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*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*

TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 14 – Thanksgiving Day – Office closed
Tuesday, October 15 – St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor

9:00 am

Wednesday, October 16 – St. Marguerite D'Youville

9:00 am Beatification of Bohdan Janski founder of the
 Congregation of the Resurrection

Thursday, October 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

9:00 am † Marie Hinsperger – Shirley Hinsperger

Friday, October 18 – Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist

9:00 am Intentions of the Moser Family – Jim Moser

Saturday, October 19

3:00 pm Wedding

Sunday liturgy – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm † Audrey Moser – Moser Family
 † Nick & Katie Gengler – Catherine Reutz &
 Family

Sunday, October 20 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 am † Patricia Ward – Butler Family

† Rita Cornier – Leona Bin

3:00 pm Vietnamese Mass

For the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Naaman, the man we heard about in today's first reading, was a great general from Damascus. He was accustomed to power -- and to the pomp and circumstance that surrounds power. He contracted leprosy, and after searching around learned from a Jewish captive girl that a prophet in Israel, Elisha by name, had the power to cure leprosy. Naaman gathered up six thousand shekels of gold, ten talents of silver, and loads of other gifts, and set off with this fortune in a grand expedition to Israel in order to find Elisha, meet him, and be cured. After Naaman's arrival in Israel Elisha didn't even come out to meet him. Rather Elisha sent word by a messenger that Naaman should bathe seven times in the river Jordan. Naaman was incensed! Why should he bathe in the dirty little Jordan when back home there were the broad and sparkling rivers of Abana and Pharpar?! Fortunately Naaman's servants were honest with him. They pointed out that if Elisha had demanded that Naaman perform some spectacular and difficult feat he would have jumped at the chance to do so. Why should Naaman object to doing something so ordinary as bathe in a river? Naaman changed his mind, went ahead with the seven baths, and thereupon was cured. He was so impressed that he wanted to take a little bit of Israel back with him. Because he identified the deity with the place where he was cured, he carted loads of Israel's dirt back home, built an altar to Yahweh, and was faithful to Him in worship from that point forward. Imagine the shock in Damascus when Naaman, the great and powerful general of the armies returned home with all of his gold, all of his trinkets, all of his splendid retinue, and two mule loads of Jewish dirt!

In today's Gospel we find Jesus curing ten lepers. It all happened so casually, so quietly... in such a humble and

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 15

1:00 pm Bible Study Large Hall

Wednesday, October 16

6:30 pm Confirmation Preparation Notre Dame Hall

7:30 pm 11:30 Choir rehearsal Church

Thursday, October 17

9:30 am Small Christian Community Notre Dame Hall

7:30 pm 9:30 Choir practice Church

Friday, October 18

7:30 pm Youth Band Large Hall

Sunday, October 20

12:30 – 2:30 pm Good Shepherd programs levels I & II
 Convent

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
Saturday Oct 19	1 Jim Walsh	1 Guy Tremblay
5:00 pm	2 Mary Smith	2 Rosemary Thorpe
	<u>C Sharon Carey</u>	<u>3 Gerard Thorpe</u>
Sunday Oct 20	1 Annette Hulme	1 John Klein
9:30 am	2 Ed Ruppe	2 Frank Hulme
	<u>C Linda Wanka</u>	<u>3 Cecilia Beechy</u>
11:30 am	1 Deb Zettle-Schmitt	1 Patti Walsh
	2 Michael Schmitt	2 Anna Malton
	C Janet Lanteigne	3 Theresa Hause

Mission Statement

St. Louis Parish is a welcoming and caring Roman Catholic community. We reflect the presence of the Risen Christ among us, as we grow together in Faith, Hope and Love.

ordinary way. Jesus then goes on to quietly point out that only one person returned to give thanks to God emphasizing that the one giving thanks was a non-Jew, a foreigner. Do we realize the hidden power of God at work in our lives? Or in the lives of our friends, or acquaintances? Some tell us that God is dead, that He doesn't matter, or doesn't care about us, because they cannot see spectacular proof of His power. We are often so busy, that we don't have eyes to see and ears to hear God in our lives. We don't realize what is happening because we don't have the proper perspective. That's why Jesus cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear! He who has eyes to see, let him see!" Quietly, without fanfare, without news headlines, there are Christians at work... praying, uniting themselves with God in worship, uniting themselves with others, who are doing the work of Elisha in our day. People are being brought back from the Hell of depression and isolation into a communion that is holy, being fed with the Bread that ends hunger and Wine that ends thirst, and coming into communion that has the real presence of Jesus within. If only we would do the same! Of course, often in the eyes of many that is too humiliating. It seems to them that coming to Mass is too ordinary, not entertaining enough. We know of

others, who prefer their own sources of grace apart from the Church, instead of the River of Life that flows from the pierced side of the crucified Christ that comes to us in Holy Communion. But why should we object to what is so ordinary? Why should we ignore the Christ who comes to us in ordinary bread and common wine? After all, if God really does want to identify Himself with men and women, wouldn't the way He comes to us be indeed very ordinary? God wants plain men and women to love Him, not just saints. He wants ordinary men and women to work with Him, not just prophets. And He wants us working with His power within us. Will we take some of this Israel we share here back home with us? Because we should follow in the footsteps of Naaman the general, as well as the one leper who returned to give thanks, to be with God, and to celebrate His power in our lives, sharing what we receive here with others, particularly those who are in need of healing. *(If you found this and prior reflections valuable – you may wish to read more homilies by Fr. Charles Irvin on CatholicWeb.com)*

St. Louis Out Of The Cold Health Support Service provides the OOTC guests with foot care, health support and assistance in accessing appropriate health care. This service is provided Sunday evenings from 7-9 pm in the church hall and is staffed by volunteer physicians and nurses. We are in need of volunteers. Ideally, we aim to have enough volunteers, so that each person has 1 shift every 3-4 weeks. If you are a physician or registered nurse, please consider volunteering. For further information about the health service and requirements to become a volunteer, contact Anne Marie Webster at 519-885-3457 or by email at moeweb@sentex.net

Benefit Concert & Silent Auction – For Marillac Place Nov 1 at 6:30 pm at St. Louis Church. Tickets (\$10 each), will be on sale at the back of the church after all Masses this week and for the next two weeks.

Development and Peace – St. Louis Parish will be setting up a D&P committee. If you are interested in the work of D&P please contact the parish office. An information and training session will be provided.

This year Development and Peace will have its national launch on Sept 30th 2013. This year's campaign will focus on **Ecological Justice** based on the Catholic Social Teachings: The Sacredness of Creation, Solidarity, Option For the Poor, Common Good and Integral Human Development.



CATCH THE FIRE -On Sat., Oct 19th we will be offering a very informative presentation here at St. Anthony Daniel Parish. The CWL has launched a new development program, titled, **CATCH THE FIRE**. This program is **open to all women 16 years of age and older**. It is a time to learn more about the League and explore how you can grow spiritually, how you can influence government policies on health, social justice and ecological issues, and experience

how you can have more fun and fulfillment as you serve and become a leader in your church and community. This exciting, multimedia presentation builds on our Catholic faith and the long history and tradition of the League. To reserve a seat, call Joan Schurter 519-893-7429 or email mjschu@rogers.com and join us in the PLC from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **There is no cost.** Bring a bag lunch. Refreshments will be provided. Good things 'glow' in Ontario!

St. Boniface CWL. and Maryhill KofC. invite you to **Biblical Women: Mentors For Today** – Sat., Oct 19. Mass at 9 am in St. Boniface Church and retreat program to follow at Maryhill Heritage Community Centre until approximately 3:30 pm. Presenter Sr. Jocelyn Monette, Executive Director of the Catholic Biblical Association of Canada. Bring your Bible and a bag lunch. To reserve your spot please call Fran Vegh 519-648-3952 or Pat Runstedler 519-648-3394 before Oct 14th.

Evening with John Allen Jr. "The New Evangelization"

The Diocese of Hamilton and The Office for Discipleship & Parish Life will be hosting an evening with noted journalist and Vatican correspondent, Mr. John Allen Jr. on Monday October 21st at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The evening will begin with Evening Prayer with Bishop Crosby followed immediately by Mr. Allen's talk: "The New Evangelization: What it Means for You." There is no cost to attend. All are invited.

Give your faith a boost! On Oct 26 the Lay Apostolate For Families is hosting a one day Faith Conference to celebrate the Year of Faith and to encourage all of us to be strengthened in our own faith journey. Speakers: Robert Rogers, Mary Vogrinc and Fr. Ben Luedtke. Adult program will be at St. Patrick's Church in Kinkora and youth and young adult program will be at St. Patrick's School in Kinkora. Music ministry by Chris Bray and his band. Start at 8:45am at the Church and end with Adoration and Holy Mass at 5:00 pm. Lunch provided! Adults \$30.00, Youth \$15.00. To register call Angela Gras at 519-273-6397 or info@startfordcatechism.ca. To contact your parish rep email Muggs Murtha at daveandmuggs@gmail.com

Mass For Those Living With Cancer And For Cancer Survivors will be celebrated on Sat., Oct. 26 at 1:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, 305 Laurentian Dr., Kitchener. Celebrant and Homilist: Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Miehm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be available. Reception following the Mass. For more info. call Estelle at (519) 745-1936. The church is wheelchair accessible.

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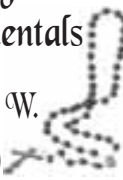



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