



St. Louis Catholic Church

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Office hours:

July - August:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Closed on Fridays.

September - June:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.,

Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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:

Pastor

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Parish Secretary

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Kelly Krause

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Welcome to St. Louis Parish - 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 – John Miller (john@johnbmiller.ca),

5:00 Mass – 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 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

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

Finance Council

Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

Maintenance Committee

Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

Social Committee

Cynthia Ehrlich

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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Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound

Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239

Prayer Chain

Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

St. Vincent De Paul

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

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HOSTS



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 8 – Baptism of the Lord – No Mass

Tuesday, January 9

9:00 am For healing of Ed Ruppe – Nadia Del Rosso

Wednesday, January 10

9:00 am For healing of Eldon Prince– Nadia Del Rosso

Thursday, January 11

9:00 am † Andreas Schwarz – Joan Sichewski

Friday, January 12 – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin

9:00 am † Robert Allan – Carol Dubeau

Saturday, January 13

Vigil of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For People of St. Louis Parish

Sunday, January 14 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am † David Kirby – Kirby Family
 † Fran Morrison – Krause Family
 † Andreas Schwartz – Marnie Wharnsby
 † Javier Garcia Linares – Blanco Garcia Family
 11:30 am † Eugene August – Krause Family
 † Ethel Kehn – Beaton Family
 † Clarence Anstett – Jackie Anstett
 Intentions of Silvia Arreola – Blanco Garcia Family

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, January 8

noon Lunch and Learn **Large Hall**
 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul meeting **Nursery**
 7:30 pm Faith Enrichment: Bishop Barron's DVD program *David, the King 1/6* **Large Hall**

Wednesday, January 10

2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Planning Meeting **Large Hall**
 7:00 pm 11:30 Choir Rehearsal **Church**

Thursday, November 30

9:30 am Small Christian Community **Large Hall**
 1:00 pm Bible Study: *True Reformers 1/6* **Large Hall**
 6:30 pm Quilting & Sewing Club Meeting **Nursery**
 7:30 pm 9:30 Choir Rehearsal **Church**

Friday, December 1

7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting **Large Hall**

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Jan 13 5:00 pm	1 James Skidmore 2 Fran Ruetz C Sharon Carey	1 Rosemary Thorpe 2 Jerry Thorpe 3 Joan Sichewski
Sun. Jan 14 9:30 am	1 Barry Hinchberger 2 Jessical Hill C Rose Mastnak	1 Frank Mensink 2 Frank Hulme 3 Annette Hulme
Sun. Jan 14 11:30 am	1 Simon Blanchard 2 Al Kehn C Kelly Krause	1 Charlie Wilson 2 Marianne Butler 3 Natalie Ferrier

Reflection on the Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Matthew's Gospel account was written for a primarily Christian-Jewish audience, people who needed to understand how Jesus brought their hopes to fulfilment, and also that his story was in continuity with their tradition. Throughout his Gospel, Matthew frequently shows that fulfilment and continuity occurred in a surprising, unexpected way. Sometimes he uses direct citations from the Old Testament, and other times allusion and imagery. The wise men in today's Gospel, following the light of the star, can easily be seen as a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy that assures Jerusalem that nations and kings will walk in shining radiance. They are Gentiles seeking the newborn Jewish king, signs both of fulfilment of prophecy and foreshadowing of mission to the Gentiles. Matthew shows explicitly that Jesus fulfills Jewish expectations by citing the Prophet Micah (5:1-3), combined with 2 Samuel 5:2. For Herod, the prophecy is a means of thwarting God's plan, while the Gentile wise men continued their search for the child so they may do him homage. The contrast between their joy and homage and Herod's scheming displays further that God's plans will be fulfilled.

The wise men also show fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy heard in the First Reading, as well as Psalm 72:10-11, with their gifts of gold and frankincense. The gift of myrrh, not included in the prophecies, has long been interpreted as pointing to Christ's future suffering, since it was aromatic substance used in embalming.

Through this account, Matthew provides a sense of continuity with the past as well as anticipation for the future. Whether in the ancient story of the Jews, or in the ongoing life of the followers of Jesus, God's plan will be fulfilled.



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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 † 18

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: '2018'. 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.*)



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. 17th from 6 pm - 7:30 pm in the Nursery. The celebration of this Sacrament will take place on Sunday, May 6th at the 11:30 am Mass. Please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office to register.

THIS JANUARY...

Mondays at 7:30 pm – David, the King by Bishop Barron

Our parish will soon experience how the whole Bible opens up once it's viewed through the person of King David in Bishop Robert Barron's newest Bible study.

David's kingship recalls the kingship of Adam in the Garden of Eden, and also foreshadows the kingship of Jesus Christ. Adam was the first king and steward of the rightly ordered Garden of Eden, but he failed. Later, David emerged as hope of Israel who sought to restore order in the Garden and bring the world under the lordship of God. But being imperfect, David did not fully accomplish this task. So God promised to send a *son of David* who would be the perfect and eternal king.

On Monday, **January 8th** (for 6 weeks until February 12th) our parish will begin Bishop Robert Barron's *David the King*, study. For more information, or to register, please contact the parish office.

Thursdays at 1 pm – True Reformers by Christopher Blum

Dr. Christopher Blum will lead us on a journey with the saints who led the Church's rebirth from the ashes of the confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. As you will get to know them, you will discover how powerful – and beautiful – is the human heart's free response to God's generous Grace.

On **Thursday, January 11th** at 1 pm (for 6 weeks) we will start this series which includes looking at lives of Saints: Thomas More, Ignatius of Loyola, Philip Neri, Charles Borromeo, Teresa of Àvila, Francis de Sales and how they spearheaded the Church's rebirth after the turbulence and confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. For more information, or to register, please contact the parish office.

Monday Jan 8th at noon in th Large Hall - Lunch & Learn resumes on Jan 8th with a summary session on *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*. Even if you missed all the study sessions you are welcome to come and watch with us a talk by Brant Pitre on that subject.

On January 15th at noon we will start reading and discussing a new book: "*The Mass of the Early Christians*" by Mike Aquilina.



Vocation News: The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x 2246 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or www.HamiltonVocations.com

DINNER, DANCE & GAMES PARTY

Saturday, February 3

St. Louis Gym & Large Hall
6 pm Potluck Dinner (bring your plates and cutlery)



7– 10 pm Live music for Ceili Dancing
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Keys To Loving Relationships – 9 week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! Tuesdays from 7 – 9 pm starting Jan. 23rd, at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Ave., Kit. The cost is \$45. For more info., call the Family Ministry at 1-905-528-7988X 2249.

Homelessness In Our Area?? How Can I Help? Wed. Jan. 10th Mass 7 pm. Talk at 7:30 pm. Speaker: Rev. Michael Hackbusch, Spiritual Director House of Friendship. All are welcome, hosted by St. Francis of Assisi CWL, Parish Hall, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener.

Multicultural Mass - The Diocese of Hamilton will be hosting our annual Multicultural Mass on Sunday, Jan. 21 at 1:30 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This is sure to be a beautiful celebration. All are welcome to join us for the Mass and the social event which will take place in McNally Hall after the celebration. There will be performances by various ethnic groups, as well as a chance to sample some delicious foods from around the world.

KW Right To Life Charity Dinner Gala - Culture vs. Christ: In Search of Authentic Love with Jonathon Van Maren – Feb. 8, Polish Legion Hall, 601 Wellington St. N. Kit. Dinner: 6 pm. Speakers: 7 pm. Cash bar - Silent Auction - Tickets \$40. kwrtl.ticketleap.com/love or KW Right to Life Office 519-746-5433.

PAST DONATIONS

Christmas donations:	\$30,580.15
Sunday donations on Dec 17:	\$ 3,945.10
Sunday donations on Dec 24:	\$ 3,710.50
Sunday donations on Dec 31:	\$ 3,437.00
Loose donations on Dec 17:	\$ 293.95
Loose donations on Dec 24:	\$ 383.90
Loose donations on Dec 31:	\$ 426.15

Preauthorized donations for Dec. prorated per week: \$ 1828.92

Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!



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.



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