St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

Pastor: Rev. David Lewis Office Administration: Donna Vollmer Sacramental Preparation: Iris Miltenburg

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 9:30am

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 offered.

Sacrament of the Sick

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

Outreach Ministry (A Ministry of Visitation)

Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know would like a visit by the Outreach Ministry.

Parish Contacts Parish Pastoral Council

Annamae Elliott Deana Pfanner Groves Frank McGuire Fr. David Lewis Ken Gallipeau Leona Weishar Lisa Denomme

Building & Finance Committee

Fr. David Lewis Diane Smith Jason Adams Kris Kauk Maria Diemert Rick Weishar Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach

Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka

Knights of Columbus

Adrian Miltenburg

Vocations

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

New Parishioners

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

Bulletin Deadline

Written submissions by Monday noon.



St. Teresa of Avila School 75 First St. W., Elmira 519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

St. David Catholic Secondary School 4 High Street, Waterloo

519-885-1340 Website: stdavid.wcdsb.ca

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday

of Lent

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 MARCH 18TH

Tuesday, March 19, No Mass

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Though you have recourse to many saints as your intercessors, go especially to St. Joseph, for he has great power. – St. Teresa of Avila

Wednesday, March 20, No Mass

Nothing, however little it be, if it is suffered for God's sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God. – Thomas à Kempis

Thursday, March 21, No Mass

If you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you hope for mercy show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. – St. Peter Chrysologus

Friday, March 22, No Mass

9:30 am – 12:30 pm Adoration The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God. – Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Saturday, March 23, 5:00 p.m. Confirmation with Bishop Crosby Intentions of Confirmandi

Sunday, March 24, Third Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Our Parish Community During Mass First Communion Class After Mass Coffee Sunday

> READINGS FOR March 23/24 First Reading: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Gospel Reading: Lk 13:1-9

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry – Library

- WED 7:00pm 9:30 a.m. Choir Practice Church
- THUR 6:45pm Knights of Columbus Executive Mtg
- 7:30pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting
- FRI 5:30pm 7:00pm Fish Fry Hall

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Mar 18Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.Tues., Mar 19Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.Wed., Mar 20Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, S.O.L.I.Thurs., Mar 21Rev. Chester Chmurzynski, C.R.Fri., Mar 22Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.Sat., Mar 23Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.

MINISTRIES for Mar 23/24

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Ken Gallipeau, Sandi Hutchinson, Iris Miltenburg 9:30am Ken Gallipeau, Agnes Downey, Barb Vodicka

Hospitality

5pm Linus & Pat Ditner, Kieran Kelly, Craig Kroetsch 9:30am Rick & Leona Weishar, Ed & Carol Kieswetter

Altar Servers

- 5pm Evan Grosz, Rachel Grosz, Connor Kroetsch, Cody Kroetsch, Brookelynn Kroetsch
- 9:30am Reid Deyell, Joseph Ditner, Casey Dronick

Lectors

5pm Confirmation Students 9:30am Morgan Glofcheskie Barry Glofcheskie **Commentator** Lisa Denomme Lisa Denomme

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira) Mar 24 Debbie Yutzi

Sign Ministry

Mar 18 Sandi Hutchinson

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister Mar 20 Ann Staines

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Sidekicks and Juice

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT – Friday, March 29th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the church - As we journey through Lent remember that this time of preparation is leading to the joy of the Resurrection! All members of the parish are invited to a Lenten Retreat where we will experience the story of Lazarus as it is illuminated in the Saint John's Bible, using the prayer method "Seeing the Word". This way of praying involves periods of silence, reading Scripture while focused on the illumination and optional sharing with the group. Join us on Friday, March 29th, beginning with Stations of the Cross lead by the C.W.L. at 6:30 p.m. in the church. The evening will end with refreshments. There is no cost, materials will be provided. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: In our MINI MAGAZINE

"Share the Journey" for this second week of Lent, read on pages 6 and 7, about a peaceful community in Nigeria helped by Development and Peace, attempting to hold a company in the oil industry accountable for the mess they created. Please check out the Lenten suggestions for March $17^{th} - 23^{rd}$ in your Solidarity Calendar.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, March 22, 2019** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating – 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take out will be at 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Cost is Adults \$16.00; Children (12 & under) \$8.00; and Take Out is \$16.00. Advanced tickets are available until March 20th. Purchase your tickets after weekend Masses or contact St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call (519) 669-3387. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Fish Fry on March 21st and 22nd. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event. Thank you.

St. Teresa of Avila is hosting **NAILED IT NITE** on **Saturday**, **March 30th** from 10-1 p.m. in the church hall. For \$55 you can choose between 4 wood crafts to make and keep, with all materials provided. Light snacks will be served. Seating is limited to 35 people, and registration can be completed by going to https://naileditnite.typeform.com/to/rXfVim Proceeds will go to the Building Maintenance Project.

Reel Justice: On **Tuesday, March 19th**, the **FILM** "**POVERTY, INC.**" will be shown at St. Michael's Church, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, at 7:30 p.m. The film focuses on the challenge of fighting poverty; however, this effort has led to a vast multi-billion dollar poverty industry the business of doing good has never been better. Drawing from over 200 interviews filmed in 20 countries, Poverty, Inc. unearths an uncomfortable side of charity we can no longer ignore. The film is sponsored by The Diocese of Hamilton and Development and Peace. Free admission.

"TWAS NOW" CONCERT AND DINNER on Saturday,

March 23, 2019 at Floradale Mennonite Church. A ham dinner is at 6 p.m. for \$20. The concert is at 7:30 p.m. and is a freewill offering in support of Elmira Development Support Corp. Field of Dreams Project. "Twas Now" the husband and wife duo Mike and Diana Erb will perform a blend of traditional and original country-roots music. For dinner tickets contact the church office at 519-669-2861, email office@floramc.org or call Glen Martin at 519-664-3604, Nancy Martin at 519-669-8176, Gloria Bauman at 519-669-8379 or Jane Hesselink at 519-807-2917.

The next **ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE WITH TAIZE SONGS** is on **Sunday, March 24**th at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Mennonite Brethren Church, 546 Belmont Avenue West, 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, March 25, 2019**. Register by 10 a.m. on the Thursday morning before the lunch. Cost of the lunch is \$7.00. Cancellations are to be made by 2 p.m. the Thursday before the lunch. Lunch is served at 12 noon. Call Community Care Concepts at 519-664-1900 to register.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, April 7, 2019** 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.

TREES FOR WOOLWICH – 8TH ANNUAL CHURCH CHALLENGE TREE PLANTING! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 27th** to plant trees. More information to follow in the bulletin.

For many years a very special lady has helped **CANADIAN** FOOD FOR CHILDREN – Kitchener Depot by repairing dolls that have been donated to us. The "Doll Lady" has retired and we have broken, worn dolls who need help. They need washing, combing and dressing. Then they will bring great joy to children in the Third World who would love to have them. Are you interested? Please contact Linda Lou Pinnington at 519-894-5046 or pin@golden.net.

MARCH FOR LIFE – TORONTO is on Thursday, May 9, 2019. A bus leaves from Kitchener to Queen's Park, Toronto for the March for Life at 7:30 a.m. Boarding begins at 7:15 a.m. Pick up is at Fairview Park Mall at 2960 Kingsway Drive, Kitchener. Park at the far end of the parking lot against Fairway Road (near Highway 8). Cost is \$25 and students are free. Return is around 6 p.m. To book a seat please call 519-746-5433.

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** on **Sunday, June 9, 2019** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance. Please refer to the poster in the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

VOCATION SEEDS – Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamilitondiocese.com.

MARRIAGE TIP – Time may be one of the most difficult entities to manage! Quality and quantity matter when it comes to any relationship, including marriage. The more time a couple spend together, in close physical proximity, the better the level of intimacy they share. Plan time together, just the two of you, whether it be an early or late night coffee without the kids, dinner out, or some time away being together matters! So, take the time to spend time together and you will reap the benefits. From the Family Ministry Office at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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 March 9/10:	\$1,759.95
Average per envelope:	\$21.82
Electronic funds for the week:	\$1,151.25
(based on 4 Sundays per month)	
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,632.00
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$60,670.15
Thank you!	

