

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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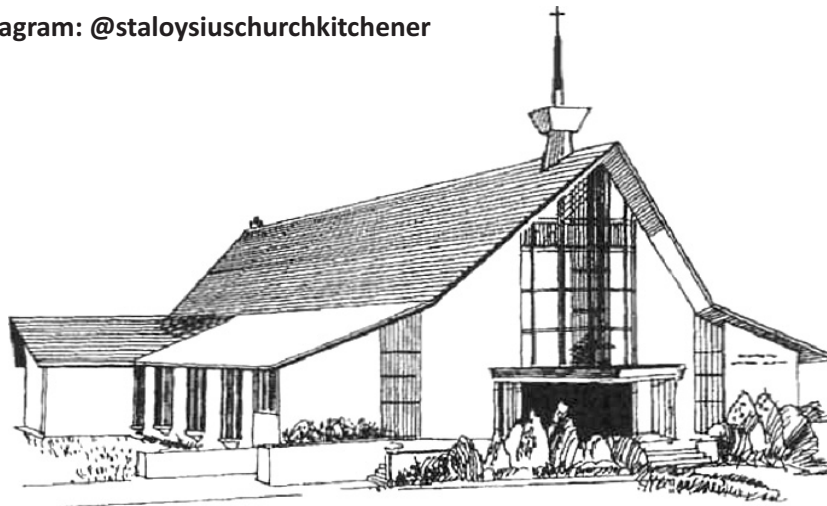
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OFFICE HOURS:

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)

....11:00am

.....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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 19 – Feb 25, 2024

- Monday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Bev Hiller
- Tuesday** (ferial)
7:00 pm + Lorenza (Lolly) Zachari
- Wednesday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Lorenza (Lolly) Zachari
- Thursday** (Feast – Chair of St. Peter, Apostle)
8:30 am + Larry Kekish
- Friday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Isabelle Balog
7:00 pm **Mass followed by Stations of the Cross**
- Saturday** (ferial)
8:30 am
- Second Sunday of Lent**
Sat 5:00 pm + Edward Delaney
Sun 9:00 am + Lorena (Lolly) Zachari
- In Thanksgiving for Farah Atienza
Sun 11:00 am - Int. of our Parishioners
Children's Liturgy in our Parish Hall during 11:00 am Mass
Sun 7:00 pm + All Souls in Purgatory



Friday nights from Feb 16 – Mar 22 – Mass followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

Wed Mar 20 at 7pm: Lenten Confessions at St. Aloysius

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday March 28 at 7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday March 29:

12pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion (*Ideal for families with children*)

3pm - Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday March 30:

12pm - Blessing of the Easter Food

8pm - Easter Vigil (*Approx. 2.5 hours*)

Easter Sunday March 31: Masses 9am, 11am

**** (no 7pm Mass on Easter Sunday)**

Divine Mercy Sunday April 7:

1pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3pm – Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Did you know when we pray at this 3:00 hour, on Divine Mercy Sunday, completely in His Mercy, adoring and glorifying Him, mercy is opened wide for every soul? In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and others for the asking (Diary, 1572). Why would we not take advantage of this?

Lenten Confessions in Kitchener-Waterloo:

Wed Mar 6 at 7pm – St. Mark's, Kitchener

Tue Mar 12 at 7pm – St. Anne's, Kitchener

Thur Mar 14 at 7pm – St. Theresa's, Kitchener

Tue Mar 19 at 7pm – St. Joseph's, Kitchener

****Wed Mar 20 at 7pm – St. Aloysius, Kitchener****

Thur Mar 21 at 7pm – Blessed Sacrament, Kitchener

Fri Mar 22 at 7pm – St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener

Schedule of Events

Feb 19 – Feb 25, 2024

Tuesday

- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
- Stained Glass Guild 1:00 pm
- Confessions, Adoration and Mass 6:00 pm
- Prayer Group following 7pm Mass
- CWL General Meeting following 7pm Mass

Wednesday

- Briarfield Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
- Finance Council Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday

- St. Kateri School, Confessions..... 9:30 am
- Doon Village Mass/Communion Service..... 10:00 am

Friday

- Stations of the Cross following Mass..... 7:00 pm

Saturday

- First Reconciliation – Group #1 9:00 am
- Confessions..... 3:45-4:30 pm

Sunday

- Children's Liturgy during 11:00 am Mass
- Pilgrimage Information Session following the 11am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$1965.00
Sunday Loose Collection	\$767.00
Total Offertory for February 11, 2024.....	\$2732.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$835.62

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!



News from St. Aloysius CWL 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. Want to know more about the Catholic Women's League? Visit; <https://catholicwomenunite.ca/>. For questions, email; StAloysiusCWL@gmail.com.



Easter Flower Memorial Donations

Consider making a Memorial Donation in honour of a loved one. The money will be used to decorate our Church with Easter flowers this year. Please pick up an 'Easter

Flowers' envelope at the back of the Church. In the envelope, remember to include the name of the loved one for whom you would like to be remembered, along with your donation.

Info Session on Feb 25 for Fall Pilgrimage - Find out more about a Pilgrimage of a lifetime this Fall with Father Melvin Pinto. A representative from International Heritage Tours will be in our Parish Hall to answer all of your questions on Sunday February 25 following the 11am Mass. **Sign up in our parish lobby if you would like to attend the Information Session.** You will hear more about this incredible 16 day Pilgrimage to Italy, France, Spain and Portugal beginning September 16, 2024. More information can be found on our parish website or you can pick up a brochure in our church foyer.

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.

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.

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

St. Agnes Parish – Education Café speaker series

Do you ever wonder how God is at work in your life? Sometimes we struggle to see it, to hear his voice. Find out how we can be more open to His voice by attending "Speaking our Truth as Catholics: The Truth Will Set You Free". With special guests Bishop Wayne Lobsinger & Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry. This free event is coming up Sun Mar 3, 1:30pm at St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo. Visit their website at saintagnescatholicchurch.org/events for more details.

Retrouaille program for Struggling Marriages – Struggling in your marriage? The solution may be Retrouaille, a program designed to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. The program is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. The next Retrouaille weekend is March 8-10. For details, call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

Hamilton Diocese Tip for families during the Lenten Season:

Tip #1 – Carve out Time

Together as a family, try to schedule some intentional time for prayer and reflection each week as we draw closer to the great Feast of Easter. Do you have a calendar at home? Try counting down the 40 days of Lent with little footprints, stickers or stamps marking your journey towards the celebration of Holy Week. Remember to mark the Sacred Sundays during the Lenten Season in a special way as these are exclusive of the 40 days of Preparation. For more Lenten family resources visit the Hamilton Diocese website link at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/office-for-evangelization-catechesis/resources-for-families/lenten-resource-for-families/>



Gospel Reflection for First Sunday of Lent – Feb 17/18

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to do two things: to believe in the Good News and to repent. Stewards are called to repent, to be humble enough to open their hearts so they may begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the Gospel.

From ICSC Parish E-Bulletin

This Lent, be sure to visit our parish website at <https://staloyisius.on.ca/lenten-resources> for Lenten resources including videos, links to prayers, information on the Share Lent campaign and more!

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