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EPIPHANY

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 7 – St. André Bessette, Religious No Mass

Tuesday, January 8 – No Mass

Wednesday, January 9 - No Mass

Thursday, January 10 – No Mass

Friday, January 11 – No Mass

Saturday, January 12 – St. Marguarite Bourgeoys, Virgin

Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord

5:00 pm People of St. Louis Parish

Sunday, January 13 – The Baptism of the Lord

9:30 am † Steve Shantz – Larry Ertel

† Shirley Hinsperger – Hinsperger Family

† Janet Dietrich & Family – Helen Hamblin

† Khampheng, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy – Xaysy

Family

11:30 am For Intentions of Amelia Uhrig on her 90th birthday

Reflection on the Second Reading (Hebrews 10:5 -10)

The evangelist tells of a star that appears in the night, disappears, and then reappears. He tells of a dream that warns the wise men of the danger of returning to their homeland by the same route. A star and a dream. What is more tenuous than a dream or a star upon which to fix a project of life? After the Angel of the Annunciation and the dream of Joseph, God's wonders continue, so we can fix our faith on the one who comes, on the basis of the testimony of a guiding star and a dream. God addresses humanity, even as God respects human freedom. The signs God sends have a character of light and clarity but, at the same time, of subtlety. Through the Gospels, from the Annunciation to the Resurrection, there is always room for uncertainty and the challenge of faith.

The report of the wise men instructs us. How can wise women and men abandon everything – safety, home, and comfort – and set out on the road to who-knows-where, expose themselves to dangers and mishaps, on the basis of the testimony of a star? This question raises another one, more to the point. How could the wise men see something unnoticed by so many others? Before we follow the star, we need to recognize it. Another characteristic of God's signs: they are only visible in the dark. At night, when the noise of words diminishes, then God manages to speak to the heart. The night strips us of certain pretensions and protections, disguises and distractions – both cosmic night and soul's dark night. The Prophets stress this: God speaks in the silent crackling of a burning bush or in the delicate eloquence of the gentle breeze. To capture the message, we need to enter the night, when silence can be eloquent. Matthew teaches, through the wise men's experience, that God is not found without leaving the routine and following something as tenuous as a star and a dream. After their journey, just when the wise men thought they had reached their goal, they suddenly lost sight of the guiding star. Then they turned to the experts of Jerusalem, to ask about what direction to continue. Far from being self-assured, the search has made them wise seekers; their finding has made them more humble.

In the stillness of night, the wise men discover the child with his mother, prostrate before him, offer the coffers of their hearts, and offer precious gifts. They arrived because they had been led by a star, because they had taken the road with simplicity of heart, which allowed them to recognize in that

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, January 7

9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym

Tuesday, January 8

6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul meeting Large Hall

Wednesday, January 9

9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym

Thursday, December 27

9:30am Small Christian Community Large Hall

Friday, January 11

9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym

7 pm Youth Group –Everyone Large Hall

Sunday, January 13

10:30 am Sunday Social Large Hall

5:00 pm OOTC Community Supper Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Jan. 12 5:00 pm	1 Debbie Delattre 2 Jennifer McDonald C Bea Lajeunesse	1 Christiane Martin 2 Guy Tremblay 3 Joan Sichewski
Sun. Jan. 13 9:30 am	1 Peter Erb 2 Lauren Krause C John Klein	1 Betty Gross 2 Cecilia Beechey 3 Joanne Bond
Sun. Jan. 13 11:30 am	1 Paul Butler 2 Simon Blanchard C Rory Ferrier	1 Al Klein 2 Donna Herbstreit 3 Patti Walsh

child God's presence in the world. God's signs are finally understood by people who are transformed through their search, by the testimony of a star in the night sky.

Excerpt: 2019 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers & Proclaimers of the Word.



As the Christmas decorations come down some people write the following on their front doors with a chalk that was blessed for the occasion on the feast of the Epiphany.

20 * C + M + B + 19

A key to the code:

— The '*' symbolizes the star that led the wise men to Jesus.
— The letters 'C', 'M', and 'B' signify the Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They are also the first three letters of the Latin phrase 'CHRISTUS MANSIONEM BENEDICAT' which means 'May Christ Bless the house'.

— The three crosses '†' signify the Holy Trinity made known to us through the Incarnation.

— Encompassing them all is the year we have just entered into: '2019'. It is a nice devotion for Epiphany – great for families – and is an active reminder for us through the year of the wonder of Christmas. (*Pieces of the blessed chalk will be available at the back of the church.*)



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JANUARY 6, 2019

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
DINNER, DANCE & GAMES PARTY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
POTLUCK DINNER (6PM) AND
LIVE MUSIC FOR CEILI DANCING 7PM**

Good Shepherd Catechesis will resume again on January 14th.

Next CWL meeting – February 6th at 7pm

Next St. Vincent de Paul meeting – January 8th at 6:30 pm

Next Prayer Shawl meeting – January 29th at 1 pm



Dear Ladies, please remember to submit your annual membership dues for 2019. Please place your cheque made out to "St. Louis CWL" or \$25 in cash in an envelope marked "CWL 2019 Fees" and place in collection basket at Mass. You can also hand in dues to any lady on our Executive. We look forward to another great year together!



Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



St. David Catholic Secondary School - Grade 8 Parent and Student Information Night – Thur., Jan. 10, 2019 from 6:30 to 8 pm. Any students who live within the St. David Boundary and are planning to attend Grade 9 in September 2019 are invited. Please come with your parents to visit St. David and see all of the wonderful programs that we offer. Grade 8 students attending public school are also invited with their parents to this information session.

Theology on Tap next event: Tue., Jan. 15th from 7 - 9 pm at the Albion Hotel, in Guelph. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Hamilton Diocese, will be speaking on the topic "Living Life in a Throw Away Culture". Free finger food. A special invite to young adults between the ages of 19 and 40. All are welcome. For more info., visit Facebook "Theology on Tap Guelph" or Theologyontapguelph@gmail.com.

PAST DONATIONS

Christmas donations:	\$35218.25
Sunday donations on Dec 16:	\$ 6164.50
Sunday donations on Dec 23:	\$ 4584.50
Sunday donations on Dec 30:	\$ 4242.00
Loose donations on Dec 16:	\$ 491.05
Loose donations on Dec 23:	\$ 663.25
Loose donations on Dec 30:	\$ 270.45
Preauthorized donations for Dec. prorated per week:	\$ 2366.00

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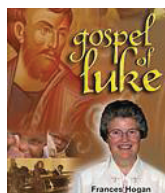


Pre-Authorized Giving available at St. Louis Church. Funds transferred monthly on the 20th of each month. (This covers only the regular Sunday envelope donations). If interested, ask an usher, or Fr. Phil for a registration form.



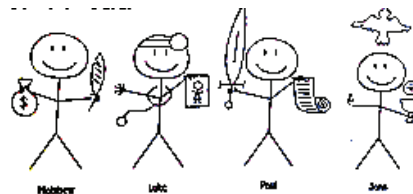
First Communion: Anyone who has a child in Gr. 2 and would like them to receive the Sacrament of the First Eucharist here at St. Louis parish; classes will run Wednesday nights beginning Wed. Jan. 16th from 6 pm - 7:30 pm in the Nursery. The celebration of this Sacrament will take place on Sunday, May 5th at the 11:30 am Mass. Please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office to register.

FAITH ENRICHMENT IN 2019:

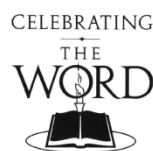


Mondays at 7:30 pm – Frances Hogan's *Gospel of Luke* – starting on Jan. 14th – It is a detailed study of the author, setting and all the action in this Gospel which we hear on Sundays during 2019. The presenter comes highly recommended by the Thursday afternoon study group.

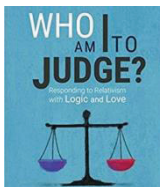
Mondays at noon - Lunch and Learn Book club resumes on Jan 14th with a new book by Dr. John Bergsma *Bible Basics for Catholics*. "Let award-winning teacher John Bergsma guide your through a high-energy and entertaining walk through the Bible, *illustrated with his own charming drawings*. So fresh, engaging, and truly instructive that you will find yourself smiling as you read it, and you'll be amazed at what you retain." Elizabeth Scalia.



Thursdays at 1 pm – *Lectio: Mark: Faith not Fear* series led by Dr. Tim Gray, starting on Jan. 17th – Do you follow Jesus 'on the way'? Is the Gospel of Mark only a "condensed" version of the life of Christ? What does it have to offer us that the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John do not? Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful fourteen-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching.



Thursdays at 9:30 am - Small Christian Community meetings resume on Jan. 3rd – This group reflects weekly on the Scripture Readings for the following Sunday using as a guide *Celebrating the Word* publication of the Congregation of the Resurrection.



Saturdays Supper and Study – *How to respond to Relativism with logic and love* program based on Dr. Edward Sri DVDs - next 3(out of 4) sessions will be on January 19, March 2 and April 6, 2019 starting with dinner at 6 pm and program at 6:30 pm.

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