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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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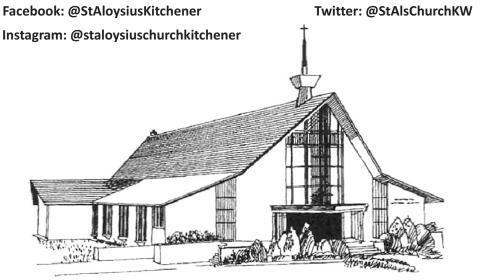
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OFFICE HOURS:

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)11:00am7:00pm

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.

<u>FUNERALS</u> - 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.

<u>PARISH RECORDS AND REGISTRATION</u> - 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.

<u>PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK</u> - 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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 12 - Feb 18, 2024

Monday (ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Fr. David Avila

+ Ross Mooney

(ferial) Tuesday

7:00 pm + Lucy DeAmorim

+ Jennie and Ivan Kubrak

Wednesday

8:30 am 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday

Thursday (ferial)

8:30 am + Arminda Pacheco

+ All Souls in Purgatory

Friday (ferial)

8:30 am - In Thanksgiving to St. Giuseppe Moscati

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday (ferial) 8:30 am + Mary Black

+ Michael Waechter

First Sunday of Lent

Sat 5:00 pm + Lolly Zachari + Arminda Pacheco Sun 9:00 am

- Int. of Lee Ann Paiva and family

- Int. of all CWL Members Sun 11:00 am

11:00 am Mass Presider will be Bishop Wayne Lobsinger in honour of the St. Aloysius CWL's 70th Anniversary

Children's Liturgy in our Parish Hall during 11:00 am Mass

Sun 7:00 pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule Fevents

Feb 12 – Feb 18, 2024

<u>Tuesday</u>
• Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
Stained Glass Guild
Confessions, Adoration and Mass 6:00 pm
Prayer Group following Mass
CWL Executive Meeting following Mass
<u>Wednesday</u>
Briarfield Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
• Ash Wednesday Liturgy with St. Aloysius School 10:30 am
Ash Wednesday Liturgy at St. Kateri School 12:30 pm
Ash Wednesday Liturgy at St. Timothy School 1:00 pm
<u>Friday</u>
• Stations of the Cross
<u>Saturday</u>
• Confessions
<u>Sunday</u>
Children's Liturgyduring 11:00 am Mass

• CWL Reception in Hall all are welcome!following 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$2061.00	
Sunday Loose Collection	\$1055.00	
Total Offertory for February 4, 2024		
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount)	\$835.62	
Thank you for your ongoing financial support!		



Wednesday February 14 is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. We will be having Mass at 8:30am and 7:00 pm on Ash Wednesday.

Every Friday evening in Lent from February 16 -Mar 22, 2024, join us for Stations of the Cross

beginning at 7pm.

Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. Lent has two major purposes; It recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

From the Ordo Liturgical Calendar, CCCB Publications



News from St. Aloysius CWL - The St. Aloysius Catholic Women's League will be celebrating their 70th Anniversary on Sun Feb 18, 2024. Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will be the presider at the 11:00am Mass to honour this special

occasion. There will be a small reception after Mass in the parish hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Free Membership Draw – The CWL will be drawing a name to win one free 2024 membership at their General meeting on February 20, 2024. All paid 2024 members are eligible. If you haven't paid your 2024 membership dues yet, please do so before the draw date. Want to know more about the Catholic Women's League? Visit; https://catholicwomenunite.ca/. For questions, email; StAloysiusCWL@gmail.com.

16 Day Pilgrimage with Father Melvin Pinto this September!

This Fall, join Father Melvin on a Pilgrimage of a lifetime to Italy, France, Spain and Portugal. International Heritage Tours has arranged a fascinating 16 day itinerary, beginning September 16, 2024. Highlights include a visit to Rome with a possible audience with the Holy Father, a visit to the Shrine of Padre Pio, an excursion to Assisi and full days in Lourdes and Fatima. For more information on the cost and how to book the pilgrimage, pick up a brochure in our church lobby or visit our parish website. All are welcome to attend an information session on Sunday February 25 following the 11am Mass at the Parish Hall. Please sign up in the Parish Lobby to let us know if you can attend.

Separated/Divorced Support Group Waterloo After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life. Join others on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at St. Michael's Parish in Waterloo from 7:30-8:30 pm on Feb 20, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, Jun 18. Come early for prayer at the 7pm Mass. They will meet in the Parish Centre at 7:30pm. To register, call 519-884-9311, or email: parish@stmichaelw.ca.



Share Lent Campaign - This year,
Development and Peace, Caritas Canada's
Create Hope: Reaping our Rights campaign
calls you to stand with small-scale farmers and
peasant communities who feed the world
while caring for the Earth. Donate online at
devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday

collection on Mar 17, the 5th Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps to support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world! For details, visit; devp.org/lent/resources.

Young Adults Night Saturday March 2 – Hamilton

Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our Diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent in support of those discerning their vocation. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30-7:30 pm), social with food, vocations testimony, music, and Compline (9pm). Sat Mar 2 at St. Ann Roman Catholic Parish in Hamilton. Sponsored by the Diocese of Hamilton's Vocations Office. For more info email; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Retrouvaille program for Struggling Marriages - Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy? The solution may be Retrouvaille, a program designed to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This practical program is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 8-10. For details, call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

Adult Faith Formation Through VLCFF - The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. Register for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2024. Three and five- week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese For more information visit; www.hamiltondioceselearns.com.

<u>Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass</u> - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.

Gospel Reflection for Sunday February 11, 2024 - The fate of a person with leprosy is a great tragedy at any time and place. In Jesus' time, lepers were considered condemned, part of the plagues God sent as punishment. They were cast out of society and abandoned. Saint Mark's Gospel reveals the unthinkable. Jesus reaches out and touches a leper. He risks catching the contagious disease and heals the man. As the Gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned by Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives for whom we ascribe no hope, who we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ's stewards of our sisters and brothers, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be "unclean" or not worthy of our time or attention?

From ICSC Parish E-Bulletin

CATHOLIC QUIZ CORNER

- 1. What 3 things does the Catholic Church ask us to do during Lent?
- What popular snack originated during the 6th Century during Lent because it is made with only flour, water and salt?

Answers

1. We are asked to seek the Lord in prayer through Sacred Scripture, we serve by giving alms and we practice self control through fasting.

2. The pretzel



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