"It is better to be a child of God, than king of the whole world!" St. Aloysius Gonzaga

## PRIESTS

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#### PARISH STAFF

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Catholic Women's League: Catherine Bennett

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Cursillo Information: Dan Brown

#### **Elementary Schools:**

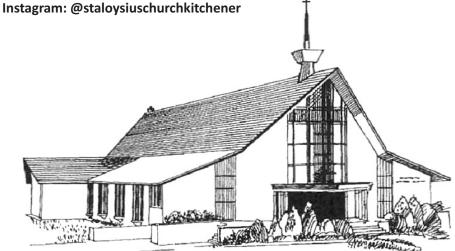
St. Aloysius	519-893-5830
St. Kateri	519-895-1716
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#### **Secondary School:**

St. Mary's ..... 519-745-6891

# St. Aloysius Catholic Church

# 11 Traynor Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario N2C 1W1



OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY: Closed, TUESDAY-THURSDAY: 9am-12pm & 1pm-4:30pm, FRIDAY: 9am-12pm

#### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY..... 5:00pm SUNDAY......9:00am (interpreted for the deaf) ....11:00am .....7:00pm

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY......8:30am TUESDAY.....7:00pm WEDNESDAY....8:30am THURSDAY.....8:30am FRIDAY......8:30am SATURDAY......8:30am

CONFESSIONS - Tuesday: 6 - 6:45pm, Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

**BAPTISM** - Please contact our parish office for more details.

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC** - Please contact our Parish Office for more information.

**FUNERALS** - When death occurs or is expected in your family, please contact the parish office and we will assist you in making the necessary arrangements. For information on Catholic Funeral Rites, Cremation & Catholic cemetery locations, please visit thecatholiccemeteries.ca or call 1-800-661-5985.

MARRIAGE - Please contact the parish office at least Twelve (12) months in advance.

**PARISH RECORDS AND REGISTRATION** - New to the parish? You can pick up Registration forms in the Church foyer, in our parish office, or download one from our website. Please help to keep our parish records up-to-date and please inform us if you are moving.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK** - Please contact the parish office to notify the Priest if a friend or family member is in the hospital or would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

**PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE** - If you feel called to the Priesthood or religious life, please speak with one of our Priests for more information.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

### <u> Oct 28 – Nov 3, 2024</u>

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<u>Monday</u>	(Feast – St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles)			
8:30 am	+ Joseph Fehrenbach			
<u>Tuesday</u>	(ferial)			
7:00 pm	+ Paul and Patti Crough			
<u>Wednesday</u>	<i>(ferial)</i>			
8:30 am	+ Connie and Ambrosio Fausto			
<u>Thursday</u>	(ferial)			
8:30 am	- Int. of Sandra Berry			
<u>Friday</u> 8:30 am	(Solemnity – All Saints' Day) - Int. of Bob and Kathie Borys + Francelina and Antonio Viana			
<u>Saturday</u> (All Sou	ls' Day–Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)			
8:30 am	+ All Souls in Purgatory			
<u>Sunday</u>	Thirty–First Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Sat 5nm	+ All Souls in Purgatory			

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Sat 5pm	+ All Souls in Purgatory	
<u>Sun 9am</u>	- Int. of Sylvia and Sean Poon Wah	
<u>Sun 11am</u>	+ Mary Black	
Children's Liturgy	/ during 11am Mass	
<u>Sun 7pm</u>	- Int. of our Parishioners	

Schedule

Oct 28- Nov 3, 2024

#### Monday

Food Pantry Open7-8pm
<u>Tuesday</u>
• Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
Stained Glass Guild 1:00 pm
Adoration, Confessions and Mass 6:00 pm
• Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group after Mass
<u>Wednesday</u>
• Office closed today due to Diocesan workshop for parish staff
• Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
<u>Friday</u>
• First Friday Adoration following 8:30am Mass
<u>Saturday</u>
Confessions
<u>Sunday</u>
• Daylight Saving Time Ends – manual clocks go back one hour

Children's Liturgy ..... during our 11am Mass

# **OFFERTORY REPORT**

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$1575.00	
Sunday Loose Collection	\$1060.00	
Total Offertory for Oct 20, 2024	\$2635.00	
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount)	\$843.46	
Thank you for your ongoing financial support!		

# <u>Register ASAP</u> for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation



Our registration for First Communion (Grade 2 and up) and Confirmation (Grade 7 and up) expires soon on our website. All candidates will need to be fully registered by end of day, October 31, 2024 to be eligible to receive the Sacraments in the Winter/Spring of 2025 at St. Aloysius

Church. The dates of our Spring Sacraments and our registration form can be found on our parish website.

Children not attending a Catholic school must enroll in and complete the Hamilton Diocese Correspondence program prior to receiving the Sacraments. More information can be found on our parish website at <u>https://www.staloysius.on.ca/</u>.

**Mass for Departed Souls** - On Tuesday Nov 5 at 7pm we will be having a Mass to pray for those who have died over the past year in our parish community. Please join us as we remember our departed parishioners.

# Recent Expenses and Church Upgrades - Thank you to



those who continue to support our Parish. With a building of this age and size, there are always ongoing expenses. This Fall, we have had a few construction projects taking place at the church. Outside, we have made things safer for

our parishioners by repairing broken, lifted and cracked concrete on our sidewalks and entrances. Our boiler had some big leaks, and they have now been fixed. We also had to replace the boiler tank so we can properly heat the church this winter. There will be further work to do on the boiler this Spring.

Downstairs, near our parish hall, there is a large concrete storage room which has had water damage in the past. The moisture caused some of the concrete walls to corrode and crumble away. The walls are now fixed and sealed, making the room safer for our staff and volunteers. We have had a few parishioners wondering about the work and the costs involved.

# Here is a breakdown of our extra expenses this fall;

Outdoor Concrete: \$22,919.45

Boiler Repair:	\$3,726.24	(plus more repairs in the Spring)
Storage Room:	<u>\$11,259.32</u>	

## *For a total of* \$37,905.01

We rely on your donations to assist with our ongoing expenses and to maintain our large property inside and out. Thank you to everyone who supports our parish so we can continue with needed improvements and stay afloat.

## News from the St. Aloysius Food Pantry

The St. Aloysius Food Pantry helps the less fortunate in our Parish neighbourhood. Donations are always appreciated! Right now, they need donations of non-perishable food items, especially peanut butter and canned fruit.

Please consider donating any other canned goods, baby food,

toiletries, and other non-perishable items to help those in need. Drop off your donations in the pink baskets found in our church foyer, or bring your donations to our Parish office during business hours





## **CWL** News

The annual CWL Christmas bazaar will be coming up Sat Nov 16 from 10am-1pm. Donations are being accepted for their raffle table, silent auction, tombola table, craft

table, and children's table. Please drop off any items, including gift cards to the parish office during business hours. **Save the Date:** CWL Seniors Dinner – Wednesday December 4

## Separated & Divorced Support Group - Waterloo

ACT II, a monthly informal support group takes place on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. With the support of others, you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual wounds of divorce. Visit their website stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced, or contact the Parish by phone at 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca for more information

**Workshop for caregivers of children who are grieving** - The death of a significant person represents one of the most powerful disruptions in all aspects of a child's emotional existence. The Diocese of Hamilton will be hosting a free workshop on Monday November 18 from 1-4pm at the Chancery Office in Hamilton.

Andrea Warnick, a Registered Psychotherapist, RN, Education Director and Co-Owner and CEO of AWC Grief Support will share practical and creative grief support strategies for anyone in the position of supporting a grieving child or youth, whether personally or professionally. Register for this workshop at <u>www.hamiltondiocese.com</u> under 'events'.

**Note from the Parish Office** - We will soon be preparing your church offertory envelopes for 2025. If you no longer require envelopes, please inform the office as soon as possible.



**Fall Book Club – Listening Together** - Tuesdays in November 5, 12, 19, 26 (1:00 – 2:00pm) The Diocese of Hamilton continues their 'Listening Together' online book club exploring Cardinal-Elect Timothy Radcliffe's presentations from the 2024 Synod on Synodality. All texts are free and accessible online and will be emailed to participants a week in advance of each gathering. Sign up at https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/

**Serra Club** – **Vocation Seed** - The blind man, Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet but shouted all the louder in prayer "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Only then did Jesus call him over and answered his need. Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, the Diocese of Hamilton Director of Vocations, at 905-528-7988, or by email; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

# Gospel Reflection: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death. From the Loyola Press – Sunday Connection

