# St. Teresa of Avila

# Roman Catholic Church

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

Pastor: Fr. David Lewis

Parish Secretary: Donna Vollmer

Sacramental Preparation: Iris Miltenburg

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday to Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

#### **Mass Times**

Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

#### **Weekday Masses**

see inside

#### Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:00pm, or by request.

#### Sacrament of Baptism (4th Sunday of the month outside of Lent)

Parents, please pick up Baptism package from the parish office.

#### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Please contact office six months prior to desired date. Marriage Prep required.

#### Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of any who are housebound or in the hospital so they may receive the comfort of the Church's sacraments and prayer.



# Parish Contacts Parish Pastoral Council

Al Vodicka Alan Diemert Andrea Visneskie Dan Ziegler Fr. David Lewis Marianne Kieswetter Patsy Pond Peggy Kelly Tim Baillargeon

#### **Building & Finance Committee**

Fr. David Lewis Diane Smith Katie Hickey Kris Kauk Rick Weishar Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach

#### Catholic Women's League

Agnes Downey-Norris

#### **Knights of Columbus**

Guy Wakutz

#### **Vocations**

Contact www.vocationinfo.ca or www.resurrectionist.net

#### **New Parishioners**

New parishioners, welcome! Please register at the office or pick up registration package in the church foyer.

#### **Bulletin Deadline**

Written submissions by Monday noon.

#### St. Teresa of Avila School

75 First St. W., Elmira (519) 669-8843 Fax (519) 669-4509

**January 17, 2016** 

**Second Sunday in** 

**Ordinary Time** 

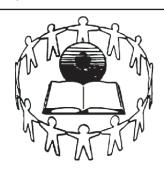
Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he moves compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila



#### **MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 18TH**

Tuesday, January 19, 7:05 pm

+Helen Diebold; Hilda Cassel

Wednesday, January 20, 10:30 am - Chartwell

Intentions of Inez Haid; Ursula Hahn

Thursday, January 21, 12:05 pm

+Pat Wintermeyer; Cursillo Group

Friday, January 22,

8:30 am +Lillian Seifried; Theresa Cassel

9 am – 1 pm Adoration

Saturday, January 23, 5:00 pm

+George Pfanner; Betty Pfanner & Family

+Luwina Kraemer; Knights of Columbus Council 8192

Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Our Parish Community

12:15 pm Baptisms

#### **READINGS FOR January 23/24**

First Reading: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30 Gospel Reading: Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry - Library

7:35pm Garden Party Committee Mtg - Library

WED 9:30am Pre-School Wednesday - Seminar

7:00pm 11 a.m. Choir Practice - Church

THU 7:00pm 9 a.m. Choir Practice – Church

7:00pm Knights of Columbus Executive Mtg

8:00pm Knights of Columbus General Mtg

#### **HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:**

Mon., January 18 Very Rev. Ian Duffy Tues., January 19 Rev. Joseph Durkacz

Wed., January 20 Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood

Thurs., January 21 Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C. Fri., January 22 Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk

Sat., January 23 Rev. Francis Trzupek

#### **MINISTRIES for January 23/24**

**Eucharistic Ministers** 

5pm Peggy Kelly, Tim Baillargeon, Kathy Ziegler

9am Phil Milan, Guy & Janet Wakutz11am Sharon Both, Vera Csizmar

Hospitality

5pm Geoff & Kieran Kelly, Doris & Mike Snelling 9am Carol & Ed Kieswetter, Linus & Pat Ditner

11am Ray Denomme, Jodi Sereres, Danielle Pilon, Frank

McGuire

**Altar Servers** 

5pm Natalie Pfanner Groves, Patsy Pond

9am Fiona Bernard, Rori Schaefer, Jaylyn Schaefer

11am Paul Shutsa, Alexis Zettler

Lectors Commentator
5pm Jim Goll Judy Furlong
9am Iris Miltenburg Robert Yaeger

Jack Soeder

11am Lisa Denomme Marianne Kieswetter

**Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)** 

Jan 24 Stewart Logan

Sign Ministry

Jan 18 Marty Merlihan

#### **FOODBANK NEEDS**

Ketchup & Canned Fruit

#### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice and that by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

**SYRIAN REFUGEE MEETING** – Thanks to everyone who came to our first meeting. Some of the committees need more people. We are planning our second meeting for **Sunday, January 17, 2016** at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Everyone welcome.

**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING** – We will meet on **Tuesday, January 19**<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the library. Any new knitters or crocheters are welcome. If you need a ride please contact Danielle Pilon at 519-669-2606. If you are in the process of making a shawl, bring it along. We can talk and work at the same time!

**PRAYER SHAWLS** – If you or anyone close to you is seriously ill or experiencing difficult times, the Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls and blankets which have been blessed and could provide comfort to any who could use supportive prayer. If you wish to have a shawl for this reason, please call Danielle Pilon at 519-669-2606 or the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

Marriage and Mercy: United in Love, Finding Joy! Join us on Saturday, February 6, 2016 from 6:30 – 9 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Parish for our 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL COUPLE'S ENRICHMENT DINNER. The evening begins with dinner, followed by a keynote address by Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton. Teresa will provide insights to help us see how love, perseverance and commitment combine to give us a connection that is strong and valued! Tickets are \$50 per couple and are available for purchase after all Masses or at the Parish Office. This promises to be a fun evening for all!

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2016, which are available in the hallway. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes, place your name and address in the collection basket.

The RHEO THOMPSON MINT SMOOTHIES will continue to be available for purchase in the Parish Office until supplies run out. Each mint smoothie is \$2.00.

### DIRECTED RETREATS at Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph

January 27, 2016 - February 4, 2016 (8-Day

February 9, 2016 – February 17, 2016 (8-Day) - half-price for new retreatants

A directed retreat provides you with individual direction in an environment of silence and prayer, facilitating a deepening of your relationship with God. Cost: 5-Day \$495; 8-Day \$792. Register online at www.loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or call 519-824-1250 ext 266.

Floradale Mennonite Church requires an

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** to work 16 hours per week (Tue to Fri four hours per day). Refer to www.floramc.org for a complete job description. Please apply (and ask questions) to fmcjobsearch2016@gmail.com **by January 26**<sup>th</sup>. We need you to support our staff as we deliver programs within our church and throughout the local community. Join our team!

The next ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE WITH TAIZE SONGS, to close the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, is on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener.

WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP SENIORS LUNCH CLUB - Join us for a hot light lunch and fellowship with old and new friends at the Woolwich Memorial Centre, 24 Snyder Avenue, Elmira on Monday, January 25th. Register by 10 a.m. on the Thursday morning before the lunch. Cancellations are to be made by 2 p.m. the Friday before the lunch. Lunch is served at 12 noon. The cost is \$6. Call Community Care Concepts at 519-664-1900 to register.

The KW RIGHT TO LIFE CANDLE-LIGHT PRAYER VIGIL is being held on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink). Walk a short distance to St. Mary's Our Lady of Sorrows Church (Duke St.) at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments in the Lower Hall. Speaker, Tim Runstedler, KW Right to Life Board Member will speak about Euthanasia and the new proposed law for Canada and its implications. All are welcome.

25 years without a law – On January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1988, the Supreme Court of Canada struck down all legal abortion restrictions leaving more victims than the unborn. Perpetual Adoration for 24 hours at St. Teresa Parish Chapel, 44 Leonard Street, Kitchener beginning on Thursday, January 28th at 9:00 p.m. until Friday, January 29th, 2016 at 9:00 p.m. To sign up email jane@kwrtl.ca or call 519-746-5433.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday**, **February 4**, **2016** from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM – KW Couples for Christ invite EVERYONE, married or single, to come to our Christian Life Program on Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. starting on February 4th, at St. Anne's Church, 268 East

Ave., Kitchener. This 8 week program will help you grow in your relationship with our Lord. Come live a fuller life in the Holy Spirit through inspiring talks, discussion, fellowship and song. A separate children's program is offered at the same time. There is no cost, and refreshments will be provided. Please contact Scott Piggott/Rita Rudolph at 519-581-1389 with any questions.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE: SAVE THE DATE!** The worldwide pro-life effort of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil will be happening **February 10 - March 20, 2016**. Our local **Kick-Off Rally** is on **February 8**<sup>th</sup> **from 7 - 8 p.m**. More details to follow! Visit 40daysforlife.com/guelph to learn more.

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors, is on **Thursday, February 11, 2016** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 Charles Street East, Maryhill. Admission is \$2 per person. Dennis Aldous, Fire Prevention Officer for Woolwich Township, will speak on "Protecting Ourselves and Others". For more information contact Joan Haid at 519-648-2742 or jehaid@xplornet.ca.

**COMMUNITY CAN DINE** is on the second Friday of every month at Trinity United Church, 21 Arthur Street North, Elmira. The next date is **Friday, February 12**<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with roasted pork and apple stuffing. Pay what you can. For more information please call the Trinity United Church office at 519-669-5560.

FINDING YOUR WAY WEEKEND RETREAT at Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph from February 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Are you wondering about your next step in life? Come to this silent and guided retreat designed for people who need time and support in decision making. This retreat includes a few talks, personal prayer time and assistance in discernment. Cost is \$260 (residential) or \$160 (commuting). Register by calling 519-824-1250 ext 266, online at www.loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca.

#### **HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION: IT IS POSSIBLE**

Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At Project Rachel we offer a *confidential* service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or 1-888-385-3850.

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be measured back to you."

Offertory collection for January 2/3: \$3,233.15

Average per envelope: \$23.87
Offertory collection for January 9/10: \$3,056.95

Average per envelope: \$22.07 Electronic funds for the week: \$1,028.75

(based on 4 Sundays per month)

Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,632.00

Thank you!



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