

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.



St Louis Catholic Church

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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 the 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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Parish Webmaster

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, February 13 – No Mass

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

Tuesday, February 14 – St. Cyril, Monk & St.

Methodius, Bishop

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church

9:30 AM Book Group L. Hall

4:30 PM Good Shepherd Catechesis Nursery

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal for 11:30 AM Mass Church

6:30 PM CWL Exec meeting L. Hall

Wednesday, February 15

9:00 AM † Ann Quinn – Helen Wiley

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

6 PM First Communion Prep. Class Nursery

Thursday, February 16

9:00 AM † Dorothy Lindsay – Cecilia Beechey

Friday, February 17

9:00 AM † André Duval – Catherine Duval-Russell

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

Saturday, February 18

Vigil of Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Floyd Ertel – Larry Ertel

† Con Woelfe – 5 PM Ushers

† Sr. Anne Rektor & Sr. Gemma Golino – Brenda Zmija

† Ben Hanlon, Patti Forde & Nel Forde – Pat & Joan Forde

Sunday, February 19 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM † Jean Wilson – Terry Henderson

† Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family

† Moe Webster – Jim & Bonnie Rudniski

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11:30 AM People of St. Louis Church

10:30 AM Sunday Social L. Hall

5:00 PM OOTC Community Supper Gym

2:45 PM – 8 PM Set-up to Clean-up

First Reading from Sirach 15:15-20

The wisdom writing of Ben Sira comes from the early second century BC. When the Babylonians destroyed the first Temple in 586 BC and forced the Israelites into exile, the chosen people wrestled with how to live the covenant with God without temple sacrifice. Their solution was to write down and to study the Torah, learning to inscribe the Law in their hearts. Upon their return to Jerusalem, the second Temple reconstructed around the year 515 BC, the Israelites had to reconsider how to worship. Did keeping the covenant demand animal sacrifice or study of the Torah? Life is to be found in the choice to keep the commandments and to pursue understanding the Lord's wisdom. For generations the Hebrew people learned to trust in the sacrifices they made as a means of assuring God's blessing. However, Sirach reminds them of the choice between truly trusting in God, or relying upon themselves. (See also on the RHS: "Prayers straight from the Bible")

This reading helps us to better understand the gift of free will. One who chooses the path of life does so freely. The same is true with the one who chooses to follow the way of death. God does not lead a person to choose one path over the other. God is not responsible for our sin; sin comes from human choice alone. Human freedom is a part of God's will, and God's wills not to rid the world of sin, because to do so would be to remove the gift of freedom. Following the commandments prevents one from making the choice to sin; thus, how foolish one would be to choose sin over searching for the Lord's wisdom! (From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word)



St. Michael's (80 University Ave. West Waterloo) will be hosting our **Shared Lenten Retreat** this year on **Sat., Feb. 25th**. Mass will begin at 9:30 AM with retreat and refreshments to follow until approximately 1 PM. The retreat leader will be Charlie Van Alphen who is a retired teacher/principal who currently performs faith based healing in our community. All members and non-members are welcome. We look forward to starting the Lenten Season with you!



Volunteers Needed! St. Louis CWL is looking for 1-2 parishioners (does not have to be a CWL member or a woman) to lead our Funeral Lunches. Duties include: communicating with the rectory, family and caterers and arranging for volunteers to assist with the set up, serving and clean up. We are looking for those with strong communication and leadership skills who are comfortable working in the kitchen. Please contact our President, Donna Herbstreit for more info.: 519-741-6390.



Painting with Kelly - Anyone interested in joining our painting group is welcome to join us Tuesday, February 28th in the Large Hall beginning at 7:30 PM. We will be painting a landscape scene in acrylics. Please contact Kelly Krause if you choose to join us so that we can be sure you have all the supplies needed.



SUMMER CAMP, CAN WE RUN ONE? Kelly is looking for volunteers in order to try and run a week-long summer camp this year. We are in need of adults who can run the different stations, or help out in the kitchen for the snack time. Everything you will do with the children in each station is provided for you, you just need to help lead the program. We also need teens who would be interested in being camp counsellors. We are looking for anyone 12 yrs and up who would like to get involved. We are looking at dates in July for the camp, but definite dates can be determined by the volunteers who offer to help. The camp runs through the morning and then the Lego camp takes over for the afternoon; we are asking for volunteers for the morning. Please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office if you are interested in helping out.

World Youth Day - The Diocese of Hamilton is exploring the possibility of having an event that will run simultaneously to the World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. They are asking any young people who are interested in an event like this to fill out a survey. The event would take place on the weekend of August 4-6th, 2023. If interested in such an event, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office. She will be committed to bringing a group of young people to this event if there is interest to go. The survey will only be open until Feb. 24th, so please do not delay. To find the survey, please go to the Diocese of Hamilton website, look for the Family and Youth drop down menu, then click on Youth Ministry. The survey is the first box you will see. It is called the Declaration of Interest. <https://forms.gle/rHUqMcvwNXGNpAP78> We hope there will be lots of interest and we can bring a group of young people from St. Louis to this great event.



Tuesday morning Book Group:

There is still time to start on your own the book *33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration* by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. We aim to do the Consecration on March 25th – The Feast of Annunciation. If you already consecrated yourself to Mary in the past, this is a good time for a renewal, either on your own, or together with the group. Contact parish office for more information.





THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME AND HELPED WITH THE POTLUCK & CEILI LAST SATURDAY! GREAT FUN WAS HAD! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEXT YEAR'S EVENT: FEBRUARY 10, 2024.

Moms Ministry Invitation - Lenten Reflection for Mothers (everyone is welcome). Lenten evening of reflection for mothers - Friday, Feb. 24th at 7:30 PM. at St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo. Spend an evening with the Lord and Our Blessed Mother. 7 PM Mass with a homily reflection for mothers. 7:30 PM, *Mary's Way of the Cross*: We will accompany Our Blessed Mother as she walks with Jesus to Calvary. No registration is required. Bring a friend. If you would like to actively participate (greet moms, read, carry the cross), please contact Kathy Shaw - shawbing@rogers.com, or 519-886-2117.



CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM - K-W Couples for Christ and their Family Ministries invite couples and singles to participate in their 8-week Christian Life Program at St. John's Church Hall, 85 Strange St. Kit. on Thursday evenings from Feb. 9 to Mar 30. Dinner provided at 6 PM program starts at 7 PM. The Christian Life Program is intended to lead participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Christian couples or individuals. There is no cost and kids watch will be provided. For more info. or to register contact Raminta 548-994-4020.



"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700. Pray for vocations!

2023 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – Bp. Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, at 1:30 PM at Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Mass is for couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th year (or each year after 60!) of marriage in the year 2023. You are cordially invited to come to this Mass. To register on-line go to www.hamiltondiocese.com, or call Sarah at 905-528-7988 X 2249. Register by March 26th.

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MATTHEW 5:21-37

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PRAYERS STRAIGHT FROM THE BIBLE - PSALMS:

In the Old Testament, God commanded the Israelite priests to offer sacrifices of animals in the morning and afternoon. Eventually, these sacrifices moved from the Tabernacle to Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem. During the Babylonian captivity, when the Temple was no longer in use, synagogues carried on the practice, and the services of Torah readings, psalms, and hymns began to evolve. This "sacrifice of praise" began to be substituted for the sacrifices of animals. After the people returned to Judea, the prayer services were incorporated into Temple worship as well.

The practice of Christian daily prayers grew from the Jewish practice of reciting prayers at set times of the day.

Psalms 119:164 states: "Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws". The times of prayer and the services are seven in number, like the number of gifts of the Spirit, since the holy prayers are from the Spirit.

Early Christians prayed the Psalms, which have remained the principal part of the canonical hours (divisions of the day in terms of fixed times of prayer at regular intervals). From the time of the early Church, the practice of seven fixed prayer times, being attached to Psalm 119:164, have been taught: on rising, at the lighting of the evening lamp, at bedtime, at midnight and the third, sixth and ninth hours of the day, being hours associated with Christ's Passion.

Christians attended two liturgies on the Lord's Day, worshipping communally in both a morning service and evening service, with the purpose of reading the Scriptures and celebrating the Eucharist. Throughout the rest of the week, Christians assembled at the church every day for morning prayer (which became known as *lauds*) and evening prayer (which became known as *vespers*), while praying at the other fixed prayer times privately.

All 150 Psalms are prayed during each week. Priests and religious are obliged to "pray the office" – (the official prayer of the church) and lay people are encouraged to do so.

The shortest Psalm is number 117:

O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord. (KJB)
(More on Psalms next week. From wikipedia.org)

Reel Justice Film Festival Feb. 23, 7 – 9 PM two short films about challenges and approaches to affordable housing. *A Better Tent City* follows a group of dedicated individuals working together to create a self-organized housing community in Kitchener. *Safe* explores the housing and opioid crises through the stories of tenants that live in Indwell affordable housing units. Following the screening, discussion with Fr. Toby Collins, C.R., Pastor at St. Mary, Kitchener and Jess Brand, Indwell regional manager. The screening & discussion online. R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at: reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - What is Consecrated Life?

On February 2nd we celebrated World Day for Consecrated Life, but what does that mean? Fr. Raph, CR decided to find out, and we invite you to check out the video and see what he discovered! Visit www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations to watch the video and learn more.

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