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

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.**



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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:

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 21 – St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist - No Mass

Tuesday, September 22

9:00 AM Intentions of Karen Ayong-Chee – Amanda Ayong-Chee

Wednesday, September 23 – St. Plus of

Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest

9:00 AM † Deceased Members of CWL

Thursday, September 24

9:00 AM † Elisabeth & Wilhelm Lamers – Cathy & Manfred Lamers

Friday, September 25

9:00 AM † Dan Spain – Claire & Richard Armitage

Saturday, September 26 – St. John de Brebeuf, St. Isaac Jogues and Companions

Vigil of The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Edna Ertel – Larry & Phyllis Ertel

† Loretta Lavigne – John & Sharon Carey

† Fred Gillard – Monika & Sofia Roy

† Jerome & Beatrice Paleczny – Peter Paleczny

Sunday, September 27 -The Twenty- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 AM † Beatrice Kreiner – Audrey & Family

† Henry Prachar – Magnell & Anthony Robinson

† Loretta Lavigne – John & Patti Walsh

Intentions of Isabel Napier – Amanda Ayong-Chee

Reflection on the First Reading from Isaiah 55:6-9

This reading is from the section of Isaiah known as “the little book of consolation” (Isaiah 40-55). The prophecies in it are primarily oracles, not of judgement, but of salvation. They are the first writings to use the term “glad tidings” or “good news,” which through the Greek becomes “gospel.”

The best news is that though the Lord punished Israel for its centuries of infidelity by the loss of their land and their exile to Babylon, He loves them too much to sever the covenant relationship with them. In fact, He follows them into exile and return with them to the land. There the Prophet urges them to “seek the Lord” once again in the Jerusalem temple.

Those who seek the Lord in this passage abandon their current “way” or “path” (Hebrew, *derek*). Specifically, the wicked must stop concocting intricate schemes (Hebrew, *machsheboth*) and manipulating situations to serve their own ends and start working for the good of all.

The Lord, who is compassionate and eager to forgive, may still be found. But the Prophet suggests that this may not always be the case. To persuade his readers to change their course, he reminds them that the Lord’s “thoughts” (*machsheboth*) and ways (*derakim*) are superior to and more intricate than theirs. In short, the Lord will always out-scheme them.

(From the *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.*)

THE WATERLOO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PATIO IS NOW OPEN. CALL 519-884-2060 TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE. FISH FRY PICK UP IS ALSO AVAILABLE. From 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. EVERY FRIDAY at 145 DEARBORN PLACE, WATERLOO (1 P.C. \$14.00, 2 P.C. \$16.00) PLEASE CALL DEREK AT 226-748-8378 TO ORDER PICK –UP.

Volunteers needed for One Heart One Soul campaign to phone parishioners. Simple instructions provided. Call or email parish office, if interested



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

we are going to begin our fall doing things a little differently. To respect the comfort level of our volunteers and parents, we at St. Louis have decided

that we will go virtual. Please join Teacher Kelly every Sunday morning at 10:30am for a virtual Sunday school session, beginning Sunday, September 13th. We will explore our church calendar, sing some songs and read the Gospel together where we will take away a few important points from the reading. I will have a link for a children’s bulletin that is full of fun information and ongoing activities. Anyone wanting to get involved will need to email Kelly at the parish office to get the link to our virtual Sunday school. Join us and learn more about your faith!

Sacrament of Confirmation - if you have a child in grade 7 this year and would like them to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Louis parish please sign up for our classes. Classes will begin Tuesday, September 22nd from 7pm-8:30pm and will take place in the Nursery. We will be following guidelines given to us by the Hamilton Diocesan office, who is being directed by the Ontario Health organization, in order to keep all participants safe. If you would like details, have any questions and/or would like to sign up, please call Kelly Krause at the parish office.

One Heart, One Soul Campaign comes to St. Louis Parish

The Diocese of Hamilton’s *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign has raised more than \$15 million so far, with most of it benefiting parishes and the projects of their choosing. Our parish will kick off its participation in the campaign on Sept. 26-27. For the next few weeks, we’ll feature Frequently Asked Questions about the campaign, beginning with questions related to COVID-19. For the full list of FAQs and much more about the campaign, visit www.oneheartonesoul.ca.

Are you ready for kickoff?

The One Heart, One Soul Campaign kickoff is just a week away! At next weekend’s Masses, Father will speak about the campaign, and we’ll show the beautiful campaign video. You’ll hear more about our projects.

Can our parish use the campaign funds to address operating budget problems?

Yes. This applies to all parishes in coming waves that designate the funds for that purpose. Parishes that have already completed the campaign can use their funds only for the projects for which the money was raised. Those parishes’ challenges are not being ignored, however. The Diocese has created a separate fund to help parishes with significant operating budget needs created because of the shutdown.

Why do you emphasize making a pledge?

Pledges allow donors to consider giving more than is possible through one-time gifts. Parishioners are able to be more generous to their parishes’ campaign and the Diocese through incremental giving over time. Also, pledging is not as big a strain on household budgets. This is important in a campaign of this magnitude.

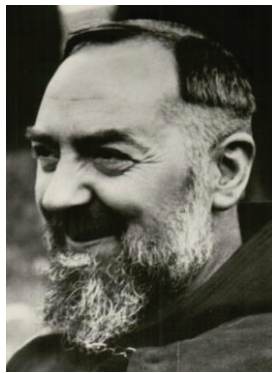
**The bulletins are posted on-line only.
Office is open by appointment only.
(Mon – Thu: 9 AM to 12 PM & 1PM to 4 PM
and Fridays: 9 AM to 12 PM)**



St. Louis Catholic Women's League invites everyone to join us for the 9 AM Mass this Wednesday morning, September 23rd which will be offered for all our members who have died in 2020.. Please be with us as we honour and remember these cherished ladies: Laura Kroetsch, Catherine (Katie) Ruetz, Josephine Haid, Alexandra Stockie and Loretta Lavigne. While we cannot predict when we will be able to meet again for our monthly meetings, please know that your CWL values every single lady whether we are together or apart.

40 Days for Life will be holding a Campaign of prayer, fasting and prayerful witness beginning on September 23rd and ending on November 1st. Daily hours are from 7 am until 7 pm. The location is as in previous years across from Freeport Hospital. We are asking that you prayerfully consider signing up for one hour per week or as you are able at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or call Patrick or Rita at 519-748-5548 for more information. Thank you for your support of the unborn.

St. Padre Pio was an Italian priest who was known for his adoration of charity and love for the people around him. He bore the wounds of Christ, which is still something that cannot be explained. Francesco Forgione was born May 25th, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. He was the son of peasant farmers Grazio Mario Forgione and Maria Giuseppa Di Nunzio. He had three younger sisters and one older brother, as well as two other siblings who had passed away as infants.



Padre Pio was baptized in the Church of Saint Ann in Pietrelcina. He was an altar server there and by the time he was five years old, he had already made the decision to dedicate his life to God. He began taking on penances to prove his dedication and love for God. He expressed great desire to be involved with the Catholic faith, mainly because of his upbringing. The Forgione family was devoted to their faith. They were all devout Catholics, but Francesco had a deeper connection.

As a child, he worked on the farm by taking care of a small flock of sheep that the family owned until the age of 10, which delayed his education greatly. When it came time to join the Capuchin order, he was told he needed to be better educated before he could become involved. He was able to receive private tutoring at the age of 15 and this allowed him to enter the novitiate with the Capuchin Franciscan Friars in Morcone. This is where he took on the name "Friar Pio". Capuchin priests seek extreme poverty, strictness, and simpleness. They try to live as closely to St. Francis' ideals as possible.

Once he joined the Friary of St. Francis, he had several bouts of serious illness and religious ecstasy. Friars would report that strange noises would come from his cell. Padre Pio had frequently spoken about attacks from the devil, and it was there where these battles had taken place. Although he was very ill, he was still ordained a priest in 1910 at the Cathedral of Benevento in southern Italy.

In November of 1914, World War I began and many Capuchins became drafted in the Italian Army. Padre Pio served his country in the 10th Company for the Italian Medical Corps. His title was "Private Francesco Forgione". His illness persisted. He had extreme stomach pain and the Italian army doctors diagnosed him with chronic bronchitis. He took a leave of absence for medical reasons and returned to his beloved town of Pietrelcina.

In 1916, Padre Pio moved to our Lady of Grace Capuchin Friary located in San Giovanni Rotondo. This was located in the Gargano Mountains near the Adriatic coast. There he taught the students at the seminary and prayed alongside the townspeople. Due to the war, many Capuchins were drafted and only seven friars were at the friary when he arrived.

Padre Pio was called back into active duty in August of 1917. He was reassigned to the 4th platoon of the 10th Company in the Italian Medical Corps. He had to take a medical leave of absence again in November, and was given a permanent discharge on March 16, 1918. He would go and visit his hometown for the last time in his whole life, and then returned to the friary at San Giovanni Rotondo. He stayed here for the remainder of his life.

In August of 1918, he began experiencing a painful stigmata that would come and go over a period of weeks. This would soon become permanent, and remain on his body for the next 50 years. It only disappeared miraculously a few days before his death in September 1968. Countless experts and doctors looked at his wounds with no clear explanation. Some questioned the authenticity of the wounds, and others could not find a sure diagnosis. Many professionals saw the wounds but did not keep a written record of their thoughts. Padre Pio never had a fever or drops in blood pressure, but the wounds bled day after day for 50 years.

In the beginning, Padre Pio felt great humiliation at the wounds on his body. The visible stigmata on his body was one that brought him great pain, but he welcomed it. He welcomed the pain for all of mankind. He had stated many times that his "greatest wish was to die." He was visited by so many pilgrims wishing to see some of the miraculous manifestations that his presence attracted.

Padre Pio died of a heart attack at Our Lady of Grace in San Giovanni Rotondo on September 23rd, 1968. When he died, many of the friars were eager and willing to begin the great process of canonization. Padre Pio was beatified on May 2nd, 1999 and canonized on June 16th, 2002 by Pope John Paul II. (*From padrepio.com*)



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"Seek the Lord while he may be found..." While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700, or Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR, Vocation Director, crvocations@gmail.com

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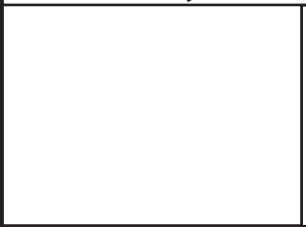
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