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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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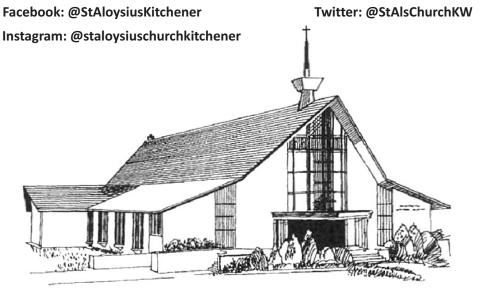
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OFFICE HOURS:

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

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SATURDAY 5:00pm					
SUNDAY9:00am					
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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.

<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.

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.

<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.

Mar 11 - Mar 17, 2024

Monday 8:30 am

(ferial)

Tuesday (ferial) 7:00 pm + Ron Craig + David Grzesiak

Wednesday (ferial) 8:30 am + Ivy Edwards

Thursday (ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Joseph Pereira

Friday (ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Father David Avila

7:00 pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday (ferial)

8:30 am + Raymond Thibodeau

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sat 5:00 pm - Int. of our Parishioners Sun 9:00 am - Int. of Joseph Gmach

+ Glen Peister

- Int. of All Priests in the Diocese of Hamilton Sun 11:00 am Children's Liturgy in our Parish Hall during 11:00 am Mass

Sun 7:00 pm + All Souls in Purgatory

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Schedule TEvents

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Food Pantry Open7-8pm
<u>Tuesday</u>
Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
Stained Glass Guild
Confessions, Adoration and Mass 6:00 pm
Prayer Group following 7pm Mass
<u>Wednesday</u>
Briarfield Mass/Communion Service
<u>Thursday</u>
Doon Village Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
<u>Friday</u>
Mass followed by Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Saturday

Sunday

Children's Liturgyduring 11:00 am Mass

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Sunday Envelope Collection	\$2250.00
Sunday Loose Collection	\$795.00
Total Offertory for March 10, 2024	\$3045.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount)	\$874.39

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!



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

Prepare for **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** by picking up your novena prayer sheet available in the church foyer. Novena will begin on Good Friday. Did you know that whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment? (Diary 300). Why would we not take advantage of this?

Lenten Confessions in Kitchener-Waterloo:

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

News from the St. Aloysius CWL

Their next 'General Meeting' on March 19 will also be an evening Lenten Retreat. Stay tuned for more information.

To learn 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. Remember to include the name of the loved one for whom you would like to be remembered, along with your donation in the envelope.



Share Lent Collection Next Weekend!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's Reaping our Rights campaign invites you to give generously during Solidarity Sunday, March 17.

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official

international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. They address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. They champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change.

Please support them by giving to our Share Lent parish collection next weekend. Find out more about the Share Lent campaign at devp.org/give.

<u>Lenten Healing Ministry Vigil – St. Michael's Church, Waterloo</u>. Wed Mar 13 at 7pm. The evening includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Anointing with blessed oil and a celebration of the Holy Mass. They will be joined by Father William Trusz, a Missionary of Mercy.

Good Friday Fish Fry - You're invited to the Waterloo Knights of Columbus 'Good Friday Fish Fry', March 29 at the Columbus Conference Centre, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo.

Schedule an eat-in time between 1-6pm on the hour or enjoy

takeout. One piece dinner is \$17.50 or a two piece dinner is \$22.50. Dinner includes fish, fries, coleslaw, roll and butter. Contact Martin at 519-884-2060 for eat-in bookings.

Diocese of Hamilton Vocations Office 'Young Adults Night'
Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of
our diocese to celebrate the Easter Season by attending an
evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support
of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy
Hour, social with food, praise night with vocations testimony
and Compline. Join them Sat Apr 6 at the Basilica of Our Lady
Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the
Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more
information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Hamilton Diocese Tip for families during the Lenten Season Tip #4 –Embrace Lenten Rituals - Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are important Lenten rituals that help us strengthen our relationship with God. A prayer routine invites God into the day-to-day pulse of our homes. Fasting is the action of choosing to go without something we enjoy. Traditionally, most Christians refrain from eating meat on Friday. Try to schedule "Fish Friday" on the menu. Almsgiving is an important act of sacrifice during Lent. Almsgiving is not necessarily a financial sacrifice, but giving of time and talents to serve those in need. Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving help us give the best of ourselves for God's glory. For more Lenten resources, visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Gospel Reflection for Fourth Sunday of Lent – Weekend of March 9/10 2024 - Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives. *Taken from the Loyola Press Sunday Connection*

CATHOLIC QUIZ CORNER

- 1. How many times does Jesus fall in the Stations?
- 2. How many Stations of the Cross are there?

Answers:

1.Three
2.Fourteen



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