

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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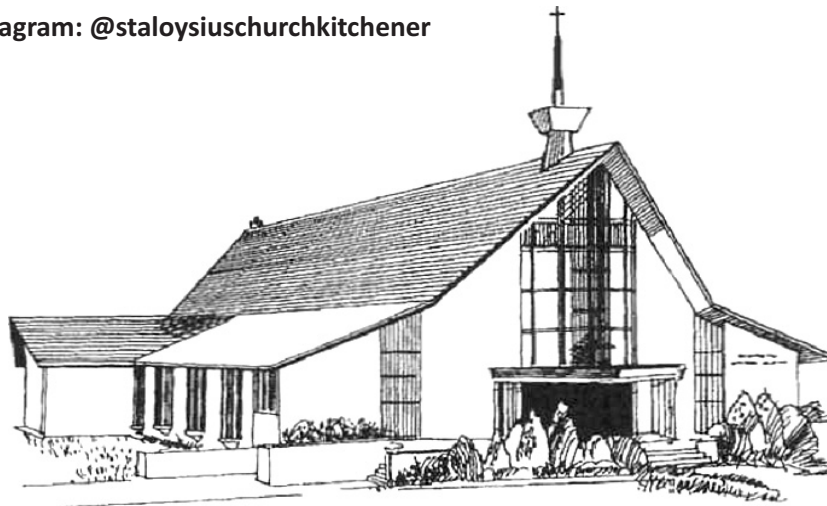
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OFFICE HOURS:

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 16 – Oct 22, 2023

Monday (Memorial, St. Marguerite D'Youville, Religious)
8:30 am - Int. of Lee Ann Paiva and family
 - Int. of Helena and family

Tuesday (Memorial, St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr)
7:00 pm + Lucy DeAmorim
 - Int. of Shirley DuCharme

Wednesday (Feast – St. Luke, Evangelist)
8:30 am - Int. of Madonna Coghill
 + Arminda Pacheco

Thursday (ferial)
8:30 am + Christine Altman
 + Conceicao de Monte

Friday (ferial)
8:30 am + Antoaneta Benyi
 + Mary Black

Saturday (ferial)
8:30 am + Tony Du Charme

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday
5:00 pm + Cecilia and Rosalinda Vieira
 - Int. of Deanna Showers

Sunday
9:00 am + Rita Lienhardh
 + Arminda Pacheco
11:00 am - Int. of Fr. Sunil
 + Chinnamma Thomas

Children's liturgy during the 11am Mass
7:00 pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Oct 16 – Oct 22, 2023

- 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 General Meeting 7:30 pm

Wednesday
 • Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am

Thursday
 • St. Timothy School Bible Celebration 10:00 am

Saturday
 • CWL Diocesan Executive Meeting 9:00 am
 • Confessions 3:45 pm

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

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection \$2492.00
 Sunday Loose Collection \$1375.00
Total Offertory for Oct 8/2023 \$3867.00
 Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....\$787.16

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!



First Communion and Confirmation registration news for 2024

Have you registered your child yet for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation? Don't miss our registration deadline of October 31, 2023. Registration is taking place online now on our Parish website. First Communion is for those in Grade 2 and up and Confirmation for students in Grade 7 and up. **All candidates will need to register by the deadline to be included in our Spring 2024 group.** More information can be found on our parish website, or by contacting the church office.

October 22 is World Mission Sunday

At the initiative of Pope Pius XI in 1926, the second last Sunday during October became known as World Mission Sunday. Catholics throughout the world are invited to pray for and give to the missions. The collection next Sunday is organized by the Pontifical Missions Society. Look for your envelope in your offertory box. Please be generous!



News from the St. Aloysius CWL

The annual CWL Christmas Bazaar is coming up Sat Nov 18 from 10am- 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.

The CWL would like to remind everyone that their next General Meeting is coming up Tuesday October 17 following the 7pm Mass.



St. Aloysius is planning another Potluck Dinner!

We are looking to have our dinner on the last weekend of October in our Parish Hall. Stay tuned for more details and look for a sign up sheet coming soon to our church foyer.



40 Days for Life

The annual campaign continues until November 5. All are

encouraged to participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Get involved by praying and fasting as well as attending a peaceful vigil outside Freeport Hospital in Kitchener for an allocated hour during the campaign. Register at the back of the church on our sign up sheet or online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener.

Grief Support Groups

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one, or another significant loss? St. Michael's Church in Waterloo presents two programs which can help.

Program #1 – (6 consecutive weeks on Wed nights at 7pm)

Grief Support Program Group Oct. 25-Nov. 29

Program #2 – Monthly Informal Grief Support Group

2nd Wed of every month: Nov 8, Dec 13 at 7:00 pm

There is no admission fee and everyone is welcome.

To register: Phone 519-884-9311 or Email: parish@stmichaelw.ca

Restart Program for divorce/separation support

Join the Diocese of Hamilton for learning, support and fun on the 2nd and 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Please contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 if you plan to attend in person and for the zoom link if joining online.

Volunteers needed for Diocese Catechetical Correspondence

Program. Children in our parish benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year in preparation to receive the Sacraments. We are in **need of more volunteers**. If you are interested please email catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com for more information.

Adult Faith Formation Through VLCCF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCCF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. The Diocese of Hamilton is also pleased to offer a special certification program in Youth Ministry and Catechesis. Three and five-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com.

Gospel Reflection The Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy. ***From Loyola Press – Online reflection***

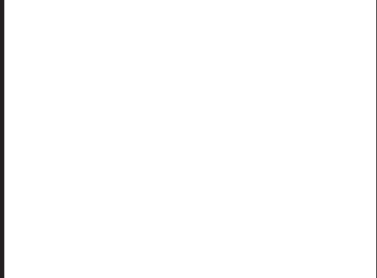
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