

St. Louis Catholic Church

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Served by the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1890.



Office hours:

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4p.m.,

Friday 9 a.m. - 12 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.

Pastoral Team:

Pastor

Father Phil Reilly, C.R.

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Parish Secretary

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Custodian

Michael Ehrlich

Welcome to St. Louis Parish - 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 – John Miller (john@johnbmiller.ca),

5:00 Mass – 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 attending members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date.

A marriage preparation course is required.

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. Privacy-of-Information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in the hospital.

Priesthood and Religious Life - Is God calling you to religious life, as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? If so, please contact Fr. Toby Collins, C.R., Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at 226-989-1057, crvocations@gmail.com or check www.resurrectionist.ca

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

Finance Council

Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

Maintenance Committee

Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

Social Committee

Cynthia Ehrlich

Parish Webmaster

Daniel Delattre, daniel@uwaterloo.ca

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Dave Pagett, 519-744-7705

Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd,

Youth Ministry

Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

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Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound

Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

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Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 5 - No Mass

Tuesday, December 6

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Congregation of the Resurrection

Wednesday, December 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

9:00 am † Eleonora Baczewska – Malton Family

7:00 pm † Helen Edmiston – St. Louis CWL

Thursday, December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am † Janet Martin – Suzanne Perry

Friday, December 9

9:00 am † James Donkers – The Family

Saturday, December 10

Sunday Liturgy – Third Sunday Of Advent

5:00 pm † Eamon Halpon – Mary & Geraldine Smith

† Irene Hausch – Phyllis & Larry Ertel

† Walter Hartman – Kaye Hartman

† Fr. Clair Girodat, C.R. – Catherine Ruetz

Sunday December 4 – Third Sunday Of Advent

9:30 am † David Kirby – Kirby Family

† Mary Fischer – Joan Powers

† Barbara Reinhart – Ed & Trudy Allensen

† Kasem, Johnny & Khampheng Xaysy – Xaysy Family

11:30 am People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the First Reading from Isaiah 11:1 -10

Today's prophecy from Isaiah dates from the second half of the 8th century BC, a period when Judah repeatedly turned to various foreign nations for protection from war and invasion. The people seem to take for granted God's promise that a descendant of King David will rule forever and they no longer fulfill their responsibilities in the covenant made on Mount Sinai. Their rituals are perfunctory and there is widespread social injustice in the land. Although Isaiah confronts Judah with this reality, he also expresses hope in the coming of the righteous son of David, a king who will fulfill his proper role in leading the people back to faithfulness to God. He envisions the coming of a righteous king descended from Jesse's son David as God's instrument to establish a future kingdom of peace, justice, and right relationships in all creation.

Such a king would, act in the "spirit of the Lord"; he would possess the gift of wisdom to judge rightly, a wisdom learned by proper reverence for God. The attributes of this hoped-for king later developed into Christian traditional names for gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Prophet continues his portrayal of a kingdom ruled by such a ruler: the power of evil would be broken, and all things would live in peace and harmony. Former conflict and opposition would be reversed, and all relationships set aright. Centuries after Isaiah, Christians understood his vision of God's ultimate reign over all things through a chosen ruler to be fulfilled in Jesus the Messiah, who proclaimed and inaugurated the Kingdom of God.

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 5

4:00 pm Good Shepherd Catechesis I, II & III Nursery

6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul meeting L. Hall

Tuesday, December 6

noon Lunch & Learn: *Does the Bible Really Say That?* (Chapter 21,22) by Patrick Madrid Nursery

Wednesday, December 7

6:00 pm (11:30) Choir Rehearsal Church

7:00 pm CWL meeting Large Hall

Thursday, December 8

9:30 am Small Christian Community Large Hall

7:30 pm (9:30) Choir rehearsal Church

Friday, December 9

6:00 pm Youth Music Church

7:00 pm Youth Group (High school) Large Hall

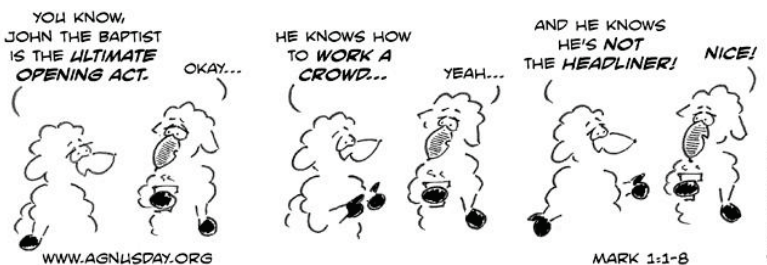
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec 9 5:00 pm	1 Marnie Wharnsby 2 Nardo Nava C Debbie Delattre	1 Joan Sichewski 2 Betty Gross 3 Guy Tremblay
Sun. Dec 10 9:30 am	1 Lauren Krause 2 Ioanna Malton C Linda Wanka	1 Ed Ruppe 2 Cecilia Beechey 3 Rob Hisperger
11:30 am	1 Gord Beaton 2 Ben Beaton C Carol Sullivan	1 Charles Wilson 2 Darlene Wilson 3 Rory Ferrier



Congratulations to the following candidates and their families who are to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday Dec. 4th at St. Louis Parish:

Kiera Beckner-Stenson, Chiara Caldarelli, Brooke Ferrier, Grace Leahy, Julia Noel, Gryphon Powell, Lauren Schumacher, Cara Ward, Olivia Wideman, and Joseph Vilon.


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News and announcements in brief

- ◆ *Pivotal Players* program will resume on Monday, January 9th at 7:30 pm with a first part on G.K. Chesterton.
- ◆ Thursday afternoon Bible study will start again in January following a program by Bishop Robert Barron, "Priest Prophet and King".
- ◆ Looking for a good home for you spare sewing machine, iron and ironing board – consider donating them to St. Louis Quilting Club – contact the office for details
- ◆ By popular demand there will be another Quilting Club meeting on Thursday December 8th after morning Mass. Opportunity to use large table surfaces to sandwiching your quilt. Nursery part will also be open for children and babies.
- ◆ Sisters (from next door) are organizing a pageant for guests of the Community Suppers to be presented on Sunday Dec. 18th. Young people from Youth Group are involved. Interested? Contact Sr. Immolatia at 519-145-5535.

 St. Louis Catholic Women's League meeting Wed., Dec. 7th (Advent/Christmas theme): 7 pm Mass, followed by an enjoyable evening of fellowship/refreshments; a brief meeting discussing a very successful Mission Sale; our annual fun post-mission-sale auction; carol sing-a-long. A time to be grateful for the good works God has allowed you, our members to do this year for our parish and communities here and abroad. All members and non-members welcome!

 **New Toys For Needy Kids** - Noteworthy Singers Concert *Christmas Joy* on Thu., Dec. 8th, at 2 pm at Waterloo Pentecostal Assembly (395 King St N.) Please bring a new unwrapped toy OR a cash/cheque donation.

 **Carmelite Monastery's Christmas Sale** began on Sat., Dec. 3rd and will last till Sunday, Dec. 18th. The Sale will include homemade jams, jellies, our own honey, and home-baked loaves.

Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide – Did You Know?

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to arrange for the killing of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to ending the life of their patients. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament.

2016–2017 Lectures in Catholic Experience at St. Jerome's University – Fri., Dec. 9th at 7:30 pm, Shane Claiborne, Executive Director of Red Letter Christians, will reflect on the scandal of God's inclusive love in a world that is starved for grace. With ancient stories of the early Christians, contemporary stories of ordinary radicals, stories from the streets of Philadelphia and the war zone of Iraq, Mr. Claiborne will invite us to re-imagine what it means to be the Body of Christ alive in the world. Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome's University. Free of Charge. Free Parking. Wheelchair Accessible.



First Communion: Anyone who has a child in Gr. 2 and would like them to receive the Sacrament of the First Eucharist here at St. Louis parish; classes will begin Wed. Jan. 25th from 6 pm - 7:30 pm in the Nursery. The celebration of this Sacrament will take place on Sunday, May 7th at the 11:30 am Mass. Anyone interested, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office to register.



Advent Retreat at St. Anne's Parish, Kit., Dec. 10th from 9 am to 2 pm: A life-changing day entitled, "Our Hearts are Restless"! Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, powerful talks and testimonies by Marcel Dion of Magnificat Ministries. Come experience the truly transforming power of Jesus Christ. Refreshments. Bring a bag-lunch. A free will offering. All are welcome.



Christmas Celebration concert with Grand Philharmonic adult, children and youth choirs, plus K-W Symphony on Sunday Dec. 11th at 3 pm at Centre in the Square, Kitchener. Enjoy Christmas music and audience singalong. Tickets just \$5 for children and teens. 519-578-1570 or www.grandphilchoir.com



Longest Night Prayer Service - If Christmas is a sad time for you because you of the loss of a loved one, please consider attending this ecumenical service. Wed., Dec. 21st at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, (49 Blueridge

Ave. Kit.). This will be an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with all who have gone home to Jesus and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. If you have any questions please call 519-745-7301.

Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. requests:

Please pray at church and at home that God will continue to bless us with a variety of vocations that lead people to a joy-filled lives of service.

Last Sunday Collection:

Sunday Envelopes	\$4237.00
Maintenance Envelopes	\$ 192.00
Loose Donations	\$ 311.20

Pre-authorized donations for November pro-rated per week: \$ 507.83

Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!



Pre-Authorized Giving available at St. Louis Church. Funds are transferred monthly on the 20th of each month. (This covers **only** the regular Sunday envelope donations).

If interested, ask an usher, or Fr. Phil for a registration form.



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