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.



Christ the King



St. Teresa of Avila School

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

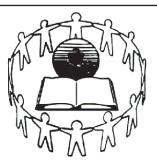
Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

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



Tuesday, November 24, 7:05 pm

+Wilfred Mayne; Helma Mayne & Family Wed., November 25, 10:15 am – Barnswallow Place +Gladys Doherty; Estate

Thursday, November 26, 12:05 pm

+Marie Reimer; Danielle Pilon

Friday, November 27, 8:30 am +Leo Hicknell; Knights of Columbus Council #8192

9 am – 1 pm Adoration

Saturday, November 28, 5:00 pm +Eugeniusz & Anna Skwarek; The Family +Ivan Ferencev; The Family

Sunday, November 29, First Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am +Bill Cassel; The Family

READINGS FOR November 28/29

First Reading: Jer 33:14-16 Second Reading: 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Gospel Reading: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON7:00pm9 a.m. Choir Practice – ChurchWED9:30amPre-School Wednesday – Seminar7:30pm11 a.m. Choir Practice – Church

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., November 23Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.Tues., November 24Rev. Peter Ciallella, c.s.Wed., November 25Discalced Carmelite Fathers, O.C.D.Thurs., November 26Rev. James Link, C.R.Fri., November 27Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.Sat., November 28Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.

MINISTRIES for November 28/29

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5pm Tim Baillargeon, Steve & Patsy Pond
- 9am Joyce & Ron Stemmler, Sharon Soeder
- 11am Lisa Denomme, Peter Antonello

Hospitality

- 5pm Greg, Derek, Brent & Zachary Goetz
- 9am Ed & Carol Kieswetter, Robert & Mary Jane Yaeger
- 11am Ray Denomme, Marianne Kieswetter, Jodi Sereres, Danielle Pilon

Altar Servers

- 5pm Emily Hickey, Lauren Hickey
- 9am Aiden Michenfelder, Joseph Ditner, Fiona Bernard 11am Alexis Zettler, Paul Shutsa

	Lectors	Commentator
5pm	Pat Kehn	Katie Hickey
9am	Maria Diemert	Iris Miltenburg
	Tracy Kroetsch	
11am	Sheila Bauman	Colleen Weber

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira) Nov 29 Mary Mercey Sign Ministry Nov 23 Gord Walz

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister Dec 2 Cheryl Dunn

FOODBANK NEEDS

Kleenex & Shampoo

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own and that pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

The **Catholic Women's League** will be holding its **EXECUTIVE MEETING** on **Tuesday, December 1st** after Mass and the **POTLUCK DINNER AND GENERAL MEETING** on **Tuesday, December 8th after the 6 p.m. Mass.** Join us for food, fun, fellowship, prizes and bring along one of the other ladies from our parish. Please bring your favorite dish, your plate, cup and cutlery. If you wish, you can also bring a gift for Woolwich Community Services. Don't forget your Secret Sister. Dues are still only \$25.00 and there is an envelope in your envelope box to drop in the collection plate or bring to the meeting. To join our great group of ladies for faith, fun and fulfillment, or volunteer for a position on our executive, call Agnes Downey, President 519-669-8085.

The ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHILDREN CHRISTMAS

ANGEL TREE TOY DRIVE has begun. Please pick up a tag from the Angel Tree in the narthex and return a new unwrapped gift with the tag before **December 13, 2015**. All gifts collected will be delivered by the Knights of Columbus to Woolwich Community Services.

OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER & CONCERT, hosted by the World Youth Day Pilgrims, will be held at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, Elmira on Saturday, December 5th. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Christmas Concert. Tickets can be ordered through the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 519-669-3387 or after Masses. Ticket prices are: adults \$16.00; children 6-12 years \$8.00 and children 5 & under are free. There will be a limited number of tickets available. Those who have purchased take-out tickets can pick their meals up at 6:00 p.m. There will be an opportunity to purchase tickets on gift baskets and there will be door prizes! Last chance to purchase tickets is Thursday, December 3rd, All are welcome! Don't miss out on this delicious Christmas dinner and wonderful chance to share in the music of the Christmas season. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you wish to donate a door prize.

Things to note at St. Teresa's:

CHRISTMAS CARDS are available for purchase and can be viewed. Place orders on the sheet in the Narthex. NEW MISSALS available for purchase at \$5 each in the library.

ONGOING WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- Place your order for one of the four TIMOTHY SCHMALZ STATUES. Check out the table in the narthex.
- RHEO THOMPSON MINT SMOOTHIE FUNDRAISER has now begun. Purchase your mint smoothies for \$2.00 each after Masses or during office hours.

"Council has declared that November is **FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH**." Being hurt in any relationship is not okay. Want to talk? Call Virginia at Woolwich Community Services, Family Violence Prevention Program at 519-669-5139 or 1-800-661-7918.

MENNOHOMES FALL CONCERT AND AGM featuring Janice Jo Lee at Waterloo Mennonite Brethren Church is on **Wednesday, November 25th at 7 p.m.** Everyone welcome! For more information visit www.mennohomes.com.

The 50th Anniversary of St. David's High School Celebrations have started with Bishop Crosby celebrating Mass and presenting a Papal Blessing to St. David's! Don't miss the production of **CELTICS ON BROADWAY** on **Thursday, November 26th** at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now! The **TIME CAPSULE OPENING FROM THE CLASS OF '92** is on **Friday, November 27th** at 10 a.m. All parents and alumni welcome! We are requesting monetary donations to purchase the Timothy Schmalz bronze statue 'When I Was A Stranger', please see www.wrcsf.ca/funds.

Come and enjoy **STARS WARS episodes 4, 5 & 6** on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity United Church, 21 Arthur St. N., Elmira. Pay what you can, intermission with snacks. November 27 - "A New Hope" December 4 - "The Empire Strikes Back" December 11 - "The Return of The Jedi". Be prepared to fully enjoy "Star Wars: The Force Awakens", that is coming out in theatres in December.

SPRING MEN'S ACTS RETREAT will be held from November 26th to 29th, 2015 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. Come deepen your faith. Excellent food for the soul and body. Call 905-278-5229 for more information or to register.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS...when you have lost a loved one. Join us for an afternoon of reflection, and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Christina Walton, Grief Counselor on **Sunday, November 29th, 2015** from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton. No charge. Please call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 to reserve a seat. If you haven't registered you are still free to attend.

HEALING MASS FOR THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A CHILD – Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with such grief, is planned at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** on **Sunday, November 29, 2015** at 4 p.m. Anyone who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including those that have lost a child prior to birth, or who have had a still birth are invited to this Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel Miehm. **God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence**. Registration is preferred, but not necessary, as it will assist us in knowing how many spaces to reserve and to ensure we have enough of the small memento each family will receive. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

GLOBAL CLIMATE MARCH - This year hundreds of thousands of us, a massive coalition of environmental, social justice, faith, labour, community, student and indigenous groups, as well as families and concerned citizens, are building an unprecedented <u>global mobilization</u> in support of climate justice. On **Sunday, November 29th**, people from across Waterloo Region will join with voices from around the world to show our support for ambitious and real action against climate change at the 2015 Paris Climate Conference. Come together with neighbours and friends at Waterloo Public Square on November 29th at 2 p.m. to send a powerful message of encouragement and hope in support of decisive action at this conference.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OF HEALING on Sunday,

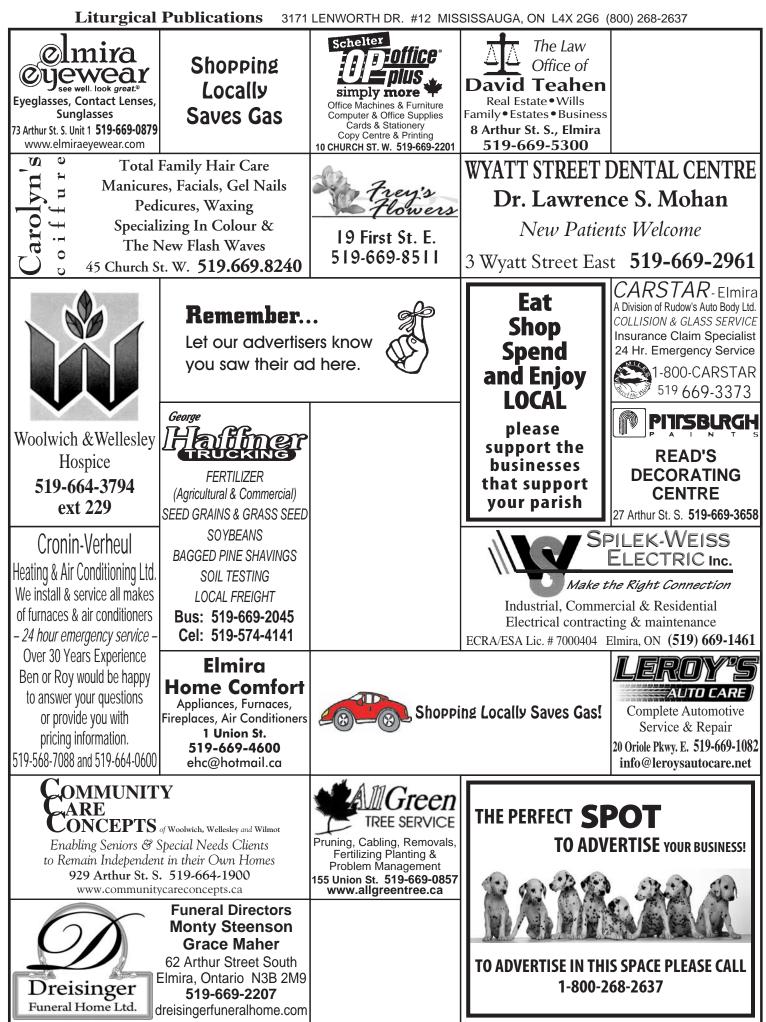
November 29th at 7:30 p.m. at Woodside Bible Fellowship, 200 Barnswallow2 Drive, Elmira. When grief is fresh, the celebration of any holiday is difficult. This is a special invitation to you and your family to share with others who sorrow. Together we put the loss into the context of the Christmas season.

The next **ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE WITH TAIZE SONGS** is on **Sunday, November 29, 2015** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Church, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener (corners of Ottawa St. N. and Midland & Franklin). All are invited.

If you are interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life please join our monthly **DISCERNMENT GATHERINGS:** Mass, Holy Hour, Discussion, and Lunch. Next gathering is on **Saturday**, **December 5th** at St. Michael's Church in Waterloo (9 a.m.-12 noon). More details at www.HamiltonVocations.com.

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 November 14/15:	\$3,010.26		
Average per envelope:	\$21.60		
Electronic funds for the week:	\$907.50		
(based on 4 Sundays per month)			
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,632.00		
Thank you!			



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