

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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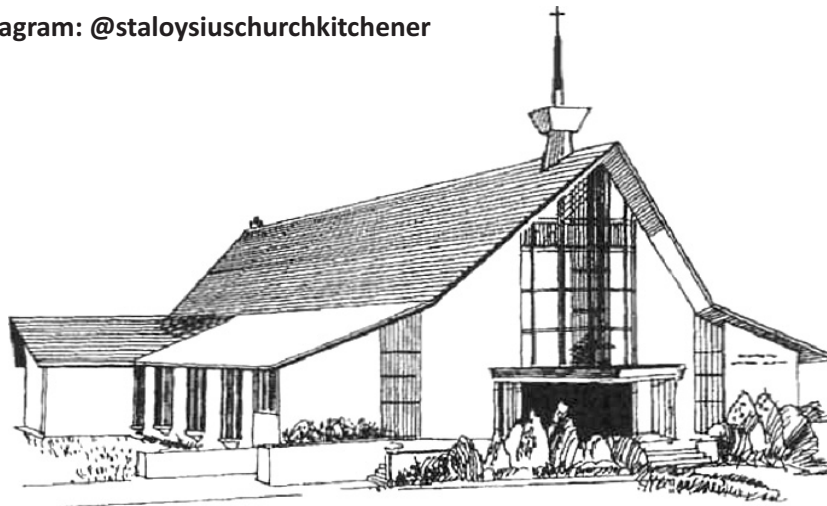
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 2 – Oct 8, 2023

Monday (Memorial - the Holy Guardian Angels)
8:30 am + Stephen Altman
 + Michael Edgar

Tuesday (ferial)
7:00 pm + Mary Black
 + Tony DuCharme

Wednesday (Memorial – St. Francis of Assisi)
8:30 am + Christine Altman

Thursday (ferial)
8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory

Friday (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Stan Wrozek
First Friday Adoration following 8:30am Mass

Saturday (Memorial – Our Lady of the Rosary)
8:30 am + Wayne Fitzpatrick

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday
5:00 pm - Int. of Lee Ann Paiva and family
 - Int. of Deanna Showers

Sunday
9:00 am - Int. of Audrey Reitzel
 + Jonathan Zettel
11:00 am + Eva Dicsi
 + Viola McLaughlin
7:00 pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Oct 2 – Oct 8, 2023

Monday
 • Food Pantry Open 7-8:00pm

Tuesday
 • Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
 • Stained Glass Guild..... 1:00 pm
 • Confessions, Adoration and Mass 6:00 pm
 • Prayer Group – Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests following Mass
 • CWL Executive Meeting following Mass

Wednesday
 • Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
 • Holy Land Pilgrimage Information Session..... 6:30 pm

Friday
 • First Friday Adoration..... following 8:30am Mass

Saturday
 • Confessions 3:45pm

Sunday
 • Children’s Liturgy during 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection.....\$1761.00
 Sunday Loose Collection\$1030.00
Total Offertory for Sept 23/24 \$2791.00
 Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....\$787.16

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!



Holy Land Pilgrimage Information Session Wed Oct 4 at 6:30pm in our Parish Hall!

A representative from International Heritage Tours will be here to share information about the upcoming Pilgrimage with

Father Melvin to the Holy Land Feb 27-Mar 10 2024. If you are joining Father on the Pilgrimage, or would like to find out more, come to our information session! More details about the pilgrimage can be found online here; <https://www.ih Tours.com/tour/pilgrimage-to-holy-land-and-jordan-6/>



First Communion and Confirmation registration news for 2024

Do you have a child in Grade 2 or Grade 7 this year? Our registration for First Communion (Grade 2 and up) and Confirmation (Grade 7 and up) has now opened on our parish website. **All candidates will need to register online by October 31, 2023 to be included in our Spring 2024 group.** More information can be found on our parish website, or by contacting the church office.

Friday October 6 is the First Friday of the month

Please join us for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following our 8:30am Mass.

Thank you to those who came out for our Parish Potluck Dinner on Sept 29th! Mark your calendar, our next monthly potluck dinner will be Fri Oct 27th at 6pm in our Parish Hall.




News from the St. Aloysius CWL

The annual CWL Christmas Bazaar is coming up Sat Nov 18 from 10am to 1pm in the Parish Hall. They are looking for donations of new items (small appliances, toys, giftware, etc.), gift cards from local restaurants and handmade craft items. They also welcome monetary donations.

For questions, please contact Lorraine Jack at mlorrainejack@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 1, 2023

 **40 Days for Life** Join over a million volunteers from across North America to participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion from Sept 27 – Nov 5. You are encouraged to get involved in prayer and fasting as well as attending a peaceful vigil outside Freeport Hospital for an allocated hour during the campaign. Join Parishioners from St. Aloysius Parish during our 'Adopt a Day' on October 15, or sign up for any hour during the campaign. Sign up at the back of the church or register at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener.

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmel, Ocds, will be hosting a day of reflection on Sat Oct 14, 2023 from 10am to 2pm. The day will begin with the Rosary at 10am followed by Mass at 10:30. A light lunch will be served in the parish hall. During the lunch, there will be books for sale through the secretariat of the order. The books will feature Carmelite spirituality based on the teachings of the Saints of the order; St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. Following lunch, there will be a reflection on St. Therese of Lisieux offered by a Discalced Carmelite Priest. Our Lady of Victory secular Carmelite community is delighted to welcome Fr. Rajesh D'Sousa, their Provincial Delegate. They are also happy to welcome parishioners from St. Aloysius to join them for this celebration. If you wish to attend, please sign up in the church lobby no later than Wed Oct 4, 2023. Please note that a freewill offering would be appreciated, to assist in covering expenses.

Mass and Reception for the Carmelite Nuns in St. Agatha

The Committee for the Carmelite Nuns invite you to attend a special Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Wayne Lobsinger at Holy Family Croatian Roman Catholic Church in Kitchener on Mon Oct 23, 2023 at 5pm. The Mass will be followed by dinner in the reception hall.

Meal for 2 is by a minimum donation of \$250 (eligible for a tax receipt). Donations can be mailed to "Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., St. Agatha, ON, N0B 2L0" or click on 'Donate Now' at <https://thecarmel.ca/>

RSVP by October 10. For questions, please call 519-590-4808.

Smart Steps – Supporting Stepfamilies This one-day workshop is designed to assist all parents and stepparents who are adjusting to blended family life. Sessions will be held at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. Time: 9:15a.m. - 3:30p.m., Price: \$50 per person, Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023. Register online: hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Volunteers needed for the Diocese Catechetical Correspondence program.

Children in our parish benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We are in **desperate need of more volunteers** to support the demand of enrollment for the 2023-2024 pastoral year. If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com for training and more information. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

Gospel Reflection The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday September 24, 2023.

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

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