

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.



Pastoral Team:

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Michael Ehrlich

Welcome new members - We would like to invite you to register. Registration forms can be found in the narthex (lobby). Please call the parish if you would like your home to be blessed.

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 Choir - Peter DeSousa and Youth Music (peterdesousa730@gmail.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 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

Low gluten hosts are available upon prior request.

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

Finance Council

John Pendergast, 519-746-9768

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Prayer Chain

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St. Vincent De Paul

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



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 29 - No Mass

Tuesday, March 1

9:00 am † Marianne Oestreich – Sophie Debbane

Wednesday, March 2

9:00 am For deceased members of Malton & Tanton
Families – Malton Family

7:00 pm † Bernice Kresky – CWL

Thursday, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

9:00 am For young people in trouble

Saturday, March 5

Sunday liturgy – Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm People of St. Louis Parish

Sunday, March 6 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 am † Barbara Braun – Dolly Winter & Kay Lonsinger

11:30 am † Edward Hrycyk – Stella Hrycyk & Family

FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT:

Without a good familiarity with all of Scripture, we can end up stereotyping even God. An incomplete reading of the Old Testament can yield a stern and angry God that many contrast with “the God of the New Testament,” and an incomplete reading of the New Testament can yield a saccharine Jesus who doesn’t seem to have a spine in his body. Of course, the reality, in both testaments, is quite different from the stereotype. Today’s Gospel text helps make the point.

While it would be false to assume, as did those of Jesus’ day, that all suffering results from sin, it would be just as false to assume that sin doesn’t result in suffering. Even sin that’s been forgiven leaves a mark on us. Here, Jesus is asserting two truths: those who suffer have not necessarily sinned; but those who sin will eventually suffer the fruit they’ve sown. In the first century, it was common to believe that misfortune was a sign of God’s disfavour. Jesus disputes that notion by alluding to the victims of two well-known contemporary disasters. Jesus asserts that neither those killed by Pilate nor those killed by a falling tower were greater sinners than the other citizens of Galilee. Jesus’ goal, like that of the season of Lent, is to awaken his listeners to an elusive truth: there’s not as much time as we think! If we want to be right with God, today is the day and now is the hour to take the first step.

Twice Jesus sets the condition, “unless you repent.” Yes, God never tires of forgiving, but, as Pope Francis reminds us, we tire of asking for forgiveness; we fail to repent, and then the consequences of our free choice fall upon us. Jesus even uses a parable to illustrate the point. In the tale, God is both the disappointed landowner and the gardener who asks for more time. The owner doesn’t want the tree to “be wasting the soil” (a reminder that endless patience would do more harm than good) but agrees to yet another year. Even then the warning bell does not stop ringing in this cautionary tale. If it does not

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 29

4:00 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd St. Agnes Church
Levels I & II & III

7:30 pm Faith Enrichment: *Symbolon II* Large Hall

Tuesday, March 1

Noon Lent, Lunch and Lewis Nursery
(The Reflections on the Psalms)

Wednesday, March 2

6:00 pm First Communion Preparation Nursery

7:30 pm CWL Meeting Large Hall

7:30 pm (11:30) Choir rehearsal Church

Thursday, March 3

9:30 am Small Christian Community Large Hall

1:00 pm Bible Study: *Gospel of Luke* Large Hall

7:30 pm RCIA Large Hall

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

Friday, March 4

6:00 pm Youth Group meeting Large Hall

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (by Youth Church
Group)

Saturday, March 5

3:45 pm Youth Music Rehearsal Church

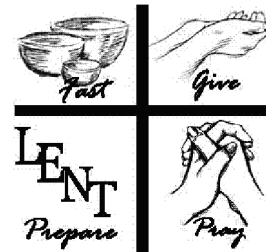
Sunday, March 6

5:00 pm OOTC Community Supper Gym

7:00 pm Evening Prayer with *Laudato Si'* Church

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Mar. 5 5:00 pm	1 Laura Shoemaker 2 Fran Ruetz C Marnie Wharnsby	1 Trudy Allensen 2 Daniel Delattre 3 Debbie Delattre
Sun. Mar. 6 9:30 am	1 Barry Hirschberger 2 Christopher Bishop C Frank Mensink	1 Ed Ruppe 2 Anne M. Webster 3 Rob Hinsperger
11:30 am	1 Simon Blanchard 2 Paul Butler C Fory Ferrier	1 Pegg Leroux 2 Marianne Butler 3 Terry Sullivan

produce, says the gardener, “you can cut it down.” Stern as it is, even that final caution is an expression of divine love that wants no one lost and nothing, not even a fruitless tree, cast into the fire.



Collection: February 20 & 21, 2016

Sunday envelopes:	\$	4843.00
Maintenance envelopes:	\$	1027.50
Loose donations:	\$	299.70

Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!

Parish Events and Announcements:



Catholic Women's League meeting, THIS Wed., March 2nd. All women are invited to this most interesting evening! Guest speaker: Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. - (*The CWL and vocations*). Other topics: a religious CD Club; the upcoming Hamilton Diocesan CWL convention to be held in Kitchener (May 13-15), the budget to be explained and voted on by you, and ending with "little bit of the green". The evening begins at 7 pm with Mass.



Lent, Lunch & Lewis – join Kelly & Anna on Tuesdays in Lent at noon in the Nursery to read & reflect on C.S. Lewis' book *The Reflections on the Psalms*. Bring your lunch. Come when you can.



125th Anniversary Book *The Spirit Lives - a History of St. Louis Parish 1890 -2015* is now available. Cost \$20. Available by calling the office.



Volunteers needed to distribute Holy Communion to patients at St. Mary's Hospital. Screening and training required. Frequency – about once a month, or less. For more information contact the parish office.



EVENING PRAYER with readings from Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si' – On Care of Our Common Home* and hymns – **Sunday, March 6th at 7 pm at St. Louis Church.**

Looking ahead...



St. Louis Players cast Party & Movie Screening - St. Louis Players, cast & crew, are invited on Sat., April 9th 6 - 8:30 pm (after the 5 pm Mass) in the Large Hall to a finger-food pot luck and premiere screening of our anniversary play. RSVP to Marianne at maributler@mac.com



Waterloo Deanery Lenten Series – Four sessions on God's Mercy on Thursdays at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in the afternoons (1 pm Mass, 2 - 3:30 pm Session) & at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in the evenings (7 pm Mass & 7:30 – 9 pm Session). Next session (Mar. 3rd): "Mercy in Scriptures" by Andrea DiGiovani.



Sir James MacMillan, a renowned Scottish composer will lecture on Mar. 1st at 7:30 pm, in Great Hall, Conrad Grebel Univ. College on *The Spiritual in Music*, and he will conduct a concert of his music on Mar. 6th at 3 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church Kit. Tickets: Adults: \$30, Under 30: \$14, Under 18: \$5) at grebel.ca/sawatsky.



24 Hours for the Lord - Waterloo Deanery will host 24 Hours for the Lord on Mar. 4th & 5th at Sacred Heart Church in Kit. Confessions will be offered from 5 pm - 11 pm on Fri., Mar. 4th & from 8 am - 4 pm on Mar. 5th. Mass on Fri. at 8 am & 7 pm, on Sat. at 9 am & 5 pm. Prayers before and after Masses. Details on our parish website.



Vocation Seeds - The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.



Prayer Vigil – Thu., March 3rd, from 9 to 10 am in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kit., for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road. Any queries, contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.



Can you spare some time to help out at the **Herb Wittich Centre** in support of Canadian Food for Children? Three times a year, St. Louis volunteers sort items at the Herb Wittich Centre (843 Guelph St., 519-578-9706) prior to sending them on to third world countries. Our next date is Mar 9th - 12:30 till 3 pm. Please call Fran Ruetz @ 519-744-7993 if you have any questions.



Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Retrouvaille program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. For confidential info, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 11, contact 905-664-5212, hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.



The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 FISH FRY - Fri., March 4th at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira. Two sittings – 5 & 6:30 pm. Take out: 6 pm. Cost: Adults \$15, children (under 12) \$8 & Take Out \$15. Tickets sold till March 2nd from the St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office (9 am to 1 pm) or call (519) 669-3387.



2015-2016 St. Jerome's University Lectures – Fri., Mar. 4, "Identity as Performance: You're Given a Script, But You Can Switch It (Maybe)." Lawrence Hill, Canadian author of *The Illegal* and *The Book of Negroes*, will share his observations on the subject of human identity as something that is evolving, complex and sometimes impossible to define. Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome's University at 7:30pm.



Cursillo weekend (3 days), is a short review of Christianity, is designed to help us **encounter Christ in a personal way.** If you are over 18 years of age, and are open to a closer relationship with our God and Saviour, consider a Cursillo weekend: for **men on Thurs May 26 to Sunday May 29** and for **Women on Thurs June 9 to Sunday June 12.** Deadline for registration is Fri. April 22. For more info. contact: Fr. Ray Reitzel, CR, at rayreitzelcr@live.com, or (519) 725-1445.



160th Anniversary of the Diocese of Hamilton Brief History (cont.)

2016 - Bishop Douglas Crosby is the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, having been installed on November 8, 2010. The Hamilton Diocese has grown to become the second largest English-speaking Roman Catholic Diocese in Canada. There are currently 124 parishes, 22 missions, and over 600,000 Catholics. We have 151 active priests, 13 religious congregations of men, and 13 religious congregations of women.



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