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St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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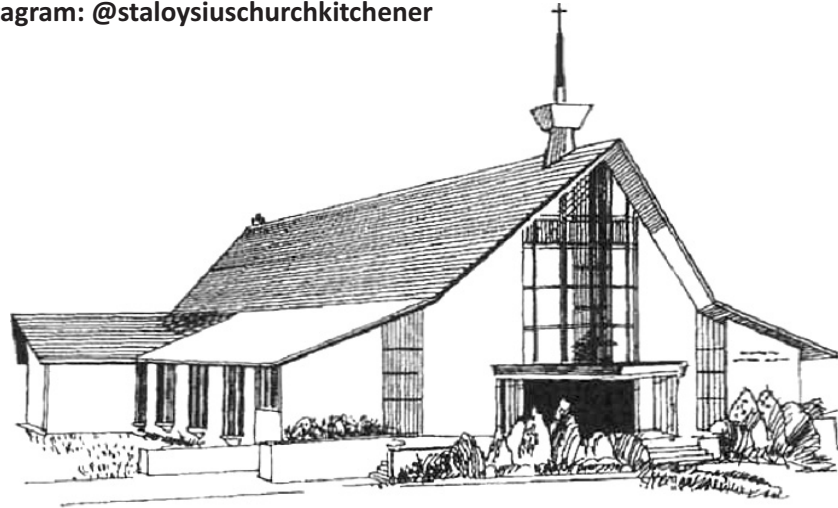
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OFFICE HOURS:

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

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 ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 28- Dec 4, 2022

Monday (*ferial*)

8:30 am + Antonia Pages

Tuesday (*ferial*)

7:00 pm + Eleanor Freeman
- Int. of Fr. David Avila

Wednesday (*Feast – St. Andrew, Apostle*)

8:30 am + Barbaro Montalvo

Thursday (*ferial*)

8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory

Friday (*ferial*)

8:30 am - Int. of Lee Ann Paiva and Family
First Friday Exposition and Adoration following Mass

Saturday (*Memorial-St. Francis Xavier, Priest*)

8:30 am + Reydel Castell

Second Sunday of Advent

Sat 5:00 pm + Nora Atienza
+ Teresa and Manuel Romao

Sun 9:00 am - Int. of Joao and Maria Costa

Sun 11:00am + John McLaughlin

During 11am Mass - Sunday School Liturgy for young children in the Parish Hall

Sun 7:00 pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Parish News

Nov 28 – Dec 4, 2022

Schedule of Events

Monday

- Food Pantry Open – Registration for hampers 7- 8:00 pm

Tuesday

- Stained Glass Guild..... 1:00 pm
- St. Kateri School, Advent Liturgy..... 12:30 pm
- Confessions, Adoration and Mass 6:00 pm

Wednesday

- Bible Study group.....10:00 am
- Communion Service/Mass at Briarfield Gardens.....10:00 am

Thursday

- St. Aloysius School, Advent Liturgy 1:00 pm

Friday

- First Friday Adoration..... following 8:30am Mass
- St. Timothy School Advent Liturgy 10:30 am

Saturday

- Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm

Sunday

- Children’s Liturgy during 11 am Mass

Confessions: St. Aloysius will be having Advent Reconciliation on **Wed Dec 14 from 6pm-8pm**. Other Confession opportunities during Advent include Tuesday evenings from 6-6:45pm and Saturdays from 3:45-4:30pm

OFFERTORY REPORT

Envelope contributions.....\$1635.00
Loose.....\$485.00

Offertory Collection Nov 20-2022..... \$2120.00

Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....**\$830.31**

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!



The St. Aloysius Children’s Ministry will be hosting a Nativity Christmas Play with the children at the Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm. We are looking for children to be shepherds, inn keepers, angels, Mary, and Joseph. Anyone interested please contact Kim Ansty at johnkimansty@gmail.com

The St. Aloysius Children’s Christmas Party will be taking place after the 11 am mass on Sunday December 18th. Children can enjoy crafts, face painting, snacks, pizza, a Christmas movie, and Santa will be in attendance!

**St. Aloysius Church
Christmas Mass Times:**

**CHRISTMAS EVE—
SAT DEC 24th: 5pm, 8pm,
10pm, Midnight**

**CHRISTMAS DAY—
SUN DEC 25: 9am, 11am
*(no Sunday eve Mass)***

**SAT DEC 31 at 5pm
SUN JAN 1 at 9am, 11am
*(no Sunday eve Mass)***

**St. Aloysius
Food Pantry Info**



Christmas can be a very difficult time financially for many people and this year is no exception with the rising cost of food and

household items. Our St. Aloysius Food Pantry is offering Christmas food hampers and toys for families in need this year. If you or someone you know in our Parish Community could benefit from a hamper, please contact our Food Pantry or our Parish Office for information on how to register.

The St. Aloysius Food Pantry is organizing the Angel Tree/Board again this year. Please look in our Church foyer for angels with the ages of children in our Parish neighborhood who need your support this Christmas. Take an angel from the board, and bring in a new unwrapped toy or gift card for the child. Donations can be left in the pink baskets in the church foyer, or brought to our parish office during business hours.

Next weekend we will be having a special collection for our Parish Food Pantry. Please look in your envelope box for your Parish Outreach envelope and please be generous.

December 15-23 – Simbang Gabi (9-day Novena for Christmas) at St. Aloysius Church. We will be having a series of Novena Masses leading up to Christmas Day. **Join us for evening Mass beginning Thursday December 15 at 7pm.** The novena prayers will also be prayed during the morning Masses.

Information about our Spring 2023 Sacraments

Registration is ON NOW for our 2023 Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Please register online at and look for our First Communion and Confirmation button links on our homepage.

The deadline to register is December 15, 2022!

Sacrament of First Communion:

Sat Apr 15, 2023 at 10am: St. Aloysius and St. Timothy Schools

Sat Apr 15, 2023 at 1pm: St. Kateri and Public/Private Schools

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Wed Apr 26, 2023 at 7pm for all schools

Visit our website at <https://staloyusius.on.ca/> for more important dates and information

News from the St. Aloysius CWL:



The CWL is proud to support the Waterloo Region Community Foundation's 'ToastyToes' fundraiser. The campaign raises money for people experiencing homelessness. The money is shared with local organizations who buy the new socks. Monetary donations can be made online through the ToastyToes fundraising page here; <https://www.wrcf.ca/toastytoes>. The ToastyToes campaign began in 2013, and has raised over \$117,000 since then. This year's campaign runs until Dec. 10.

Gospel Reflection: First Sunday of Advent Weekend of November 26/ 27, 2022

On this first Sunday of Advent Jesus urges his disciples to stay awake and prepare themselves for the Lord's coming. Good stewards prepare themselves and await Christ's judgment in joyous expectation. This attitude requires genuine spiritual maturity, of course; the kind that is cultivated by prayer, participation in the sacraments, loving attention to family and one's communion of faith, and love for one's neighbor. Are we prepared for the Lord's second coming? Are we ready to receive Christ? Are we ready to look joyously for Christ's judgment? ***From ISCS November E-letter***

**Prayer for First Sunday
of Advent**

God, the potter, mold us
and make us your
people. When we
become impatient, help
us remember that these
seasons of waiting are
also shaping us.

Give us the grace to
breathe deeply into the
wait, to anticipate the
beauty you are working
while we wait.

Amen

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