

St. Louis Catholic Church

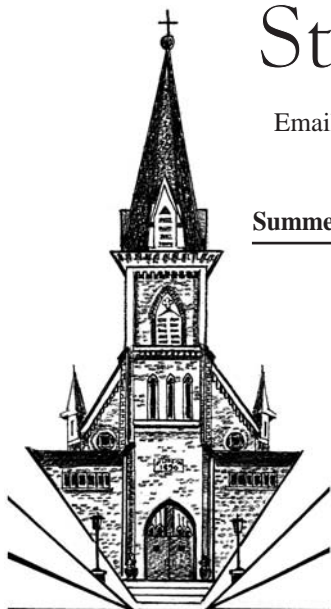
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Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4 p.m.

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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.

Pastoral Team:

Pastor
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**Coordinator of Youth and
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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)

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:

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

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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

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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, May 6 - St. Francois de Laval, Bishop			
<i>- No Mass</i>			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis		Nursery
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (11:30AM)		Church
7:30 PM	Bible Timeline study 12/12		L. Hall
Tuesday, May 7			
9:00 AM	† Norma Loftus – Larry Ertel		
	9:30 AM	Book Group	L. Hall
	7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly	L. Hall
Wednesday, May 8			
9:00 AM	† Susan Chan – Shaun & Rosemary MacNeil		
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
	7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	L. Hall
Thursday, May 9			
9:00 AM	† Norma & George & Sonia Mercado – Sheila Flores		
	7:00 PM	Lectio Divina	L. Hall
Friday, May 10			
9:00 AM	† Dolly Prus – Cecilia Beechey		
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
Saturday, May 11			
	9 AM – NOON	SVDP Sandwich Project	Kitchen
Vigil of Ascension of the Lord			
5:00 PM	People of St. Louis Parish		
Sunday, May 12 – Ascension of the Lord			
9:30 AM	† David & Norma Kirby – Kirby Family		
	† Helen & Jerome Dietrich – Paul & Carl Dietrich		
	† Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel		
	Intentions of Moser Family – Moser Family		
	10:30 AM	Sunday Social	L. Hall
11:30 AM	Intentions of Ted & Helen Morris on their 50 th Wedding Anniversary		
	† Susan Chan – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil		

Reflection on the First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Today's readings focus on the consequences of the message of God's love for the growing community, as well as the expectations regarding attitudes and actions on the part of the individual believers.

The first reading is drawn from the story of the Gentile Cornelius. It is key for understanding an earth-shaking development in the community's notion of who is invited into the life of Christ and community of believers. Three scenes from Cornelius' story focus our attention on the message's transforming effect.

In the first scene, Peter enters Cornelius' home. Although not included in this reading, we know both Cornelius and Peter had earlier experienced impelling visions. Peter's vision had led him to understand that what God created must not be declared unclean. Cornelius, described as someone with devout faith in God, has a vision directing him to send for Peter, leading Cornelius and his family to welcome him. In the second scene, Peter now understands that being acceptable to God is not based on nationality or observing specific customs, but rather on fear of the Lord and righteousness of life. In the third scene, which follows Peter's preaching, the message consequences are revealed: the Holy Spirit descends on Cornelius and his household, leading them to speak in tongues and glorify God. Meanwhile, Peter's circumcised companions are amazed that God also chooses the Gentiles. All that remains is for the community to ratify God's decision ritually through the Sacrament of Baptism. *(From Workbook for Lectors)*

May God's love shine upon them and may the Holy Spirit be their constant guide as they embark on this sacred journey of faith.

Congratulations on the reception of the First Holy Communion by:

Blaise Turman
Camila Ferreira
Isaiah Morris
Laura Sponchiado
Lilah Todd
Natalie Reeves
Nicholas Ahrens
Victoria Davis



How do I discern a vocation to Religious Life? If you're looking to understand God's plan for you, join us for the 'Come and See' day retreat on May 25th at St. Mary's Parish. This retreat offers a chance to join community prayers, engage in discussions with three Resurrectionists, and meet other young people on a similar journey. For further details, please visit: resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see/

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - "You did not choose me, but I chose you". A true vocation is not merely a personal choice or career path – it is an invitation from God. It is a deep realization that God has appointed us to "go and bear fruit, fruit that will last". If you're discerning whether God is calling you to a religious life, why not join us for a Come and See Day? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski CR; www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see

Vacation Bible & Lego Robotics Camp 2024 – To Mars and Beyond – July 15-19. The camp will run all day. Campers have the choice of coming all day, or half a day. The morning will be focused on the space theme with faith intertwined through everything we do. The afternoon will be Lego Robotics, also with the space theme running throughout what they do. Ages for the all day camp is 7 to 11 years old. Children 5 to 6 years old are welcome to sign up for the mornings only. Registration is now open. Forms available from the Nursery, the back of the church, or contact Kelly Krause at the parish office. **Early bird discount ends soon on May 12. Please register now.**

Would anyone have to donate? Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program needs a cross with the risen Jesus on it. It needs to be a cross that can stand on a table, not one that can hang on a wall. If it is no more than 5-6 inches tall that would be ideal. If you would happen to have a cross like this that you would be interested in donating to our program, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.

The **2000 Hail Mary's Devotion** to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be prayed on Sat. May 11, at St. Agnes Parish, (75 Bluevale St. N. Wat.) from 7:30 AM till 7:30 PM. Join us for all or part of the day. For info. email Marilynne at canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com



Proposed Parish Picnic – YES? or NO?

Are you interested in helping organize and run St. Louis Parish Picnic? If “yes”, then please contact the parish office. The proposed date is June 9th. There would be one Mass at 10:30 AM followed by food and socializing in the Gym and activities on the parish grounds. To make it all happen a number of volunteers is needed. The final decision will be taken later in May based on the response.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo invites you for Lunch in honour of Mother’s Day, on Sunday, May 12 at noon in the parish hall. For more info. or for tickets: please call Patrycja at 519-886-0342 X 3 or email lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com Ticket are \$20. Includes hot buffet lunch: Grilled Chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, veggies, Caesar and Greek salad, cake, coffee, tea. Door prizes, 50/50, Raffle.

Elegant Afternoon Tea on Saturday, May 11th at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Come and enjoy the ritual of an authentic English Afternoon Tea. There are two sittings: 1 PM and 3 PM. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$15 per Child 6 – 12 years. For tickets please contact the St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or email stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com. There will be handcrafted scones with jam and Devon cream, delicately filled sandwiches, delicious mini desserts and a choice of traditional teas. If gluten free is needed please request this when you purchase your ticket.

The Baby Bottle Campaign is vital to Marillac Place! Join us as we support Marillac Place’s Baby Bottle Campaign, running from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day! These six weeks give us a special opportunity to come together and make a tangible difference in the lives of young mothers and their children in our community. By filling baby bottles with your spare change and donations, you provide vital support to Marillac Place’s programs, offering housing, education, counseling, and more to those in need. Let’s embrace the spirit of giving and compassion as we uplift and empower these families towards brighter futures.

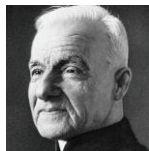
Baby bottles will be available next weekend OR you can mail a cheque directly to Marillac Place at 109 Young St., Kitchener ON N2H 4Z2.

For more info. on Marillac Place, please call 519-571-0722 x 2, or email at admin@marillacplace.ca, or visit our website: www.marillacplace.ca Thank you for your continued support that changes lives!



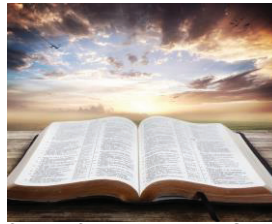
Pentecost Celebration - Join Bishop Scott McCaig, Peter Herbeck for an uplifting Pentecost celebration on May 17 & 18 at St. Raphael Parish in Burlington. A bus is planned, leaving Kitchener at 7 AM on Sat. May 18 & returning at 7 PM, if numbers warrant. It is important to register as soon as possible as bus seats will be assigned on a first come basis until the bus is full. Please call to register Pat or Rita: 519-748-5548 or email paddym@golden.net

Relics Of St. Brother Andre Bessette Visit Hamilton Diocese – from May 17-24. The relics of Brother Andre start their tour at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King and finish at Holy Family, Hanover. See the diocesan website, *Saint Brother André in the Diocese of Hamilton* (hamiltondiocese.com) for dates and times.



On May 23 the relics will be in Kitchener at St. Anthony Daniel Parish with the following schedule:

6 PM: Exposition of the Relic of St. André Bessette & Talks on St. André;
6:30 PM: Eucharistic Adoration; 7 PM: Holy Mass; 7:45 PM: Veneration of the Relic and Blessing with the Oil of St. Joseph. This is a wonderful opportunity to invoke the intercession of one of our own Canadian Saints. We are truly blessed to have the relics of St. Andre Bessette visit our Diocese.



Savour the Word – come to Lectio Divina on Thursday, May 9th at 7 PM to the Large Hall (till 8 PM). *Lectio Divina* is a slow, contemplative praying of the Scriptures so that the Bible — the living Word of God — becomes a means of union with God. This ancient and powerful form of praying with Scripture was practiced by the early Christian monks and was prescribed in the monastic rules of Sts. Pachomius, Augustine, Basil and Benedict. It consists of four steps: Lectio, Meditatio, Oratio and Contemplatio.

Save a date - Kitchener-Waterloo Walk for Life – Saturday, May 25th, 2024 – For route and more info please contact Jane Richards at 5190746-5433 or jane@kwrtl.com

Reel Justice Film Festival - May 23, 7 - 9 PM the screening of *The Biggest Little Farm*. The film chronicles the eight-year quest of John and Molly Chester as they trade city living for 200 acres of barren farmland and a dream to develop a sustainable farm in harmony with nature. Guest speaker Lisa Conroy, Farm Educator from the Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelph will offer insight into their model of organic agriculture and the programs they provide. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com . A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

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Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days! Cost \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. To register or for more info. go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) NOTE registration deadline June 20 2024.



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