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St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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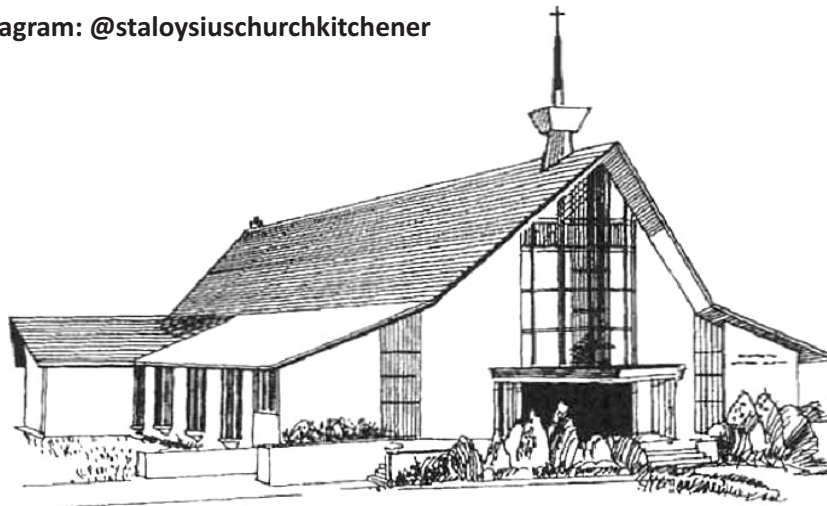
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OFFICE HOURS:

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 fill out an application form and contact our parish office for more details. Application forms can be found online or in our front foyer.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS INTENTIONS

May 1 – May 7, 2023

- Monday** (ferial)
8:30 am + All Souls In Purgatory
- Tuesday** (Memorial – St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor)
7:00 pm + David Grzesiak
+ Pat and Shawn Orłowski
- Wednesday** (Feast – St. Philip and St. James, Apostles)
8:30 am + Christine Lana-Sarrate
+ Wendy Wilkinson
- Thursday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Linda Cathy Savarin
- Friday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Mary Black and her deceased relatives
+ Michael Van Ooteghen
First Friday Adoration and Exposition following 8:30am Mass
- Saturday** (Memorial, St. Francois de Laval, Bishop, Patron of the Bishops of Canada)
8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory
- Fifth Sunday of Easter**
- Saturday**
5:00 pm - Int. of Fr. David Avila
+ David James Witzel
- Sunday**
9:00 am + Melchor Johnson
+ Art Ladzik
11:00 am + Viola McLaughlin
Children's Liturgy in Parish Hall during 11am Mass
7:00 pm - Int. of our Parishioners

OFFERTORY REPORT	
Sunday Envelope Collection.....	\$1974.00
Sunday Loose Collection	\$864.00
Total Offertory for Apr 23, 2023.....	\$2838.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$843.70
Thank you for your ongoing financial support!	

First Friday Adoration
Join us **Friday May 4** for our First Friday Exposition and Adoration following the 8:30am Mass.

News from the St. Aloysius CWL - Treat the special lady in your life with some beautiful pink carnations! The St. Aloysius Catholic Women's League is having a fundraiser and will be selling pink carnations after all Masses on the weekend of May 13/14. The minimum donation is \$2.00 per stem. Thank you in advance for your support!



CWL Bursary The CWL is awarding a bursary of \$250.00 to a student graduating from High School who is registered with St. Aloysius Parish. The application form is posted on the CWL webpage on our website, <https://staloyusius.on.ca/catholic-womens-league>. A copy can also be obtained by email from johnkimansty@gmail.com. Apply by June 15, 2023.

Catholic Education Week Apr 30-May 5
During Catholic Education Week, The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "We are Many, We are One."

KW Right to Life Prayer Vigil – Thurs May 4 from 10-11 am
Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener. Join the group to pray for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is available across the road in Schneider Park.

Knights of Columbus Spring Cleanup Event - The Kitchener Knights of Columbus 'Annual Great Big Spring Clean-up' is coming up **Sat May 6 from 8:30am - 12:30pm**. Bring your discarded and unwanted to the St. Anthony Daniel parking lot at Ottawa and Franklin. They will be collecting old electronics including outdated televisions, computers, laptops, and cellphones. Bring your scrap metal, including copper, stainless steel, and brass. A cash donation or non-perishable food item for the Waterloo Region Foodbank is welcomed.

Schedule of Events

May 1 – May 7, 2023

- Tuesday**
- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
 - Stained Glass Guild 1:00 pm
 - Confessions, Adoration and Mass..... 6:00 pm
 - Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests following 7pm Mass
 - CWL Executive Meeting following 7pm Mass
- Wednesday**
- Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service..... 10:00 am
 - Bible Study Group 10:00 am
- Friday**
- First Friday Adoration following 8:30am Mass
- Saturday**
- Confessions 3:45pm
- Sunday**
- Children's Liturgy during 11am Mass

Mother's Day Lunch - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo is hosting a Mother's Day Lunch; **Sun, May 14 at 12pm.** Bring your whole family, tickets are limited. The ticket price of \$20 each includes a delicious hot lunch, door prizes and more! For more info and tickets, call 519-886-0342 ext. 3 or send an email to lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

Heartache to Healing, St. Michael's Church

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Their 6-week grief support program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. Register now for an in person 6-week program running Wed evenings from 7-8:30pm May 17 - June 21 at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. Register with Kathy Shaw 519-886-2117 or shawbing@rogers.com. For more details visit <https://stmichaelw.ca/grief-support>. Please register by Monday, May 8th.

Separated or Divorced? Looking for some learning, support and fun on a Friday evening? Join the Diocese of Hamilton's RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive group held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person at 700 King St. W, Hamilton, or by Zoom. No registration required. For more details email; familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com or at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Evenings with His Excellency – Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for “Evenings with His Excellency”. This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7pm - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month they will continue to look at *The 10 Commandments*. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

Guelph Walking Pilgrimage 20th Anniversary this August
Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. **Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days!** Cost \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. They carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffel bag. To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca. Registration deadline June 20 2023.

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Gospel Reflection



This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be “robbers and thieves” because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

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