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Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

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Sunday Mass: 3:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses during Lent:

Monday- Friday 9:00 a.m.

Rosary: Monday to Friday before 9:00 a.m. Mass

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),

Peter DeSousa provides music for the 5 p.m. Mass (peterdesousa730@gmail.com)

Sunday programs for children

During the Sunday morning 9:30 am. 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

Church policy requires that the Sacraments be performed in the parish located closest to you geographically – unless you are registered and regularly attend elsewhere. At St. Louis, the sacraments of initiation are available to registered and regularly attending parishioners only.

Baptism: Celebrated once a month. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4 - 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date. A marriage preparation course is required.

R.C.I.A: 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 Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, or Sacrament of the Sick.

Pastoral Care to those in Hospital: Privacy-of-Information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in the hospital. A family member is asked to contact the parish whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit.

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 or crvocations@gmail.com.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 24

9:00 am † Frances & Jack Thorpe & Pat Hergott - Thorpe Family

Tuesday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord 9:00 am

Wednesday, March 26

9:00 am

Thursday, March 27

9:00 am † Alex & Edna Gies-Shirley Hinsperger

Friday, March 28

9:00 am

Saturday, March 29

Sunday liturgy - Fourth Sunday in Lent

5:00 pm † David Reitzel – Mom & Family

† Carol & Edmund Etmanski- Delattre Family

Sunday, March 30 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 am People of St. Louis

11:30 am † Dorothy Louttit – Don & Carolyn Fedy & Family

† Lucille Dube - Lanteigne Family

† Thelma Griffin - Theresa Hause

For Blessings on Jill and Chris as they prepare

for their marriage

For the Third Sunday in Lent:

Recently freed from the shackles and shame of slavery, the Israelites wander the desert of their protracted journey to the land God promised so long ago to Abraham. But as soon as things become difficult, the people long for the fleshpots of Egypt. Lack of water generates panic among the people. This is tiresome for Moses. But ironically, when he cries out to God in fear of his own life he betrays his own lack of confidence. It took God just a few weeks to get the Israelites out of Egypt -- it would take God forty years to get Egypt out of those Israelites. They will wander forty years before their faith becomes as solid as the rock Moses will strike at God's command.

In the second reading Paul weaves faith and hope with love and demonstrates their inseparability. The evidence of God's love was made powerfully evident in Christ's willing Death on the Cross. That manifestation of love strengthens our faith and gives reason to home. Everything we build, we build on that foundation.

In Paul's day, personal trials and tragedies were seen as punishment from God for sin. But Christ has established perfect peace and His sacrifice gives us access to the throne of God. All that, and all that is good in our lives came at God's initiative. We were the ones who did wrong, yet God took the first step at reconciliation.

Jesus chooses to pass through Samaria on his way to Galilee, because it provides an opportunity to make a theological statement. Jesus refers to himself as "the gift of God", source of the "living water". The woman misunderstands and hears "flowing water" (as opposed to the stagnant well water). Jesus's words conjure dreams of the Messiah in the woman. When she speaks with confidence and longing of the Messiah's coming, Jesus rewards her by revealing Himself to her.

Upcoming Events		
Tuesday, March 25		
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	Notre Dame Hall	
Wednesday, March 26		
6:30 pm First Communion Preparation	Notre Dame Hall	
7:30 pm (11:30) Choir rehearsal	Church	
Thursday, March 27		
9:30 am Small Christian Community	Notre Dame Hall	
7:30 pm (9:30) Choir rehearsal	Church	
Friday, March 28		
6:00 pm Simple Supper	Large Hall	
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross	Church	
Saturday, March 29		
9:30 am Lenten Reflection	Large Hall	
6:15 pm Catholicism Video Series with Fr. Michal L. Ha		

Mass	Readers Euc	haristic Ministers	
Sat. Mar 29	1 Marnie Wharnsby	1 Grant Ertel	
5:00 pm	2 Stephen Filipowicz 2 Guy Tremblay		
	C Debbie Delattre	3 Trudy Allensen	
Sunday Mar 30	1 Benita-A Gallina	1 Rob Hinsperger	
9:30 am	2 Jessica Hill	2 John Armatruda	
	C Michel Anderson	3 Joanne Bond	
11:30 am	1 Michael Schmitt	1 Pegg Leroux	
	2 Deb Zettel-Schmitt	2 Terry Sullivan	
	C Carol Sullivan	3 Patti Walsh	

JESUS - THE LIVING

The Samaritans believe "because of the woman's testimony". But soon others hear Jesus's words directly and believe that He is the "Saviour of the world". The hope of every Christian is to be able to make the same faith-filled proclamation!

All families and other parishioners are invited to A Simple Supper (soup and a bun) to be served in the Large Hall this Friday, March 28th between 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm followed at 7:00 pm by "A Children's Way of the Cross". -(sponsored by the Children's Ministry and CWL).

All women and young girls 16+ are invited to our Annual Lenten Mini-Retreat to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sat, April 5th (9am-12:30) beginning with Mass. Refreshment and the Retreat in the parish hall. The theme: "The Prodigal Daughter" will be interpreted and dramatically performed by Elisa Lollino. There will be time for reflection. No admission fee but a free will offering will be taken up to support Elisa, whose desire is to share the Gospel. You must register by March 28th. Please phone Rosemary at 519 745-3032, or email Pattie at dpac@golden.net (sponsored by the 4 Waterloo CWL Councils).

St. Louis Catholic Women's League April 2nd meeting: Two women will discuss how Timothy Schmaltz, the sculptor's purpose to give Christianity as much visible dignity as possible, is expressed through his art work. Also, we're seeking your input on new ideas for fundraising.

We are looking for families, who would be interested in volunteering to help out with our dramatization of the Gospel for our 10 am Good Friday Liturgy. We need a variety of ages to do a variety of roles. The Gospel is depicted in tableau style - as the Gospel is being read, a variety of people (ages) will get into a scene and hold that scene. The congregation will hear the words, and see it as

well. It is a beautiful way to share the Gospel. For those who take part in this presentation, it is also a very moving experience. There will be two practices, Sat, April 5, 10am-11:30am and Sun, April 13, 12:30pm-2pm (a hot dog lunch will be provided). Please let Kelly know at the parish office if you can volunteer. We will need to know numbers for the lunch.

Talent Show hosted by St. Louis Youth Group - Anyone wishing to participate in the talent show happening on Apr 26th at 6:15 pm please contact Kelly Krause in the parish office, by Apr 7. We need to know what you will be performing, how long your performance will last, will you need anything from us to help you in your performance and how much set up will your performance entail. The Youth Group will need time to plan the order of events for the evening.

"One Human Family, Food for All". True meaning of "solidarity", is to "consider your neighbour without exception as another

self". We are one in Christ. We remember that it is really only God who gives. He gives to us, trusting us to share with those who are caught in injustice through no fault of their own. We are, in fact, passing on God's gifts. If we all lived like this, hunger would disappear from this earth.

Please join us for a morning of reflection in Lent: "A Spirituality of the Paschal Mystery". Facilitated by Paul Butler, M.Div.,S.T.L. Sat, Mar 29, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon in Large Hall. Lunch at noon. To cover lunch cost suggested offering of \$10 per person. RSVP to Carol Sullivan (organizer) via parish email: saintlouisparish@golden.net

Lenten Parish Mission with Bishop Miehm at St. Aloysius Parish – March 22-26 – Check bulletin boards.

24 Hours For Mercy - In response to the request of Pope Francis that one parish in every Diocese have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available for a 24 hour period beginning Fri, Mar 28th, Bishop Crosby announces that this opportunity will be available at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton from at 4:30 pm on Fri, Mar 28th till 4:30 pm on Sat, Mar 29th. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during this period, Stations of the Cross

on Fri at 7:00 pm, and the celebration of Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins at 8:30 am on Sat, Mar 29th.

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites everyone to attend the **Mini-Retreat & Grocery Shower** (No Meat) to be held Sat., April 5, 10:15 am – 2:00 pm at the Monastery. Included: Mass and Rosary. The Retreat Master is Rev. Ron Voisin.

Lent is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

> **Daily Masses during Lent** Monday – Friday 9 am

Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 7 pm

Reconciliation Services in Waterloo parishes: March 31 – April 3 at 7 pm and on Wed. Mar 26th at 7:00pm at St. Aloysius

Fr. Robert Barron "Catholicism" video series- shown by Fr. Michal each Saturday in Lent at 6:15 pm in Large Hall.

Saturday morning Lenten day of reflection on **Spirituality of the Pascal Mystery** – Mar 29

Week of Guided Prayer – April 6 – 12

Lighthouse Media Audio CDs on many inspiring topic – Kiosk in the Narthex

"Your Questions about Catholicism" – write a question, place in a box at Lighthouse CD's Kiosk. Watch for answers in the bulletins, or during homilies.

Share Lent campaign: "One Human Family, Food for All" – April 6th

WHY @ Breakfast Presents: The Catholic Way to Get Even!!! Vicar General of the Hamilton Diocese Msgr. M. Kroetsch and Christian psychotherapist Denise Dolff will help us understand how forgiveness and reconciliation can help us not just with our relationship with God. but also with others around us. Sat, Mar 29th at 9:30 am at St. Michael's Parish Centre! Eniov free breakfast (compliments of the CWL) and nourish your soul. Register at cwl@stmichaelw.ca or call St. Michael's 519-884-9311.

Week of Guided Prayer — a retreat in the midst of daily life. Daily meetings with a prayer companion from local Christian Life Communities & daily scriptural material. Requirement: approx. ½ hr of prayer per day & meeting each day with your prayer guide. Starts on Sun April 6th with an afternoon celebration, closes Sat April 12th with a morning celebration. A donation of \$10 - \$20 is sug-gested for

photocopying and honoraria. Info: 519-579-8008.

Bach Vespers- Spiritus Ensemble Choir and Nota Bene Baroque Players. Sun, Mar 30, at 7:00 pm St John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 23 Water St. N., Kitchener. Admission: \$20 adults & seniors, \$10 students. For information call 519-579-8335.

The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir invites parents and children to an **open rehearsal** to get a glimpse of the inner workings of the choir. Tue, April 1st at W-K United Mennonite Church (15 George Street Waterloo). Parents with children ages 6-9 are welcome from 6:30—7:00 and parents with children ages 10-15 are welcome from 7:30-8:00. For more information: imcc.conductor@rogers.com

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