

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 Annointing 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 (Annointing).

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 cryocations@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** Donna Herbstreit, 519-884-9380 donna.marie2000@icloud.com

Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239 GLUTEN

**Prayer Chain** Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

**St. Vincent De Paul** For food hamper or more information call 519-743-4101



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HOSTS

# 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Gym

#### **MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS** Monday, August 28 – St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church - No Mass 9 AM - NOONPickle Ball The Dassian of St John the Rantist Tran and mar 20

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9:00 AM To Bring All Souls Home to the Good Shepherd						
	9:30 AM Book Group N	Meeting L. Hall				
Wednesday, August 30						
9:00 AM	t Norma Kirby – Mary Sehl &	Gerry Tessier				
	9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball	Gym				
Thursdo	1y, August 31					
9:00 AM Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Estrada Family –						
		The Family				
Friday,	September 1					
9:00 AM	† Frank Reilly					
	9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball	Gym				
Saturda	y, September 2					
Vigil of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time						
5:00 PM + Phyllis Ertel – Larry Ertel						
+ Carol Schneider – Ron Schneider						
	<b>† Seamus Tighe</b> – Pat & Joan	Forde				
	+ Walter & Kaye Hartman - Fa					
Sunday	September 3 – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	y of Ordinary Time				
9:30 AM + Don Miller – Miller Family						
	+ Judy Iutzi – Caravaggio Fa	mily				
	+ Geraldine Smith – Bonnie	& Jim Rudnisky				
	Intentions of Cassandra & Ma	atthew on their				
	1 <sup>st</sup> Wedding Annivers	ary – St. Louis Quilting Club				
11:30 ам	For the People of St. Louis Pa	arish				

## Reflection on the First Reading: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

This reading exhibits a popular literary theme based on the "keeper of the keys," wherein someone has power and insider knowledge because of the responsibility given to them to control entry into the place. Here we have Shebna, who holds the keys that will allow the king entrance, being replaced by a new steward name Eliakim. This exchange takes place during the reign of Hezekiah, the thirteenth king of Judah who ruled in the late eight to early seventh century BC. The Lord has determined that the king's Chief steward must be replaced because he has become prideful by building a tomb for himself and taking pride in his chariots, among other things that might bring shame to the king (Isaiah 22:16-18).

The Lord describes the confidence He has in selecting Eliakim to replace Shebna by the vesture of his office. He will be clothed with Shebna's own robe and sash, which serves to mark the transition of authority from Shebna to Eliakim. Unlike Shebna's display of infidelity, Eliakim will be like a "father" to the people. This means that he will not take advantage of the role entrusted to him. Finally, Eliakim will be given the "key of the house of David." Keys are often used as a symbol of authority. It will be Eliakim's decision whom to admit to the king's palace and whom to reject. He is not to be understood as any mere doorkeeper, but he is to be a steward who has great care and concern for all in his responsibility. Because the Lord's confidence in this servant is so great, he will become and honour for his family.

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

Office Hours During Summer (until Labour Day) The office will be open Mon. - Thu. 9 AM - 1 PM and closed on Friday.

### Planning for the Fall programs at St. Louis Parish

Babysitting - We are in need of volunteers to help with this program. The commitment would be, once a month during the 9:30 AM Mass, helping to watch over children under 7 yrs of age in the Nursery. Each Sunday needs a team of two adults along with Kelly Krause who runs the Sunday School program in the room just off the Nursery. Anyone over 16 yrs of age can help out. High school students, you can use this for volunteer hours. Please consider this ministry, our young parents need our support. Screening is needed for this ministry, so please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office as soon as possible if you can help us out.

Liturgy of the Word - We would like to bring back this program for the children of First Communion age and older. This program would take place during the 9:30 AM Mass and will allow the children to hear the First Reading and the Gospel with a short discussion all at their level. The volunteer adults would begin Mass upstairs in the church. After the opening prayer, Fr. Phil would invite you and all the children forward. Everyone gathers at the front, Fr. Phil says a few words and then all would then go down to the Large Hall while the readings and homily are taking place in the church. An usher will come down and tell you when it is time to bring the children back upstairs, in time for the Offertory (you are downstairs about 15-20min, the time goes pretty fast). Everyone is back upstairs in time to participate in Communion. We need two adults each Sunday and we are going to have a 4-week rotation. Your commitment would be once a month. You will have resources prepared by Kelly Krause which includes the readings, and some discussion questions to ask the children and to get a conversation going. If you are interested in helping but don't want to lead the discussions and readings with the children, but would be comfortable just being the second adult, please contact Kelly Krause. She can pair you up with someone who is comfortable with leading the children in the discussions. Anyone interested in helping out with this program, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.



Welcome back Ladies! St. Louis CWL warmly welcomes you to our first General Meeting after the Summer break on Wednesday, September 6th beginning with Mass at 6 PM (instead of our usual 7 PM) as we will enjoy a Pot Luck

afterwards. Our guest speakers for the evening will be Joyce Cotter, Hamilton Diocesan President and Joanne Gregson, Kitchener Regional Chair and they will speak to us about Unity Outreach. We will also have a brief meeting to end our evening. Please join us and bring a friend. You do not need to be a CWL member to attend our General Meetings. All ladies 16 years of age and older are welcome. See you then!

Knights of Columbus are hosting "Taste of Bavaria" on Sep. 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 145 Dearborn Place in Waterloo. Dinner at 6 PM includes schnitzel, German potato salad, vegetables and dessert. Tickets are \$45 each and must be purchased in advanced by calling Martin @ 519-884-2060. Live musical performance & dancing from 7 to 10 PM. Music by "St. Louis Blues" on Sep. 14th and 16<sup>th</sup> and by "Leap of Faith" on Sep. 15<sup>th</sup>.



"For who has known the mind of the Lord?" Sometimes our mind is not necessarily the mind of the Lord. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha, at 519-884-6700. Pray for vocations!

# AUGUST 27, 2023

Marian Days with Bishops - First Saturdays from June to October at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. Confessions: 9 AM, Mass: 10 AM, Rosary procession: 11 AM, Lunch (bring your own): Noon, Holy Hour & Marian Catechesis: 1 PM, Benediction (closing the day) at 2 PM. Presiders: Bp. W. Lobsinger (Sep. 2), Card. T. Collins (Oct. 7).



Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo - Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. We provide monthly drop in groups and a more formal 6 week support group. Our program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. There is no fee to attend.

Monthly informal drop-in support at St. Michael Parish on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7 PM in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. First monthly session is on Sep. 13th. Registration is not required. Come when you can.

In person 6 week - you can register now until Oct. 16th. The 6 week program is held Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 PM - October 25 to November 29 at St. Michael Parish. Register by contacting St. Michael's office - 519-884-9311 or email parish@stmichaelw.ca. More info/dates can be found here - https://stmichaelw.ca/grief-support.

#### Maryhill Heritage Day – Sunday, September 17 11 AM - Mass: 11:45 AM - Mary Grotto:



12 PM – car tour of the area shrines;

1 PM - lunch (hosted by the CWL); Presentations; 50-50 Draw & Silent Auction. Email: maryhillroots@gmail.com - (519) 242-9595



Saint Augustine's Story - A Christian at 33, a priest at 36, a bishop at 41: Many people are familiar with the biographical sketch of Augustine of Hippo, sinner turned saint. But to get to really know the man is a rewarding experience.

There quickly surfaces the intensity with which he lived his life, whether his path led away from or toward God. The tears of his mother Monica, the instructions of Ambrose and, most of all, God himself speaking to him in the Scriptures, redirected Augustine's love of life to a life of love.

Having been so deeply immersed in creature-pride of life in his early days and having drunk deeply of its bitter dregs, it is not surprising that Augustine should have turned, with a holy fierceness, against the many demon-thrusts rampant in his day. His times were truly decadent: politically, socially, morally. He was both feared and loved, like the Master. The perennial criticism levelled against him: a fundamental rigorism.

In his day, Augustine providentially fulfilled the office of prophet. Like Jeremiah and other greats, he was hard-pressed but could not keep quiet. "I say to myself, I will not mention Him; I will speak in His name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. I grow weary holding it in. I cannot endure it" (Jeremiah 20:9).

Reflection: Augustine is still acclaimed and condemned in our day. He is a prophet for today, trumpeting the need to scrap escapisms and stand face-to-face with personal responsibility and dignity. Saint Augustine is a Patron Saint of: Converts to Christianity, Printers and Theologians. (From franciscanmedia.org)

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"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure;

to find Him, the greatest human achievement."

"Right is right even if no one is doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it."

"There is no saint without a past,

no sinner without a future."

- St. Augustine of Hippo



The Story of the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist - The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honour, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring

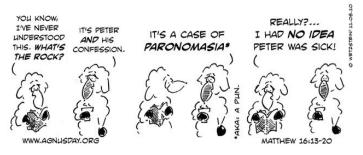
about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honour of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

Reflection: Each of us has a calling to which we must listen. No one will ever repeat the mission of John, and yet all of us are called to that very mission. It is the role of the Christian to witness to Jesus. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds, others should realize that we live in the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord. We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources, but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ's saving grace. (From franciscanmedia.org)



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