

# St. Louis Catholic Church

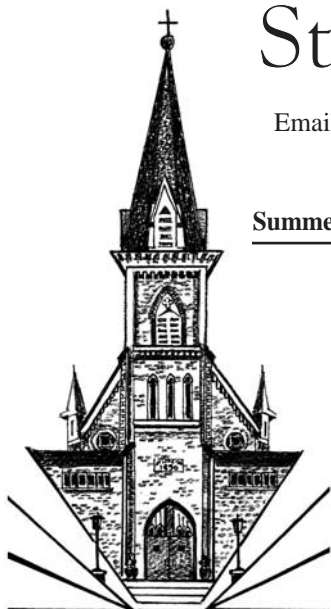
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**Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4 p.m.

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St Louis Catholic Church



### 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.**

### Pastoral Team:

#### Pastor

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#### Custodian

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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

**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

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS



**The Third Week of Advent Represents:** Joy  
 Candle Name: Shepherd's Candle. Color: Pink  
 This third candle is pink and symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus.

**Scripture Reflection:** "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." Luke 2:20

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

### The Fourth Week of Advent Represents: Love

Candle Name: the Angel's Candle. Color: Purple  
 During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel.

**Scripture Reflection:** "And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

(Advent is short this year as the 4th Sunday is on Christmas Eve, therefore you might wish to anticipate each week and that is why we publish reflections for two weeks at a time.) (From [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com))

Gerald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix opened on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> a festive Holy Year to celebrate the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Quebec, the oldest Diocese north of Mexico! From Dec. 8, 2023 to Dec. 8, 2024, he invites Catholics from across Canada, indeed North America, to make a pilgrimage to Quebec City, the cradle of the faith in our country and the eastern and southern United States. The Diocese of Quebec has given birth to nearly 150 dioceses in North America! The Holy Door of the Cathedral Basilica of Notre-Dame de Quebec will be open to welcome pilgrims throughout the Holy Year. Check out [www.Fetes350.ca](http://www.Fetes350.ca).

**The St. Michael's Africa Project** at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo, began in 2009 to support a project of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Nyaling'a, Kenya. The outreach program supports needy children in the area "to reach the fullness of their potential". The Sisters support the children's education, health care and other needs. Last year's appeal, the parish raised over \$88K! They hope to raise an equal amount this year. Additionally, a parishioner donated \$100K to cover the construction of the first phase of the Early Childhood Development Centre. Sr. Oyin-Asishana, Provincial Leader of the SSND Africa Province, visited St. Michael's parish last weekend.

**Envelope News** - Envelope boxes for 2024 are ready for pickup. Your number is most likely different. Please write your name and address on the first few envelopes that you use. Using envelope #196 in 2023? – please let the office know who you are. On-line ways of donating:  
 Via Canada Helps [canadahelps.org/en/](http://canadahelps.org/en/) (search for "St. Louis Waterloo")  
 Via diocesan website: [hamiltondiocese.com/ways-to-give](http://hamiltondiocese.com/ways-to-give) select "Online to a Parish" and then "St. Louis Waterloo".

<b>Monday, December 18 – No Mass</b>			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis		Nursery
6:30 PM	11:30 Choir Rehearsal		Church
<b>Tuesday, December 19</b>			
9:00 AM	Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church		
9:30 AM	Book Group Meeting		L. Hall
6:30 PM	CWL Exec Meeting		L. Hall
<b>Wednesday, December 20</b>			
9:00 AM	† Grace Schmidt – Beaton Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
<b>Thursday, Dec. 21</b>			
9:00 AM	† In Thanksgiving for Graces Received on 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday of Mel Burtnik – Annette & Frank Hulme		
<b>Friday, December 22</b>			
9:00 AM	† Margareta Bot – Noronha Family		
9:30 AM	Church decorating		Church
<b>Saturday, December 23</b>			
<b>Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>			
5:00 PM	† Lucien & Loretta Potvin – Daughters		
	† Floyd Ertel – Leo & Pauline Tesolin		
	† Lorne Glofcheskie – Bob & Giselle		
	† Dr. David Reinhardt – Janet & Grant Ertel		
<b>Sunday, December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>			
9:30 AM	† Josefa (Sophie) Piller – Piller Family		
	† Yolanda Margarita Rincon – Lorena Duárez		
	† Arnolda Philippi – Butler Family		
	† Jennifer Neary Farrell – Butler Family		
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
<b>Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</b>			
5:00 PM	For Children of St. Louis Parish		
8:00 PM	For People of St. Louis Parish		

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

On this third Sunday of Advent, the reading from Isaiah adds to our sense of joy on this Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday. The greater part of the book of Isaiah focuses on the impending destruction of the kingdom of Judah for their transgressions against God. Yet doom is not the final word for God's people. In today's reading, Isaiah rejoices in God because he has received salvation and justice from God. After a period of captivity and suffering, God grants His favour not only upon the Prophet but also on all His people.

In fact, Isaiah is called to "bring good news to the oppressed," the broken-hearted, and the captives. The marginalized and imprisoned are singled out to emphasize the magnitude and graciousness of God's redemptive activity that allows them to have new life in Him. This revival of God's people is represented by the new life of "righteousness and praise" that springs from the ground: God's people have been shackled and now are set free that they, too, might rejoice in the Lord.

We rejoice today in our new life in proper relationship with God that was ushered in by Jesus' Incarnation. We recognize God's salvific activity in every aspect of our lives. Like Isaiah and the ancient Israelites, God's redemptive movement in our lives has enlivened us so that we are free to praise God "before all the nations." (From the workbook for Lectors)

### Quote from St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor – Dec. 21.

"Has anybody the right to criticize us even if we seem to be beside ourselves with joy to-day over the birthday of our King?" If the princes and rulers of this world are privileged to make merry over the sons of their flesh, what a mountain of reasons we have for exulting over the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Saviour!



**The Special Antiphons** – (An antiphon is a verse that gives emphasis to what follows, such as a prayer, psalm, Scripture or canticle.) From Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of each Advent season, a special antiphon known as an O Antiphon is read before the *Magnificat* during evening prayer or before the gospel at Mass. Sometimes called the Greater

Antiphons, or the O's of Advent (because they begin with that exclamation), the O Antiphons differ from the daily antiphons because they herald the coming birth of Christ. Originally written in Latin around the seventh or eighth centuries, these special antiphons are verses extracted from the Old Testament prophets — namely, Isaiah — and express the longing for the coming of the Christ. In fact, the word “come” is used in every O Antiphon.

Each of the seven antiphons begins by addressing Jesus using an Old Testament title for the Messiah. These seven names or titles, all from the Book of Isaiah, are:

Dec. 17, O' Sapientia (O Wisdom), Isaiah 11:2-3.

O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

Dec. 18, O' Adonai (O Lord or Ruler), Isaiah 11:4-5 and 33:22.

O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai Mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

Dec. 19, O' Radix (O Root of Jesse), Isaiah 11:1.

O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

Dec. 20, O' Clavis (O Key of David), Isaiah 22:22.

O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.

Dec. 21, O' Oriens (O Radiant Dawn), Isaiah 9:1.

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Dec. 22, O' Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations), Isaiah 2:4.

O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come, and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

Dec. 23, O' Emmanuel (O God with Us), Isaiah 7:14.

O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.

If you take the first letter of each Latin name and reverse the order — that is, begin with E from Emmanuel, then Rex Gentium and so on you will spell the word EROCRAS, which in Latin means “**I shall come tomorrow.**” (From [simplycatholic.com](http://simplycatholic.com))

**Resurrection Vocation Minute** - But the truth is, God's will for us is not for God, but for us. God wants you to rejoice always, pray without ceasing (this doesn't mean constantly saying prayers, but always being present), and to give thanks in all circumstances. The things God will ask you to do will change, but God's will for you has always been the same. Read more at [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.ca)

Date	Sunday	Loose	Dioces.	Maint.	Pre Auth
Dec. 10	\$3771.50	\$ 425.80	\$5.00	\$ 102.00	\$2432.00

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**CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES:**

4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (vigil)	Dec. 23	5 PM (Vigil Mass)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Dec. 24	9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Christmas Eve (vigil)	Dec. 24	5 PM & 8 PM
Christmas Day	Dec. 25	9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
St. Stephen's	Dec. 26	No Mass
3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> day of Christmas	Dec. 27, 28, 29	9 AM
Holy Family (vigil)	Dec. 30	5 PM (Vigil Mass)
Holy Family	Dec. 31	9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Mary, Mother of God (vigil)	Dec. 31	5 PM (Vigil Mass)
Mary, Mother of God	Jan. 1	9:30 AM (ONLY!)
9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> day of Christmas	Jan. 2, 3, 4	9 AM
12 <sup>th</sup> day of Christmas	Jan. 5	No Mass

**Advent Penitential Services in KW and area:**

Tue. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Anne's Church (Kit.) at 7 PM

Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Church (Wat.): 8 AM – 8:30 PM

Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony Daniel's Church at 7 PM

Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Teresa of Avila's Church (Elmira): 6 – 7:30 PM

Th. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Mary's Church (Kit.) at 11 AM

Th. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at Blessed Sacrament's Church at 7 PM

**JANUARY 2024 SOCIAL EVENTS:**

**St. Louis Epiphany Potluck Dinner and Party** – Saturday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 PM in the Large Hall.

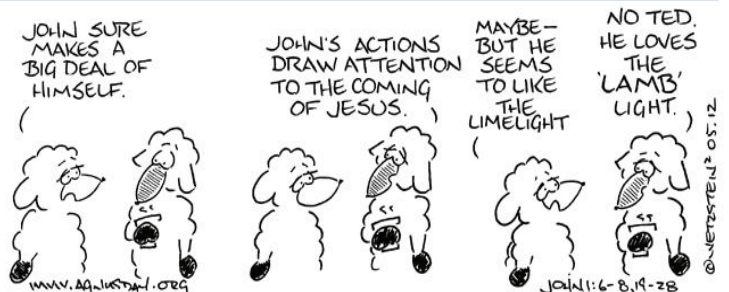
**St. Louis Mid Winter Dinner and Ceili Dance** – Saturday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 PM in the Gym and L. Hall.

**COMING UP IN 2024 NEW BIBLE STUDY**

**FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD – THE MYSTERY OF JESUS' PASSION** – Study of Passion Narratives from St. John's Gospel with Bible scholar Frances Hogan. This 8 part study focuses on the second half of the Gospel of John, known as the Book of Glory, detailing how Christ prepared His disciples for the upcoming task of spreading His Gospel message. Thursdays at 1 PM, starting on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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