

St. Louis Catholic Church

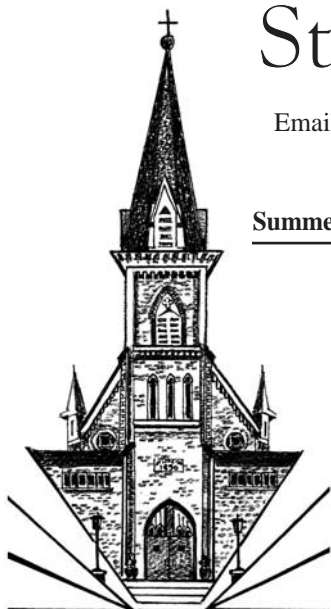
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Summer hours (Canada Day to Labour Day): Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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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

Father Phil Reilly, C.R.
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Coordinator of Youth and Children's Ministries

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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 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

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Parish Webmaster

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Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

St. Vincent De Paul

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



22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, September 4 – Labour Day - No Mass	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball Gym
Tuesday, September 5	
9:00 AM	To Bring All Souls Home to the Good Shepherd 9:30 AM Book Group Meeting L. Hall
Wednesday, September 6	
9:00 AM	† John Leonard – Estrada Family 9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym
6:00 PM	† Norma Kirby – CWL Mass 6:30 PM CWL General Meeting with Potluck Dinner L. Hall
Thursday, September 7	
9:00 AM	† Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family
Friday, September 8 – The Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary	
9:00 AM	† Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family 9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym
Saturday, September 9	
Vigil of the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	
5:00 PM	For the People of St. Louis Parish
Sunday, September 10 – 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	
9:30 AM	† Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel † Moe Webster – Elizabeth † Geraldine Smith – Yolkowski Family Intentions of Bridget & Michael on their 1 st Wedding Anniversary – St. Louis Quilting Club
11:30 AM	† Aniela Litwin – Marian Litwin & Family † Bruce Hummel – Hummel Family † Don McLellan – Butler Family † Art O'Connor – Butler Family

Planning for the Fall programs at St. Louis Parish

Babysitting - We are in need of volunteers to help with this program. The commitment would be, once a month during the 9:30 AM Mass, helping to watch over children under 7 yrs of age in the Nursery. Each Sunday needs a team of two adults along with Kelly Krause who runs the Sunday School program in the room just off the Nursery. Anyone over 16 yrs of age can help out. High school students, you can use this for volunteer hours. Please consider this ministry, our young parents need our support. Screening is needed for this ministry, so please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office as soon as possible if you can help us out.

Liturgy of the Word - We would like to bring back this program for the children of First Communion age and older. This program would take place during the 9:30 AM Mass and will allow the children to hear the First Reading and the Gospel with a short discussion all at their level. The volunteer adults would begin Mass upstairs in the church. After the opening prayer, Fr. Phil would invite you and all the children forward. Everyone gathers at the front, Fr. Phil says a few words and then all would then go down to the Large Hall while the readings and homily are taking place in the church. An usher will come down and tell you when it is time to bring the children back upstairs, in time for the Offertory (you are downstairs about 15-20min, the time goes pretty fast). Everyone is back upstairs in time to participate in Communion. We need two adults each Sunday and we are going to have a 4-week rotation. Your commitment would be once a month. You will have resources prepared by Kelly Krause which includes the readings, and some discussion questions to ask the children and to get a conversation going. If you are interested in helping and don't want to lead the discussions and readings with the children, but would be comfortable just being the second adult, please contact Kelly Krause. She can pair you up with someone who is comfortable with leading the children in the discussions. Anyone interested in helping out with this program, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.

Reflection on the Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2

Chapter 12 of Romans contains an exhortation on humility and charity. Paul has just finished proclaiming a hymn honouring the wisdom of God's mercy (Romans 11:33-36), and now he wishes to impress upon the Romans the need to live and to behave in a manner appropriate to the Christian way. In keeping with the mercy freely given by God, Paul opens this part of the letter by suggesting that God's grace makes it possible for one to offer the entirety of oneself (one's "body") "as a living sacrifice." The use of sacrificial language underscores that Paul is demanding complete and total surrender of the self. This is conversion not only of the mind and heart but of the way in which the body is used.

To accomplish this conversion – always to be done in co-operation with God's will – disciples are urged to resist conforming to the world. Since the transformation of a Christian into the life of Christ is an ongoing process, the mind must be constantly discerning what is "good and acceptable and perfect." Before Paul outlines concretely the ways in which disciples must live in this world with humility and charity, he prevails upon Christians in Rome to envision life as constant transformation. Even though the world in which human beings live is temporary, Paul wants believers to understand the hard work of Christian life as a sacrifice pleasing to God.

(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, & Proclaimers of the Word)

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Aug 27	\$1981.50	\$189.90	\$ 0.00	\$2402.34

Thank you for your donations!



Welcome back Ladies! St. Louis CWL warmly welcomes you to our first General Meeting after the Summer break on Wednesday, September 6th beginning with Mass at 6 PM (instead of our usual 7 PM) as we will enjoy a Pot Luck afterwards. Our guest speakers for the evening will be Joyce Cotter, Hamilton Diocesan President and Joanne Gregson, Kitchener Regional Chair and they will speak to us about Unity Outreach. We will also have a brief meeting to end our evening. Please join us and bring a friend. You do not need to be a CWL member to attend our General Meetings. All ladies 16 years of age and older are welcome. See you then!



Knights of Columbus are hosting "Taste of Bavaria" on Sep. 14th, 15th and 16th at 145 Dearborn Place in Waterloo. Dinner at 6 PM includes schnitzel, German potato salad, vegetables and dessert. Tickets are \$45 each and must be purchased in advanced by calling Martin @ 519-884-2060. Live musical performance & dancing from 7 to 10 PM. Music by "St. Louis Blues" on Sep. 14th and 16th and by "Leap of Faith" on Sep. 15th.

Catholic Children's Aid of Hamilton has been helping children in the Hamilton Diocese of over 50 years and the needs continue to increase. Youth are facing homelessness, food insecurity and mental health issues. You can make a difference today by helping us to raise funds by placing a bid on our online auction & raffle. All the money raised goes back to support our young people. There is something for everyone! Contact us: Roger Ali: Roger.ali@hamiltonccas.on.ca or 905-525-2012 X 3150. Link to the auction, or to golf tournament on Sept. 12th - hccas.ca. The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton is one of only two remaining Catholic Children's Aids in Ontario.)



The Story of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - We know that everyone has a birthday. The Bible doesn't say anything about Mary's birth, but we know that she was born. Like all parents, Mary's parents— Joachim and Ann—probably took one look at their newborn daughter and knew that she was special.

Joachim and Ann loved God very much, and they were filled with gratitude to God for the gift of a child. They raised Mary as a child of God, teaching her to love and serve God. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith in God. Her strong faith and trust allowed her to say yes to God's plan for her. We cannot be certain what the future holds for any newborn infant, but we do know that the life of each person has meaning and purpose. When Mary was born, the world did not know who she was. Sometimes others—and maybe even you—don't see how special you are. Maybe you forget that God is calling you, too, right now, to do what Mary did—to bring Jesus into the world.

When we celebrate His mother's birth, we honour Jesus too. Today thank God for the gift of life, and give honour to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another—remembering that God has created each person with love and with a call to something very special in life.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large. (From *loyolapress.com*)



"For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life?" Isn't there more to life than chasing the dollar? Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or a consecrated virgin? Humbly ask the Lord if God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at rvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha, at 519-884-6700. Pray for vocations!

Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo - Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. We provide monthly drop in groups and a more formal 6 week support group. Our program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. There is no fee to attend.

Monthly informal drop-in support at St. Michael Parish on the 2nd Wed. of the month, 7 PM in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. First monthly session - Sep. 13th. Registration is not required. Come when you can.

In person 6 week - you can register now until Oct. 16th. The 6 week program is held Wednesday evenings from 7- 8:30 PM - October 25 to November 29 at St. Michael Parish. Register by contacting St. Michael's office - 519-884-9311 or email parish@stmichaelw.ca. More info/dates can be found here - <https://stmichaelw.ca/grief-support>.

Maryhill Heritage Day – Sunday, September 17

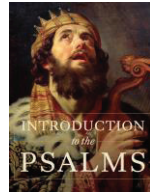
11 AM – Mass; 11:45 AM - Mary Grotto;
12 PM – car tour of the area shrines;
1 PM - lunch (hosted by the CWL); Presentations; 50-50 Draw & Silent Auction. Email: maryhillroots@gmail.com - (519) 242-9595



Faith Enrichment programs starting this Fall

(All meetings are in the Large Hall and refreshments are always provided)

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!" - St. Jerome



Introduction to the Psalms by Dr. John Bergsma – 9 part series unveils the beauty and mystery of one of the most beloved of all books in Sacred Scripture. And in the hands of a master teacher like Dr. John Bergsma - two-time winner of the "Best Teacher" award at Franciscan University of Steubenville - this amazing book of the Bible comes alive like never before.

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Study of the Gospel of John on Thursdays at 1 PM starting Oct. 5th. Frances Hogan (lay missionary and experienced educator) leads a series of meditations on the first part of the Gospel of St. John. She presents the Gospel in lay language for a contemporary audience. Topics include: The Incarnation, Cana of Galilee, The Well of Salvation, The Dead Will Hear, New Bread from Heaven, Water from the Rock, The Merciful Judge.

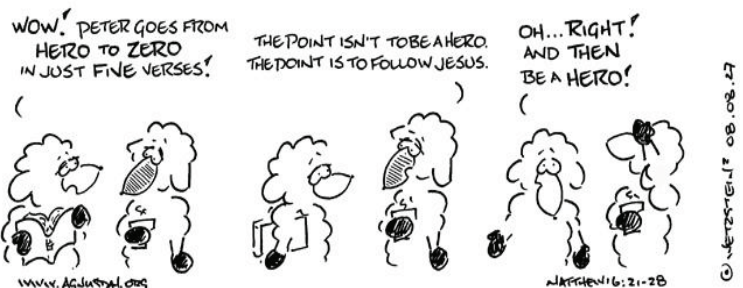


Book Group and discussion (Tuesdays after morning Mass 9:30 – 10:30 AM) will start a new book in October **"My Sisters The Saints – A Spiritual Memoir"** by Colleen Carroll Campbell. It is a story of 15 year quest to understand the meaning of her life and identity in light of her Christian faith and contemporary feminism. Colleen is an award-winning author, print and broadcast journalist and former presidential speechwriter. Her book *My Sisters the Saints*, won two national awards and has been published in five languages. She is the recipient of two honorary doctorates and numerous other awards. The book is read together during the session and discussed. No homework. Come when you can.



Lectio Divina – based on the readings for the following Sunday once per month – 2nd Thursday at 7 PM – Starting Oct 12. The goal of Lectio Divina is an expanding capacity to listen with the heart to the word of God in all of life's situations, leading to a more constant awareness of God's presence. It is a listening that leads to a new way of seeing and an integration of prayer, work and relationship with others. The 5 stages of Lectio Divina include reading, meditation, prayer, contemplation and action.

To sign up, or for more information about all the above programs please contact the parish office.



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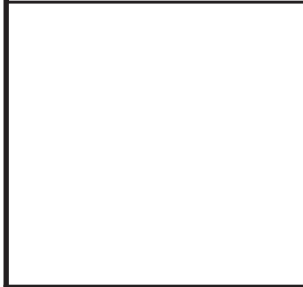
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