

St. Louis Catholic Church

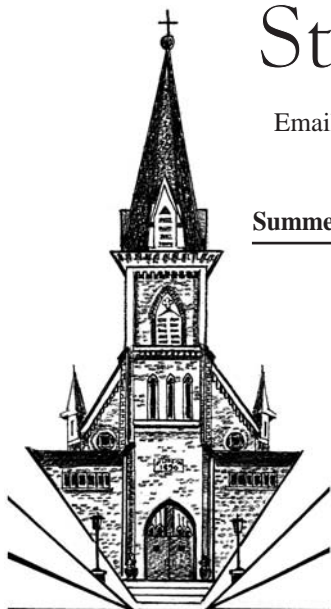
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Weekday Masses:
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m.
*Rosary: Tuesday to Friday
before 9:00 a.m. Mass*

Sunday Masses:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

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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

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, January 15 – No Mass		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
9:30 AM	CWL Anniv. Com. Mtg.	L. Hall
5:30 – 6:45 PM	Good Shepherd Catech.	Nursery
6:30 – 7:30 PM	Choir (11:30 AM) Practice	Church
7:30 - 9 PM	Bible Timeline Study 1/12	L. Hall
Tuesday, January 16		
9:00 AM	† Ethel Kehn – Beaton Family	
9:30 AM	Book Group	L. Hall
6:30 PM	CWL Executive Mtg.	L. Hall
Wednesday, January 17 – St. Anthony, Abbot - No Mass		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
7 PM	CWL Anniversary Planning Mtg.	L. Hall
Thursday, January 18 – No Mass		
Friday, January 19 – No Mass		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
Saturday, January 20- St. Sebastian, Martyr		
Vigil of The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5:00 PM	† Anne Mulhall – Pat & Joan Forde	
	† Vincent O'Callaghan – Pat & Joan Forde	
	† Jack Sehl – Anne Marie Webster	
	† Walter Michael Wojcik – Sister	
Sunday, Jan. 21 – The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
9:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish	
10:30 AM	Sunday Social	L. Hall
11:30 AM	† Clarence Anstett – Anstett Family	
	† Joan Sichewski – Audrey Reitzel	
12:30 PM	Bible Timeline Study 2/12	L. Hall
5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

Reflection on the Gospel John 1:35-42

The Gospel reading describes the calling of Jesus' first disciples. In preceding verses the focus was on John the Baptist as witness and herald to the coming of Jesus. John has already seen Jesus once before and testified to Him being "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world". In today's reading, John gives the same witness, this time to the two disciples who are with him.

Upon hearing John's words, the two disciples followed Jesus, yet it is Jesus who takes the initiative in turning to them and speaking first, asking, "What are you looking for?" True discipleship flows from Jesus' initiative. He speaks to us first, and we then have a choice in how we respond. The two disciples respond by remaining with Him, and then one of them, Andrew, goes a step further by sharing his encounter with Christ with his brother Simon, who is later known as Peter/Cephas.

Though it is Andrew who brings Simon to Jesus, it is Jesus who again speaks first. With one sentence, Jesus reveals that He already knows who Simon is. Furthermore, He also knows who Simon will be after embarking on his journey of discipleship. While in the first reading we are told that Samuel matures in the presence of the Lord, Simon's future maturation is implied in Jesus' renaming him at their first encounter. Like the disciples, our relationship with God is a result of God's initiative and calling. We can choose whether to heed His call and follow or turn a deaf ear to His voice. (From Workbook for Lectors)

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Being a Catholic Christian has the potential to fill every aspect of life – every decision, failure, triumph – with personal meaning and satisfaction, because it is a personal invitation from Jesus. It will be a gradual process, and we need the help of others along the way – like Samuel in our first reading, and Simon Peter in today's Gospel. But it begins with a question that Jesus is asking you: "what are you looking for?" Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca



First Communion - Classes will begin Sunday, January 28th from 10:40 AM - 11:50 AM in the Nursery. If you have a child in gr. 2 and would like to have the Sacrament celebrated here at St. Louis parish please register with Kelly Krause either through email or at the parish office.

STARTING SOON

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. 18th, 2024. All welcome to attend any or all sessions.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY – SALVATION STORY MADE CLEAR

The Bible Timeline® Study Program is a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how 14 of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives the keys to understand the amazing story woven through Scripture. Unique colour-coded chart, helps to learn about the people, places, and events of the Bible and reveals the remarkable story of our Faith. (The presentations have been updated since last studied in 2015.) Offered either on Monday nights at 7:30 PM starting Jan. 15th, 2024 OR on Sundays at 12:30 PM (till 1:40 PM with substantial snacks provided.) starting on Jan. 14th. (No sessions on long weekends etc.) 12 sessions during Winter/Spring 2024 & 12 sessions during the Fall of 2024. Contact parish office to sign up, or come to a session. Materials provided, or workbook can be purchased.

Book Group (meetings on Tuesday mornings after the daily Mass at 9:30 – 10:30 AM) will resume on Jan. 16th and we will continue with "My Sisters the Saints" spiritual memoir by Colleen Carroll Campbell.

Young Adults Night - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30-7:30 PM), social with food (7:30-8 PM), praise night and vocations testimony (8-9 PM), and Compline (9 PM) on Friday, Feb. 3rd at St. Michael Catholic Church (80 University Ave. W., Waterloo). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more info., contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

ALPHA 2024: On Thursday evenings, February 22 to May 2 at St. Mark's Parish Hall (55 Driftwood Drive). Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. To learn more, contact Denise Case at stmarkalpha@gmail.com.



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Jan 7	3193.75	371.15	40.00	247.00	367.00	2385.61

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**ST. LOUIS Potluck - Ceili
- Games Night
Saturday – January 27
(No tickets - Free will offering)**

6 PM – Potluck dinner in Gym & Large Hall

(This is non-licensed event)

(Bring your cup, plate, cutlery, water bottle & indoor dancing shoes)

7 -10 PM – Ceili Dances - from Irish, Scottish & English Traditions

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and Maureen Keating (piano)

Guest performance by German Dancers around 8:30 PM

7-10 PM – Board games & card games in the Large Hall

Book your calendar and invite friends!

For more information, or if you are able to help with set up or clean up,
please contact the parish office.

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is designated as **Bible Sunday** (Jan. 21). As a preparation, we can ask ourselves a question: Are Catholics Bible Christians? As Catholics, we are 100 percent Bible Christians—that is to say, the Catholic Church believes that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and, as such, according to the Second Vatican Council, the Bible “stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her sons, the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life” (*Dei Verbum* 21). Therefore, Catholics are indeed Bible Christians—and there is perhaps no other aspect of the Catholic faith that exemplifies this more than the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Familiarity with God’s Word leads one to conclude that the Catholic Mass is not a foreign experience from the Bible. In fact, its structure, its words and gestures, and its built-in theology are embedded in the pages of sacred Scripture. An examination of this “Bible blueprint” leads to the discovery that Catholic worship is truly a biblical style of worship. In many of the bulletins in 2023 were included prayers taken directly from the Bible. Now and over the next few weeks (space permitting) we continue to look at Biblical quotations which correspond to the text of the Mass.

Prayers concluded by "Amen":

Nehemiah 8:6 - Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!” Then they knelt down and bowed before the LORD, their faces to the ground.

Psalms 41:14 - Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from all eternity and forever. Amen. Amen.

Romans 16:25-27 - Now to Him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrew 13:20-21 - May the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep by the blood of the eternal covenant, Jesus our Lord, furnish you with all that is good, that you may do His will. May He carry out in you what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 7:11-12 - All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed: “Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honour, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.” (*From catholic-resources.org/Bible/Biblical-Mass-Texts & catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/the-mass-is-profoundly-biblical*)

St. Sebastian (c. 256 – Jan. 20, 287) - Almost nothing is historically certain about Sebastian except that he was a Roman martyr, was venerated in Milan in the time of St. Ambrose and buried on the Appian Way, near the present Basilica of St. Sebastian. Devotion to him spread rapidly, and he is mentioned in several martyrologies as early as 350.

The legend of Saint Sebastian is important in art, and there is a vast iconography. Scholars agree that a pious fable has Sebastian entering the Roman army because only there could he assist the martyrs without arousing suspicion. Finally he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. His body was pierced with arrows, and he was left for dead. But he was found still alive by those who came to bury him. He recovered, but refused to flee.

One day he took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He accosted the emperor, denouncing him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs.

Reflection - The fact that many of the early saints made such a tremendous impression on the Church, widespread devotion and great praise from the greatest writers of the Church—is proof of the heroism of their lives. Legends may not be literally true. Yet they may express the very substance of the faith and courage evident in the lives of these saints of Christ. Patron Saint of: Athletes. (*From Franciscanmedia.org*)

St. Anthony, Abbot (251 – 356) - The life of Anthony will remind us of St. Francis of Assisi. At 20, Anthony was so moved by the Gospel message, “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor” (Mark 10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. He is different from Francis in that most of Anthony’s life was spent in solitude. He saw the world completely covered with snares, and gave the Church and the world the witness of solitary asceticism, great personal mortification and prayer. But no saint is antisocial, and Anthony drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance.

At 54, he responded to many requests and founded a sort of monastery of scattered cells. Again, like Francis, he had great fear of “stately buildings and well-laden tables.” At 60, he hoped to be a martyr in the renewed Roman persecution of 311, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving moral and material support to those in prison. At 88, he was fighting the Arian heresy, that massive trauma from which it took the Church centuries to recover. “The mule kicking over the altar” denied the divinity of Christ.

Anthony is associated in art with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the cross are symbols of his valiant warfare with the devil—the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits, the pig a symbol of the devil himself. The book recalls his preference for “the book of nature” over the printed word. Anthony died in solitude at 105.

Reflection - In an age that smiles at the notion of devils and angels, a person known for having power over evil spirits must at least make us pause. And in a day when people speak of life as a “rat race,” one who devotes a whole life to solitude and prayer points to an essential of the Christian life in all ages. Anthony’s hermit life reminds us of the absoluteness of our break with sin and the totality of our commitment to Christ. Even in God’s good world, there is another world whose false values constantly tempt us.

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