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Served by the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1890.

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.**



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Pastoral Team:

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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),

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 Fr. Dan Lobsinger, C.R., 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

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 14 – St. John of the Cross,
Priest, Doctor, No Mass**

Tuesday, December 15

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church – Monday
Lunch & Learn Group

Wednesday, December 16

9:00 AM † Mary-Ann Toussaint – Richard & Claire Armitage

noon † Katie Ruetz – CWL Mass

Thursday, December 17

9:00 AM † Candice Flores – Sheila Flores

Friday, December 18

9:00 AM † Aileen Tierney – Van Dam Family

Saturday, December 19

Vigil of The Fourth Sunday in Advent

5:00 PM † Ana Rosa Flores – Sheila Flores

† Bob Ruetz – Fran & Family

† Edna Ertel – Larry & Phyllis Ertel

† Brian, Wayne & Stephen Zmija – John & Sharon Carey

Sunday, Dec. 20 -The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 AM † Patrick, David & Max Reitzel – Audrey & Family

† Stella & Edward Hrycyk – Their Family

† David Kirby – Kirby Family

† Fr. Bernie Hayes, C.R. – Kim Moser

Reflection on the First Reading from Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

These are challenging words directed to the nation of Israel upon its return from exile, which came to an end in 538 BC with the Persian victory over the Babylonians. The years following Israel's return to its cherished land proved to be very tumultuous. Not only did the reconstruction of the Temple mean a return to the religious requirement of animals sacrifice, but also years of political instability when Israel was occupied first by the Greeks and then by the Romans. As a result, the Hebrew religion divided into competing sects that sought to win the people's loyalty.

This is the circumstance in which Isaiah appears, calling himself the "anointed." Freed from a captivity in a foreign land endured for more than forty years, the Hebrew people return to their land to find it destroyed and desecrated. Isaiah works to reassure them that this is to be a time of favour for them by their God.

Isaiah instructs Israel to rejoice in the Lord even through the temptation may be to look at the return to their destroyed and desolate land as a mistake. He interprets this homecoming as a renewal of the covenant in which God will treat the nation as His espoused. Moreover, Israel's newfound fortune is to be a sign of justice for other nations.

(From the *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.*)

Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

With the Apostolic Letter "*Patris corde*" ("*With a Father's Heart*"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "**Year of Saint Joseph**" from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021.



Third Week of Advent

There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit rested on him. (Luke 2:25)

Today is a day of great rejoicing! The Lord is near! How is the Lord coming into your life this season? Has his approach been loud and bold, forcefully showering you and your circumstances with his grace and bringing about great transformations? Or has his approach been quiet, a continued anticipation of the miracle to come? Maybe you feel like his approach has been too quiet. Or maybe today is the day to realize that we haven't even been waiting as we should, too caught up in other preparations and chaos.

Take time today to realize how close the Lord is. Whether quiet or loud, his coming will do nothing less than transform our whole lives if we let him. So wait on the consolation of the Lord! And rejoice! Your redemption is at hand!

Thank you, Lord, for all your gifts to me! Thank you for the gift of life! I praise your holy name and give you glory! Amen.

(From "And the Word was God" by Henri J. M. Nouwen and Christopher Klofft)

Sunday School & Liturgy of the Word (ages 3-

10) – is a little different this Fall! Join Teacher Kelly every Sunday morning at 10: 30 AM for on-line Sunday school session. We explore our church calendar, sing songs and read the Gospel together where we take away a few important points from the reading. I have a link for a children's bulletin that is full of fun information and ongoing activities. Would like to get involved? Email Kelly (kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com) to get the link to our virtual Sunday school. Join us to learn more about your faith!



St. Louis Youth Group would like to invite everyone in gr. 6 - 12 who would like to join our group of very enthusiastic, fun youth who care about their faith. We are getting together every second Friday night from 7- 9 PM via zoom meetings. We are playing games and having fun, learning more about our faith and exploring questions that we might have. There are 12 youth who have been meeting on a regular basis through zoom from the spring and were instrumental in helping Kelly to make St. Louis Virtual Summer Camp a great success. If this sounds like a group you would like to join, email Kelly at the parish office to get the information needed to join us. We all look forward to meeting you.



St. Louis CWL invites all ladies, members and non-members, to join us for a special mass on **Wednesday, December 16th at NOON.**

We will also take this opportunity to honour our ladies receiving service pins this year: Norma Kirby, Helen Dietrich, Amelia Uhrig, Cavel Thomas, Agnes Barlett, Patricia Nairn, Kathy Almost, Inga Collins, Dorothy Battae, Joan Forde, Rosemary Peterson, Bobbi Anderson, Maggie Fioravanti, Donna Herbstreit, Bonnie Rudnisky and Elizabeth Schwarz. We look forward to seeing you there!



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:
RESERVATION REQUIRED
FOR DEC. 24 & 25.

THU.	DEC. 24	CHRISTMAS EVE: 5 PM (100 % FULL) 8 PM (50% FULL)
FRI.	DEC. 25	CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:30 AM (50% FULL) & 11:30 AM (50% FULL)
SAT.	DEC. 26	VIGIL OF HOLY FAMILY (BOXING DAY): 5 PM
SUN.	DEC. 27	HOLY FAMILY: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
MON.	DEC. 28	NO MASS
TUE.	DEC. 29	9 AM
WED.	DEC. 30	9 AM
THU.	DEC. 31	VIGIL OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S EVE): 5 PM
FRI.	JAN. 1	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S DAY) : 9:30 AM ONLY
SAT.	JAN. 2	VIGIL OF EPIPHANY: 5 PM
SUN.	JAN. 3	EPIPHANY: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Please fill out a reservation slip for Christmas Masses and return it to the parish office, or email the office at stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com with the following information: your name, number of people in your group, Mass date/time choice, your phone number and email address.



The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during The Novena to Infant Jesus, December 16th to 25th, 2020.

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support?

You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intentions with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph
 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1
 St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

Journey through Advent – video series created by CCCB as an introduction to the season of Advent with reflections on the Gospel readings for each of the four Sundays. The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and the Most Reverend Pierre Goudreault, Bishop of Saint-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, provide spiritual and pastoral guidance on the readings that illustrate the true meaning of Christmas. The short videos will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday celebration. Video link: cccb.ca/liturgical-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/video-reflections/



There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If God is calling you, to the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton vcations@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988, or Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Vocation Director, at vcations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

The bulletins are posted on-line only.
Office open by appointment only.
(Mon – Thu: 9 AM to noon and 1 PM- 4 PM; Fri.: 9 AM - noon)

Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction. (St. John of the Cross)

St. John of the Cross, born in 1541, grew up in poverty and was drawn to the contemplative life. His soul longed for mystical union with God that his piety offended members of his order, including its head. The turning point of his life came in 1567 when he met Teresa of Avila, a kindred spirit who was looking for a partner in her Carmelite reform movement. She appointed him prior of the first community of discalced friars. Later, John of the Cross served as a spiritual director at her convent. (From spiritualityandpractice.com)



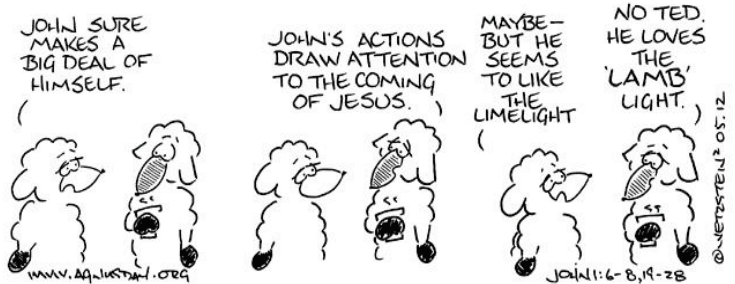
At St. Louis Parish the One Heart One Soul fund raising campaign celebrated the Commitment Sunday mid-November which completed the public portion of the campaign. Now what remains is the sending in and collection of the last remaining pledges. So far, we have received \$321,491.00 about 83% of our goal of \$390,000. This amount came from 155 gifts. *Thank You* to all who have contributed or pledged so far. Please know that all of the money donated goes to St. Louis and to chaplaincy programs at the hospitals, universities, and prisons, as well as to some small country parishes who are struggling financially. Thank you for your generosity. If you haven't sent yours in, it's not too late. If you need more information, please call the parish office.



Fish Fry: At Waterloo K of C. Please call Derek before 4:15 PM at 226-748-8378 to order Pick-up. From 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. Every Friday at 145 Dearborn Place (1 P.C. \$14; 2 P.C. \$16).

Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner Program: At Waterloo K of C. – Call Martin at 519-884-2060 before noon to place TAKE OUT ORDER. Dinner for two for a total of \$18.50 Tax Incl. PICK UP TIMES: 4:30 – 6:00 P.M.

The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir is proud to present "**We Wish You A Merry Christmas**" on Sunday Dec. 13, at 1:00 PM. Our concert this year will be on-line and you will need to register to receive the YouTube link to view. Please use the following link to register: bit.ly/ChristmasIMCC by Friday, December 11. Please also consider making a donation in lieu of a ticket to help IMCC continue to develop the love of singing in young singers. Donation information is located on our website: www.mennosingers.com/imcc



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Date	Sunday	Mainten	Diocesan collections	Loose	Pre-Author.
Nov 29	\$ 6930.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 1550.00	\$ 28.00	\$2739.00
Dec 6	\$ 2095.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$ 26.25	\$2739.00

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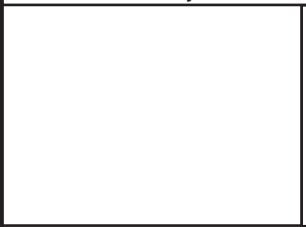
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