe cannot help but chance on the name of Stanislaus, the saintly but tragic bishop of Kraków, patron of Poland. He is remembered with Saints Thomas More and Thomas Becket for vigorous opposition to the evils of an unjust government.

Born in Szczepanów near Kraków on July 26, 1030, he was ordained a priest after being educated in the cathedral schools of Gniezno, then capital of Poland, and at Paris. He was appointed preacher and archdeacon to the bishop of Kraków, where his eloquence and example brought about real conversion in many of his penitents, both clergy and laity. He became bishop of Kraków in 1072.

During an expedition against the Grand Duchy of Kiev, Stanislaus became involved in the political situation of Poland. Known for his outspokenness, he aimed his attacks at the evils of the peasantry and the king, especially the unjust wars and immoral acts of King Boleslaus II.

The king first excused himself, then made a show of penance, then relapsed into his old ways. Stanislaus continued his open opposition in spite of charges of treason and threats of death, finally excommunicating the king. Enraged, the latter ordered soldiers to kill the bishop. When they refused, the king killed Stanislaus with his own hands.

Forced to flee to Hungary, Boleslaus supposedly spent the rest of his life as a penitent in the Benedictine abbey in Osiak.

Reflection: Saints John the Baptist, Thomas Becket, Thomas More, and Stanislaus are a few of the prophets who dared to denounce corruption in high places. They followed in the footsteps of Jesus himself, who pointed out the moral corruption in the religious leadership of his day. It is a risky business. (From franciscanmedia.org)

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