

Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.



JAN 7 to JAN 12

TUESDAY – JAN 7 Memorial – St. Andre Bessette	7:00 p.m.	Special intention – Geraldine Mahood & Family
WEDNESDAY – JAN 8 Ferial	8:30 a.m.	+ Francis Kimball – Jackey Goodwin
THURSDAY – JAN 9 Ferial	7:00 p.m.	+ Roman Selig – Gerry & Mary Mulhern
FRIDAY – JAN 10 Ferial	8:30 a.m.	+ John Platnar – Olga Perko
SATURDAY – JAN 11 Ferial	7:00 p.m.	+ Paul Huszka – Roger & Mary Lycke
SUNDAY – JAN 12 The Baptism of the Lord	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Val & Jack Cassidy– Joan Cassidy Living & deceased members of our parish

Parish Finance Report Week of 		<i>Dec 15, 2024</i>	<i>Dec 22, 2024</i>
	Sunday Envelope Collection	\$ 2,985.00	\$ 2,880.00
	Sunday Loose Collection	\$ 372.90	\$ 320.90
	E-transfer	\$ 300.00	\$ 610.00
	PAG/ Direct Deposit	\$ 3,037.50	\$ 3,037.50
	<u>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	<u>\$ 6,695.40</u>	<u>\$ 6,848.40</u>
	Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
	Net Income /Loss	\$ 195.40	\$ 348.40



HELPING CHILDREN THROUGH OUR BOWING ANGEL:

A long-standing tradition at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is the presence of the bowing angel by the manger scene, who graciously bows her head after an offering is made. Again, this year, all donations received from the bowing angel will be sent to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Children’s Project in Kenya who work with children whose parents have died of HIV-AIDS. Since the bowing angel cannot digest paper, a plate will be by the angel to accept paper offerings. (Cheques should be made payable to “Our Lady of Lourdes Church”.)

ORNAMENTS FROM THE TREE OF LIFE: Those who had a child baptized or a loved one called to Eternal Life (and buried from Lourdes) in 2024 may pick up their angel or cross after any weekend Mass **beginning February 1/2** in the parish hall.



CHRISTMAS COOKIE PROJECT:

Your response to this request was well beyond expectations! We set out 85 beautiful tins containing over three dozen cookies. All the recipients of your generosity were touched by this gesture of kindness. May your celebration of Christmas be filled with joy as you recall the happiness your cookies brought to those special people within our community. Thank you for making this tradition at Lourdes so successful. With prayers of thanksgiving Fr. Stephen

Diocesan Prayer Calendar – This week let us pray for...

Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11
Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P	Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P	Diocesan Priests	Rev. Louis Lensen, C.R.S.P	Rev. David Avila	Married Couples

Prayer for Vocations... God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen

Coming up at St. Louis Parish - Bible Study: The Book of Revelation with Jeff Cavins. 11-part DVD course running concurrently on Sundays at 12:30 PM (lunch included), or on Mondays at 7:30 PM (with refreshments). This study program shows how the kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the “end times.” Course is free. Handouts provided. If you wish to have your own workbook (\$38) please contact the office. **Start: Jan.19/20 in the St. Louis Large Hall** (Entry via the elevator door). 53 Allen St. E. Waterloo. For schedule see stlouisparrish.ca or contact the office at 519-743-4101, stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew’s Gospel tells a version of Jesus’ birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . .” The story of the census is found only in Luke’s Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew’s Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the Gentiles’ search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death. The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. (*Loyola Press*).

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THE POPE'S JANUARY INTENTIONS FOR 2025

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING CHRISTMAS



The ministers of the Word, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ministers of hospitality (ushers), altar servers



The music ministry – organists, choirs, family choirs, cantors, musicians



The official 31st “Tree Cutters” who cut the tree for our “Tree of Life” and brought it into the church, without “breaking” a single twig. And the family who donated the tree from their property.



The craftsman who made the angels and crosses, and the artist who painted them



The work crew who helped prepare the church on Sunday, December 15 and those who will help take down the Christmas decorations



Those who prepared the beautiful nativity scene



Our parish volunteer and the children who participated in the Christmas Eve Living Scripture, as well as all the volunteers who assisted



All groups at OLOL parish, Prayer Shawl, OLOL Cafe, SVDP, Living Rosary and Bible study group, Divine Mercy prayer groups and Sunday children liturgy group, youth group.



The many bakers who provided an abundance of delicious cookies for our Christmas parish cookie project, and those who prepared the tins for delivery



The ambassadors of goodwill who delivered the cookies



The many who donated floral tributes in memory of loved ones (the gift box near the manger held their names and they were remembered during the liturgies throughout the Christmas season)



To our administrative assistant, collection counters, and the support of our finance council and property maintenance committee



The parishioners for your many gestures of kindness, including all those special treats that were brought for the parish staff and to the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and visitors to our parish for your spirit of faith and goodwill and for the joy your presence brought to our Christmas liturgies

St. Andre Bessette – (Brother André) - expressed a saint’s faith by a lifelong devotion to Saint Joseph. At 25, André applied for entrance into the Congregation of Holy Cross but he was not admitted because of his weak health. But with an extension and the urging of Bishop Bourget, he was finally received. He was given the humble job of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal, with additional duties as sacristan, laundry worker and messenger. When he heard someone was ill, he visited to bring cheer and to pray with the sick person. He would rub the sick person lightly with oil taken from a lamp burning in the college chapel. He said again and again that “I do not cure. St. Joseph cures.” He began to build St. He is buried at the Oratory. He was beatified in 1982 and canonized in 2010. At his canonization in October 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said that Saint Andre “lived the beatitude of the pure of heart.”

WORK CREW: Volunteers are required on **Sunday, January 5 & 12**, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. to take down the Christmas decorations. As we will be carrying the parts of the manger scene to the basement storage area, the assistance of some younger volunteers would be very helpful.



Thinking of buying or selling? I can HELP! I have a team of professionals who will make the process go as smooth as possible. I have been a member of Our Lady of Lourdes church for 25 yrs and would love the opportunity to help my fellow parishioners with their real estate needs.

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