

# St. Louis Catholic Church

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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:**

#### **Pastor**

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#### **Parish Secretary**

Anna Malton  
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#### **Custodian**

Doug Lichty

**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

#### **Maintenance Committee**

Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

#### **OOTC Community Suppers**

Keith & Sharon Schnarr 519-801-8687

#### **Parish Webmaster**

Daniel Delattre, daniel@uwaterloo.ca

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Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

#### **St. Vincent De Paul**

For food hamper or more  
information call 519-743-4101



# SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop, No**

**Mass**

**Tuesday, December 8- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM † Ed Adlys – Larry Ertel

**Wednesday, December 9**

9:00 AM † Eileen Morrissey – Frayne Family

**Thursday, December 10**

9:00 AM † Joaquina Flores – Sheila Flores

**Friday, December 11**

9:00 AM † Aida Mercado – Sheila Flores

**Saturday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe Vigil of The Third Sunday in Advent**

5:00 PM People of St. Louis Parish

**Sunday, December 13 -The Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM † Shirley Hinsperger – Hinsperger Family

Deceased Members of Gies Family – Hinsperger Family

† John Lansky – Anna Lansky

† Loretta Lavigne – Patti & John Walsh

† Frank Pendergast – Teri Blackmere

11:30 AM † Colonel & Jean Moser – Kim Moser

† Gerald & Audrey Moser – Reid Family

### Reflection on the First Reading from Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Chapter 40 of the Book of Isaiah begins the portion of the Isaiah that is referred to by the scripture scholars as Deutero (meaning "Second") Isaiah. From chapters 40 to 55, the Prophet speaks words of comfort to the people of Israel, who have just completed their time of exile in Babylon. Imagine having been torn away from your home and your community, forced into labour for the foreign people, adapting to the new way of life in a land not your own, and then being invited to return to your homeland, which had been occupied by others and destroyed in the process. The summons to return would undoubtedly be met with a certain fear and resistance. Many exiles had to say to themselves, "We're doing just fine in our new home; why would we ever want to go back there?"

Nevertheless, Isaiah reassures the people that no longer shall they feel punished by God. Instead, they will experience the rewards of God's care. Once again, He will be shepherd for His people. He will give them courage to make known the good news of their return to all the nations. As Israel rejoices once again in its chosen status, their joy will echo forth to all the world as an invitation to see the revelation of the Lord's glory. Freedom from exile is not only for the people of Israel: it is for the salvation of every nation. "Then the glory of the Lords shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together."

Deutero-Isaiah attempts here to balance words of comfort with the command to prepare the Lord's way. In their return from exile, the people are to make their pilgrimage homewards by imagining the world anew and by trusting that the Lord journeys with them. Images of straight highways, mountains made low and valleys turned into plains are not simply for the Prophet and his people of long ago. Instead, they represent the wonder of all that God is accomplishing for His people today. His is a strong arm that can do all things. Yet this is the tender shepherd who never let His sheep go astray. (From the *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.*)

**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)**

### Second Week of Advent

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16.*

Jesus shows us that true love, the love that comes from God, makes no distinction between friend and foes, between people who are for us and people who are against us, people who do us a favour and people who do us ill. God makes no such distinctions. He loves all human beings, good or bad, with the same unconditional love. (Jesus: A Gospel, 10)

We live in a world where conditions apply in almost every aspect of life. You can buy a car of your dreams under these conditions. The bank will loan you money provided you agree to pay it back. In most everything you do, it seems there are strings attached. But what would it be like to have the strings be all gone, at least where love is concerned?

We've all heard it said, "A friend is someone that knows all there is not know about you and loves you anyway." Do you have a friend like that? In the Gospel of John, we hear that friend is Jesus. God knows us inside and out and yet still loves us so much that He gave us Jesus to prove it. That is the message God gives to the world in His only Son Jesus.

If that isn't love, I don't know what is.

Dear Lord, the message of Advent is a message of your unconditional love for all the world. In your mercy, help me carry that message to others. Amen.

*(From "And the Word was God" by Henri J. M. Nouwen)*

### Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary – December 8



In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. In proclaiming the Immaculate Conception of Mary as a dogma of the Church, the pope expressed precisely and clearly that Mary was conceived free

from the stain of original sin. This privilege of Mary derives from God's having chosen her as Mother of the Savior; thus she received the benefits of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.

This great gift to Mary, an ordinary human being just like us, was fitting because she was destined to be Mother of God. The purity and holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a model for all Christians.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says of the Immaculate Conception of Mary:

490. To become the mother of the Savior, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role". The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace". In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

491. Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1844: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." (From [www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com))



**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](mailto: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.



**Novena of Masses for the Immaculate Conception** - In its capacity as our Diocese's Shrine to the Blessed Mother the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph will be hosting a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This Novena will be seeking the intercession and protection of the Mother of God, and

Mother of the Church, on our Diocese in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. **Novena Masses were/will be held at 7 pm from Nov. 29 to Dec. 7 inclusive.** His Excellency, Bishop Crosby will celebrate Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 7 pm on Tue., Dec. 8. All the faithful of the Diocese are welcome to take part in this Novena. Please note that all Diocesan covid protocols must be observed while at the Basilica. Even if you cannot come to the Basilica of Our Lady in person please join this Novena in prayer from your home.

*Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us.*

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

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip 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 (November 23 and 30, December 7 and 14). Video link: [cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/video-reflections/](http://cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/video-reflections/)



**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**THU., DEC. 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE: 5 PM & 8 PM**  
**FRI., DEC. 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM**  
**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**  
**SAT., JAN. 2 – VIGIL OF EPIPHANY: 5 PM**  
**SUN., JAN. 3 – EPIPHANY: 9:30 AM AND 11:30 AM**

**RESERVATION REQUIRED FOR DEC. 24 & 25.**

Please fill out a reservation slip and return it to the parish office, or email the office at [stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto: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.



John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If God is calling you, to the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com), 905-528-7988, or Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR, Vocation Director, at [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com), or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.



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 \$314,811.00 about 81% of our goal of \$390,000. This amount came from 149 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 December 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](http://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](http://www.mennosingers.com/imcc)

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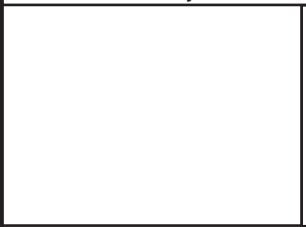
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