

# St. Louis Catholic Church

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**Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4, Friday 9 - 12



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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 Children's Ministries**

Kelly Krause  
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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

#### **Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound**

Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

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#### **Prayer Chain**

Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

#### **St. Vincent De Paul**

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



# THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, November 16 – No Mass**

**Tuesday, November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary,  
Religious**

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church – Monday  
Lunch and Learn Group

**Wednesday, November 18**

9:00 AM † Brian Zmija – Cecilia Beechey

**Thursday, November 19**

9:00 AM † Elisabeth Schwarz – Elizabeth Schwarz

**Friday, November 20**

9:00 AM † Linda Charlton – Cecilia Beechey

**Saturday, November 21 – Presentation of Blessed  
Virgin Mary**

**Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the  
Universe**

5:00 PM † Christopher Forde – Pat & Joan Forde

† Edna Ertel – Larry & Phyllis Ertel

† Melisa D'Ambrosio – Frayne Family

† Sonia Mercado – Sheila Flores

**Sunday, Nov. 22 – Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

9:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 AM † David Kirby – Kirby Family

† Frank Pendergast – Dorothy McCabe

† John Bowman – John & Audrey

Intentions of Frayne & McDonald Family

### Reflection on the First Reading from Proverbs 31.

This poem, which concludes the book of Proverbs, praises a wife who embodies wisdom. In other words, to see her is to see one who embodies wisdom. The opening verse reads, “*An’esheth chayil*, who can find one? More than precious stones (pearls or corals) is her value.” The Hebrew phrase *esheth chayil* is translated variously as a “worthy wife,” a “capable wife,” or a “valiant woman.” In the book of Ruth, the Moabite woman by that name who provided for her mother-in-law, is recognized as an *esheth chayil*. And in Proverbs 12:4, an *esheth chayil* is the crown of her husband, in contrast to a disgraceful wife who is like a rot in her husband’s bones. Today’s passage from Proverbs portrays the *esheth chayil* as extremely industrious, competent, resourceful, and powerful.

Many verses of the poem extol her value to her husband. If he relies on her in all things he will find that he has “no lack of gain,” that is, profit. Like wisdom itself in the book of Proverbs, she is trustworthy, and through all the stages of their life together brings her husband good things or advantages.

The repetitions of her busy hands depict her industriousness. With willing hands she spins the wool and flax that she searched for all found. She puts her hands to the distaff and either works the spindle with her fingers or rolls it between her palms. She then weaves material from the spun woollen and linen fibres and sews garments to clothe her household and to sell for profit. She also extends her “palm” to the poor, welcoming them and offering them aid, and her hands to the needy. Her concern for others reaches beyond her own household. Like Woman Wisdom in Proverbs, she is interested in the well-being of the people she encounters. Further, she is shown evaluating a field, buying it, and planting a vineyard. She “girds herself” with strength. This girding is an idiom for people preparing to go to work or a soldier getting ready for battle. The woman’s arms are strong from physical labour. Based on parallels from biblical world, her lamp “that does not go out at night” is

probably a metaphor for the prosperity that results from her industriousness.

While most people admire superficial traits, like charm that can deceive and beauty that swiftly fades, this poem declares that truly praiseworthy is the valiant woman. She is shaped by wisdom, which, as the opening verses of Proverbs declare, begins with “the fear of the Lord”. People should talk about her and those like her at the “city gates”, the place where one catches up on the news in the biblical world. (From the *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.*)



**Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary**

The feast of the presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple dates back to the 6<sup>th</sup> Century in the East and to the 14<sup>th</sup> Century in the West. The feast celebrates the tradition recounted in James’ apocryphal gospel that at a very early age, Mary went to the temple to totally consecrate her life to God. The Church didn’t want to underline the apocryphal account but wanted to celebrate the fact that Mary, from the very moment of her conception, belonged totally to God to fulfil His Divine Will. The feast has its origins in the dedication of the Church of ‘Santa Maria Nuova’ in Jerusalem in 543 AD.

This feast permits a meditation on Mary’s hidden life. Apart from the events relayed in the Gospels little is known about Mary’s life. From the Gospels we do know that Mary was always ‘the handmaid of the Lord’ (LK 1:38). The Angel Gabriel’s greeting at the Annunciation tells us something about her as she is referred to as ‘full of grace’ (LK 1:28), which really means, ‘full of God’. Mary’s sanctity wasn’t something that occurred from the Annunciation onwards, but she was always holy as she was ‘full of grace’ and without sin. She lived a life that was always holy and that was devoted to God.

Mary is the daughter of the Father, that long awaited daughter of Israel, who was always in a continuous dialogue with God in her soul. This feast recalls her total consecration to God and her full dedication to the Divine Plan. She never denied God anything and she always corresponded perfectly to His Grace and the Holy Spirit and as such is the perfect model of consecration for all Christians whatever our particular vocation.

Mary dedicated herself totally to God at an age when a child starts to have the ability to use her own reason. She was always aware that God does not accept a divided heart but wants the total fulfilment of His Will.

This feast is a good occasion to renew our donation to God, to try to carry out our daily duties in the Lord’s service.

*From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:* The Virgin Mary “co-operated through free faith and obedience in human salvation” (LG 56). She uttered her yes “in the name of all human nature” (St. Thomas Aquinas, STh III, 30, 1). By her obedience she became the new Eve, mother of the living. (CCC 511)

*From the Gospels:* ‘For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’ Mk 3:35

(From [www.mdrevelation.org/presentation-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-in-the-temple/](http://www.mdrevelation.org/presentation-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-in-the-temple/))





**Sunday School & Liturgy of the Word (ages 3-10)**

- is a little different this Fall! Join Teacher Kelly every Sunday morning at 10:30am for an on-line Sunday school session. We explore our church calendar, sing songs and read the Gospel together where we take away a few important points from the reading. I have a link for a children's bulletin that is full of fun information and ongoing activities. Would like to get involved? Email Kelly (kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com) to get the link to our virtual Sunday school. Join us to learn more about your faith!

**St. Louis Youth Group** would like to invite everyone in gr. 6 - 12 who would like to join our group of very enthusiastic, fun youth who care about their faith. We are getting together every second Friday night from 7-9pm via zoom meetings. We are playing games and having fun, learning more about our faith and exploring questions that we might have. There are 12 youth who have been meeting on a regular basis through zoom from the spring, and were instrumental in helping Kelly to make St. Louis Virtual Summer Camp a great success. If this sounds like a group you would like to join, email Kelly at the parish office to get the information needed to join us. We all look forward to meeting you.

**Please pray for all young people discerning their vocation and especially for Colin Frayne, from our parish, who is joining a pre-novitiate next month in Wyoming.**



What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, or [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com), or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700, or CR Vocation Director, [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com)

**The Waterloo K of C PATIO IS OPEN. Call 519-884-2060 to reserve your place. Fish Fry Pick Up also available.** From 4:30 to 6:30 PM EVERY FRIDAY at 145 Dearborn PL., (1 P.C. \$14; 2 P.C. \$16). **Please call Derek before 4:15 PM at 226-748-8378 to order Pick -Up. Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner program - Dinner for two for a total of \$18.50 Tax incl, Call Martin at 519-884-2060 to place TAKE OUT ORDER only at this time. PICK UP TIMES: 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.**

**Message from St. Jerome's University** - Are you a student looking at university or a parent wanting to help guide your student to choose a university that lives the values of the gospel? We know you belong here. St. Jerome's University (SJU) is a small, Catholic, liberal arts university federated with the University of Waterloo (UW) and located right at its heart. Think of us as a "neighbourhood within a city" - we are just a few steps across the creek from main campus UW; truly, the best of both world! We are a tight-knit residence and academic community with alumni and partners around the world, and no matter how you come to be connected with us, you are a part of SJU. And since we can't bring you to SJU because of the pandemic, we're bringing SJU to you! Explore our campus, programs, and community by connecting with us live and virtually at [www.sju.ca/connect-with-us](http://www.sju.ca/connect-with-us)

**To add names of your recently deceased loved ones to the Book of Remembrance please contact the parish office. Those in the Book already will also be included in all November Mass intentions.**

**The bulletins are posted on-line only.  
Office is open by appointment only.  
Mon. - Thu.: 9 AM - 12 PM & 1PM - 4 PM & Fri.: 9 AM - 12 PM**

**Saint Elizabeth of Hungary's Story**

In her short life, Elizabeth manifested such great love for the poor and suffering that she has become the patroness of Catholic charities and of the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, Elizabeth chose a life of penance and asceticism when a life of leisure and luxury could easily have been hers. This choice endeared her in the hearts of the common people throughout Europe.



At the age of 14, Elizabeth was married to Louis of Thuringia, whom she deeply loved. She bore three children. Under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick. Seeking to become one with the poor, she wore simple clothing. Daily she would take bread to hundreds of the poorest in the land who came to her gate.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades (he died of plague before reaching the Holy Land), and Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family looked upon her as squandering the royal purse, and mistreated her, finally throwing her out of the palace. The return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order, spending the remaining few years of her life caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honour of St. Francis of Assisi. Elizabeth's health declined, and she died before her 24<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1231. Her great popularity resulted in her canonization four years later. (From [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org))

**BILL C-7 - An Act to amend the Criminal Code Expansion of eligibility criteria for physician-assisted dying**

Worrisome! Because: People may have recourse to medical assistance in dying even when natural death is not reasonably foreseeable. A person may waive their final consent when natural death is reasonably foreseeable, putting them in a vulnerable position.

Disturbing! Because: A questionable, biased and rushed online survey underlies this Bill. It shows a systematic discarding of different points of view.

Let us Affirm: The inalienable right to life which cannot be taken away by others. The importance of compassion for the sick and dying. Our responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us. The possibility of relieving pain without resorting to murder.

Let us Demand: A public, transparent process open to a wide variety of voices. A taking into account of inviolable moral and ethical principles. To be heard!

Let us Act: Be sure your member of parliament (MP) hears your opinion! Send an e-mail, letter, or use the electronic form here:

<https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>  
**We must act now to protect all, including future generations from Bill C-7. More information is available on Diocesan website. Follow the link on the Welcome page of St. Louis website.**

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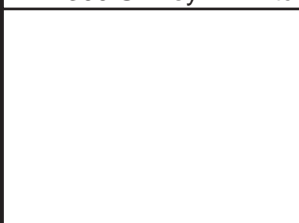
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