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ADVENT

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 16 – No Mass

Tuesday, December 17

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church -
Monday Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, December 18

9:00 AM † Sean Lowry – Dorothy Lowry

Thursday, December 19

9:00 AM † Bob Ruetz – Fran Ruetz & Family

Friday, December 20

9:00 AM † Robert Schnurr – K of C Retirees

Saturday, December 21

Vigil of Fourth Sunday In Advent

5:00 PM † Claude Freiburger – Loreen Freiburger

† Walter & Kaye Hartman – Children

† Albert Ruetz – Catherine Ruetz & Family

† Marnie Wharnsby – Delattre Family

Sunday, December 22 – Fourth Sunday In Advent

9:30 AM † Adele Bertha Houghton-Helm – The Children of
Wilbert & Sophie McCormick

† Janet Stevens – Dinner Club Friends

† Janet Dietrich & Family – Helen Hamblin

Deceased Members of the Gies Family – Rob
Hinsperger

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the First Reading from Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

In the preceding chapter, Isaiah describes the fruitful land of Israel's enemy turned into a desert wasteland; in today's reading, he presents an opposite scenario: the parched land becomes fruitful. Isaiah develops this prophecy in three stages: image of a wilderness transformed; direct address to God; direct address to the people, with promise of human restoration.

The opening imagery is of a wilderness personified: the dry land will be glad, the desert will rejoice, and the wilderness will rejoice with joyful song.

Having described a fecund transformation of the wilderness, Isaiah then speaks directly to God, or perhaps a divine messenger. Knowing the suffering of the people, Isaiah asks that God strengthen their feeble hands and weakened knees. The God who can bring about life in the wilderness is also able to heal whatever suffering afflicts God's own people. Asking that God say to frightened hearts, "*Be strong, do not fear!*" has a twofold significance: the people themselves must be strong in the face of adversity, and they should know well that God abides with them, "*Do not fear, for I am with you*."

In the third movement of his prophecy Isaiah announces that God does indeed come to save the people. The future will bring an opening of the eyes of the blind, and unstopping of the ears of the deaf, and in empowering of the lame to leap. Along with the land that will sing, the mute too will sing. Transformed people will walk on transformed land, as those ransomed by the Lord will enter Zion with joy and gladness.

(Excerpt from Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word)



Children programs closed on Dec. 22 & 29, 2019. They will resume on Jan 5, 2020.

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, December 16

9 AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

Wednesday, December 18

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7:30 PM 11:30 am Choir Practice Church

Thursday, December 19

9:30 AM Celebrating the Word – Reflections on upcoming Sunday Readings Large Hall

7:00 PM 9:30 am Choir Practice Church

Friday, December 20

9 AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

6:00 PM Youth Group & Youth Music Christmas Party Large Hall

Saturday, December 21

1 -5 PM St. V. de Paul Christmas Hampers distribution Gym

Sunday, December 22

10:30 AM Sunday Social Large Hall

5:00 PM OOTC Community Supper Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec. 21 5:00 PM	1 James Skidmore 2 Andy Zajchowski C Jim Walsh	1 Joan Sichewski 2 Granty Ertel 3 Guy Tremblay
Sun. Dec. 22 9:30 AM	1 Linda Wanka 2 Eric Davis C Terry Collins	1 Anne Marie Webster 2 John Klein 3 Frank Mensink
Sun. Dec. 22 11:30 AM	1 Simon Blanchard 2 Rachael Ward C Rorry Ferrier	1 Natalie Ferrier 2 Patti Walsh 3 Terry Sullivan



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St. Louis Parish gratefully acknowledges receipt of \$1500.00 from Audrey and Gerald Moser Trust held at Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation.

Congratulations to newly Confirmed parishioners:



Abigail Sarah Heimpel
Alexandra Maria Caldarelli
Brenden Anthony Biber
Emily Elizabeth Heimpel
Peyton James Ferrier
Ronan Neil Mantle



Church decorating for Christmas will be on December 23rd starting at 9 am.

If you would like a prayer shawl for yourself or would like to give one as a gift please contact Sandra Williams 519-742-9239.

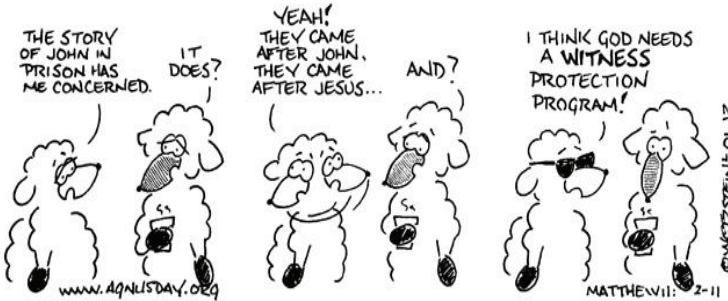




Congratulations to the new CWL Executive installed on Dec. 4th, - for 2020-2021

- President - Donna Herbstreit
- Recording Secretary - Carol Dubeau
- Corresponding Secretary - Rosemary Thorpe
- Treasurer - Patti Pagett
- Spiritual Development – Rosemary Danayka
- Organization – Deb Delattre
- Community Life – Donna Mallard
- Communications – Michelle Versluis
- Education – Kitty Tsang
- Past President & Historian – Rosanne Scarfone

ST. LOUIS OOTC COMMUNITY SUPPER: Four more volunteers are needed in the following area due to increased guest numbers. Kitchen cleanup commitment of one Sunday per month 5:45pm to 7pm. The program started the first Sunday in November and runs each Sunday till the last Sunday in April. Please contact Keith Schnarr at 519-656-9005 (home) or 519-801-8687 (cell) or email keith.schnarr@gmail.com to volunteer. Thank you for your help.



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UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS PARISH:

Twelfth Night - Epiphany Party on Sat., Jan. 4th from 6 PM:



Potluck dinner (bring your own plates and cutlery if you wish),
 Carol Singing, Games in the Large Hall,
 Gym will be available for active games.
 Teen supervision of younger children possible – please inquire.

Also add to your calendar: **Potluck Dinner and Ceili Dance on Saturday February 1st, 2020.**

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Wednesday, December 18th

- 7:00 pm St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira
- 7:00 pm St. Anne Church, Kitchener
- 7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Church, Kit.

CONFESSION TIMES

St. Mark Church, Kitchener

- Wed., Dec. 18th 12:30 - 1:30 pm, 6 – 7 pm
- Thur., Dec. 19th 7:00 – 8:00 pm

St. John's & Our Lady of Guadalupe,

- Friday, Dec. 20th 4:30 – 6:30 pm
- Saturday, Dec. 21st 3 – 4:30 pm

Sacred Heart Church, Kitchener

- Sunday, December 15th, 3 – 5 pm

An antiphon consists of one or more psalm verses or sentences from Holy Scripture which are sung or simply recited before and after each psalm and the *Magnificat* during Matins (morning prayer) and Vespers (evening prayer).

There are seven short verses sung before the *Magnificat* during Evening Prayer of the Church on the seven days before the vigil of Christmas. They each begin with the exclamation "O". Each of them ends with a plea for the Messiah to come. As Christmas approaches the cry becomes more urgent.

These antiphons were composed in the 7th or 8th century when monks put together texts from the Old Testament which looked forward to the coming of our salvation. They form a rich mosaic of scriptural images. A curious feature of these antiphons is that the first letter of each invocation may be taken from the Latin to form an acrostic in reverse.



So the first letters of :

- O Sapientia* (O Wisdom – Dec. 17),
- O Adonai* (O Lord – Dec. 18),
- O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse – Dec. 19),
- O Clavis David* (O Key of David – Dec. 20),
- O Oriens* (O Dayspring – Dec. 21),
- O Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations – Dec. 22), and
- O Emmanuel* (O With Us is God – Dec. 23), provide the Latin words: ERO CRAS. The phrase spells out the response of Christ himself to the heartfelt prayer of his people: **"TOMORROW I WILL BE THERE"**.

Why not join with the Prayer of the Church each evening and reflect on these words preparing for Christmas day by day. (From Catholic Online)

Last week's donations:

Date	Sunday	Christmas	Loose	Pre-Authorized
Dec 8	\$ 9039.00	\$100.00	\$388.10	2393.00

Please contact the office if you are using envelopes with numbers: 231, 260, 296 or 332.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

DEC 21	VIGIL OF 4 TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	5 PM
DEC 22	4 TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9:30 & 11:30 AM
DEC 23		NO MASS
DEC 24	CHRISTMAS EVE	5 PM & 9 PM
DEC 25	CHRISTMAS DAY	9:30 & 11:30 AM
DEC 26	ST. STEPHEN'S DAY	NO MASS
DEC 27	ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE	9 AM
DEC 28	VIGIL OF HOLY FAMILY	5PM
DEC 29	HOLY FAMILY	9:30 & 11:30 AM
DEC 30	SIXTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS	NO MASS
DEC 31	VIGIL OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	5 PM
JAN 1	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	9:30 AM (ONLY)
JAN 2	ST. BASIL & ST. GREGORY	9 AM
JAN 3	FERIAL	9 AM

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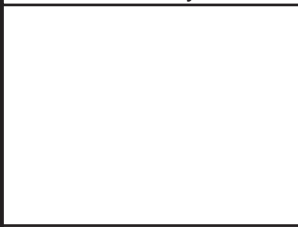
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