

# 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

#### **Altar Servers Coordinator**

Dave Pagett, 519-744-7705

#### **Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd, Youth Ministry**

Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

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Donna Herbstreit, 519-884-9380

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Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

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Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239

#### **Prayer Chain**

Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

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



# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 27 – No Mass

Tuesday, January 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest, Doctor - No Mass

Wednesday, January 29 – No Mass

Thursday, January 30 – No Mass

Friday, Jan. 31 – St. John Bosco, Priest – No Mass

Saturday, February 1

Vigil of Presentation of the Lord

5:00 PM † Shirley Ellert – Family  
† Al Enns – Giselle Enns  
† Cyril Helm – Joanne & Fred Bond

Sunday, February 2 – Presentation of the Lord

9:30AM † Ralph Beechey – Cecilia Beechey  
† Samren, Khampheng, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy –  
Xaysy Family  
Intentions of Nigel Ayong-Chee – Amanda Ayong-Chee

11:30AM People of St. Louis Parish

### Reflection on the First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

In the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC, the ever-expanding and brutal Assyrian empire invaded the northern kingdom of Israel, beginning with the conquest of the territories of Zebulon and Naphtali. The Assyrian military brought such devastation to land and people that darkness seemed to enshroud everything. Yet in that time of darkness Isaiah announces that the gloom will be transformed to light. Though the people are still suffering, Isaiah uses verbs that sound as if the darkness has already been dispelled. So certain is the promise of God's saving action that Isaiah and other Prophets frequently speak as if it were already accomplished.

The first biblical reference to darkness occurs in the creation account when darkness covers the abyss. God's work, "Let there be light," was the first act of creation. In another manifestation of divine creative power, God will dispel all the darkness, gloom, and distress in which war-torn Israel dwells. The darkness is both individual and universal, for war has brought chaos to family life, the trampling of crops, political and social upheaval, and feeling abandoned by God. Isaiah's hopeful words seem to suggest that God's voice will again be heard in the darkness, "Let there be light," assuring that the dawn of a new day has come.

In the second part of Isaiah's prophecy, he speaks directly to the Lord who is the source of light. God's gift of light brings such abundant joy that Isaiah uses three images to describe it. First, the people's joy is comparable to the rejoicing at harvest time. When the land has been crushed by war, its restored fruitfulness brings great celebration. In a second image, the people make merry in dividing spoils. Rather than being plunged into darkness of defeat, they rejoice in the rewards of victory. The final image for rejoicing is the relief of being freed from the weight of yoke, pole, and rod, all instruments of servitude and oppression. Just as God had freed their ancestors from Midian long ago, in the time of the judge Gideon, God will again rescue Israel from whatever and whoever may oppress them. (Excerpt from Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word)

## THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, January 27

9AM – NOON Pickleball Gym  
NOON – 1PM Lunch & Learn – Book study: *Walking with God* by Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins Nursery

4 – 5:30PM Good Shepherd Catechesis I, II, III Nursery

7:30 – 9 PM Faith Enrichment – *Gospel of Luke* Large Hall  
DVD study by Frances Hogan

Tuesday, January 28

9:00 AM Rosary for intention of Bringing Our Church  
Loved Ones Home to the Church

6:00 PM First Communion Preparation Class Nursery

6:30 PM 11:30 AM Choir Practice Church

Wednesday, January 29

9AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

Thursday, January 30  
9:30AM *Celebrating the Word* – Reflections Large Hall  
on upcoming Sunday Readings

1:00 PM Bible study: *Pivotal Players* Large Hall

7:00 PM 9:30 AM Choir Practice Church

Friday, January 31

9AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

10:00 AM Baptismal Preparation session Large Hall

5:30 PM Decorating Gym walls Gym

Saturday, February 1

3:30 PM Gym tables set up for Potluck Gym

3:45 PM Youth Music Rehearsal Church

6:00 PM Midwinter potluck Gym

7:00 PM Ceili & Games Gym

Sunday, February 2

10:30 AM Sunday Social Large Hall

5:00 PM OOTC Community Supper Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Feb. 1	1 James Skidmore	1 Trudy Allensen
5:00 PM	2 Fran Ruetz	2 Joan Sichewski
	C Sharon Carey	3 Debbie Delattre
Sun. Feb. 2	1 Rose Mastnak	1 Frank Hulme
9:30AM	2 Eric Davis	2 Frank Mensink
	C Betty Gross	3 Mary Smith
Sun. Feb. 2	1 Simon Blanchard	1 Donna MacKay
11:30AM	2 Darlene Wilson	2 Marianne Butler
	C Mike Anderson	3 Al Kehn

NO DAILY MASSES JAN. 27 – FEB. 6  
(FR. PHIL IS AWAY)





**Dinner, Dance & Games Party**

**Saturday, February 1  
Potluck Dinner at 6pm and**

**Live Music for Ceili dancing at 7pm**  
(Free will offering – no tickets required)

**We will be lead in dancing by Relative Harmony (a husband and wife team) and the Canadian champion fiddler Shane Cook.**

*(Ceili dancing is similar to line dancing. There is a caller who teaches the steps before each new dance. If you can follow simple direction, you can dance at a ceili.)*



**Come and help decorate the Gym (on Friday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 PM) and set up for the Potluck (on Sat. Feb 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:30 PM). Email Cynthia at [cehrlich321@gmail.com](mailto:cehrlich321@gmail.com), or call the office if you can come.**

**Bible Sunday** - Pope Francis has established the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as Bible Sunday. This year it is observed on Sunday, January 26. Special Prayer Cards will be distributed today. Parishioners are invited to offer this prayer to deepen our gratitude for the Word of God and inspire us to root our lives more firmly in the Word of God

**Consultation on Medical Assistance in Dying** - The Canadian Department of Justice is having a Medical Assistance in Dying consultation, since the government is considering expanding the euthanasia law to those not dying. Let the government know that as a Catholic, you believe that the current safeguards and eligibility requirements need to be increased not lessened. You will be given the opportunity to provide written comments about the safeguards, the morality of the directives, and other factors of Canada's euthanasia law. This is your chance to influence how we move forward in this country with MAID. Please make your voice heard by filling out the survey at <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html>.

**The Marian Residence** is a vibrant retirement home located in a quiet residential area of Cambridge. The Sisters of Our Lady of Immaculate along with an extensive lay staff offer top quality retirement, affordable living, in a lovely Catholic environment. Come for a visit. Please contact us at 519-653-0363, 640 Hillview Rd. Cambridge, [marianresidence.com](http://marianresidence.com). Looking forward to hearing from you.

**Calling All Cursillistas** - "Have you attended a Cursillo Weekend? Do you remember the informative talks, and the wonderful support and friendship with other like-minded individuals? Do you remember the joyful feeling, enthusiasm, and fresh start you felt to life after the weekend was over?" If you have lost touch with the Cursillo movement, but would like to meet for a coffee, a chat, and to find out how the Cursillo movement is doing in your area, then feel free to call Ray St. Cartier: 519-622-5928, Fr. Gary Schlack: 519-364-1973, Mary Ann Kirkonnell: 519-379-9858.

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020** will conclude with an Ecumenical Worship & Praise Service on Sun., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM, in St. Francis of Assisi Church (49 Blueridge Ave., Kit.). This service will feature the choirs from all the churches.

**Don't miss out on the 2020 Catholic Charities Lottery!  
40 draws for \$40,000 in prizes!!!**

- The Foundation has provided over \$3 Million dollars to Catholic Schools, Parishes and Community Organizations in Waterloo Region.
  - The Catholic Charities Lottery began in the 1970's and continues today as the sole fundraiser of the CCFOWR.
  - Applications will be in the bulletin next weekend.
- Purchase a ticket today! Go to [www.ccfowr.org/lottery](http://www.ccfowr.org/lottery) or call 519-747-5661 to purchase over the phone!

**PAST DONATIONS**

Date	Sunday	Maintenance	Loose	Pre-Authorized
Jan 19	\$ 3055.60	\$756.00	\$205.60	2428.77

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**BOOK THE DATES:**

**VBS: July 20 -24, 2020 for 5 to 10 year olds. (11 year olds and older can volunteer as leaders). Registration will start in April. Remember that this camp fills up quickly.**



**NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE QUIZ**  
*Answers to last week's quiz: 1c, 2b, 3d, 4a, 5a, 6b, 7d, 8a, 9a, 10d.*



Our first CWL General Meeting of 2020 will take place on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 7 PM with Meeting and refreshments to follow in the Large Hall. Non-members are always welcome. Please join us and bring a friend!

**Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills – Come and Learn More!** "Keys to Loving Relationships" is a ten week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Dr., Kit. (519-571-9200) **Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 PM Jan.28 - March 24.** The cost is \$45. For more info. or to register, call the Family Ministry at 905-528-7988X2249 or [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).



"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest? If so, 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.

**KW Right to Life Candle-Light Prayer Vigil** Tues. Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm., in front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink) 200 King St. W. One hour of silent prayer for Preborn Human Rights to protect babies in the womb. Thanks for supporting this important human rights issue. Jane Richard KW RTL President 215 Lancaster St. W. Kitchener 519-746-5433 [jane@kwrtl.ca](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca)

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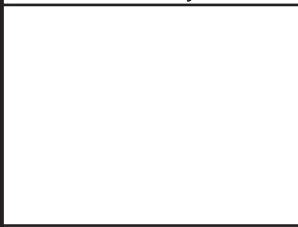
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