St. Louis Catholic Church

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Served by the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1890.

Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4, Friday 9 - 12

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. Rosary: Tuesday to Friday before 9:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.



Pastor

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Michael Ehrlich



Welcome new members - We would like to invite you to register. Registration forms can be found in the narthex (lobby). Please call the parish if you would like your home to be blessed.

Parish Records - Our parish records are very important. We try to keep them up to date. Please advise the office of any changes.

Music in the Liturgy - Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to join our choirs. Please contact the choir directors:

9:30 Choir - Bob Reinhart (robertreinhart182@msn.com),

11:30 Choir - John Miller (john@johnbmiller.ca),

5:00 Choir - Peter DeSousa and Youth Music (peterdesousa730@gmail.com).

Sunday programs for children - During the Sunday morning 9:30 a.m. Mass there is babysitting for children under 3 years of age, Sunday School for 3 to 6 years of age and Children's Liturgy of the Word for children ages 7 and up.

Sacramental Life - St. Louis Parish celebrates the sacraments for its members who are registered and regularly attending. If you are not registered you are automatically a member of a parish closest to you.

Baptism - Celebrated once a month. Please speak with a priest after Mass on Sunday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays 4 - 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Marriage - For registered and attending members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date. A marriage preparation course is required.

Becoming Catholic - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, preparing adults for baptism and/or to join the community. Please contact the office for further information.

Anointing and Pastoral Care - Our parish community cares about the sick and elderly and the lonely. Please notify the parish office to arrange for them to receive the Annointing of the Sick, or to have the Holy Communion brought to them.

Pastoral Care to those in Hospital - A family member is asked to contact the parish whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit. Privacy-of-Information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in the hospital.

Priesthood and Religious Life - Is God calling you to religious life, as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? If so, please contact Fr. Toby Collins, C.R., Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at 226-989-1057, cryocations@gmail.com or check www.resurrectionist.ca

Low gluten hosts are available upon prior request.

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

Finance Council

John Pendergast, 519-746-9768

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Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd, **Youth Ministry**

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Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound

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For food hamper or more information call 519-743-4101



Third Sunday of Advent

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Monday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor Tuesday, December 15

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Congregation of the Resurrection

Wednesday, December 16

9:00 am † Douglas Gerald Gruber - Mick & Patricia Haston

Thursday, December 17

9:00 am † Josephine Arsenault - Ministry to the Elderly

Friday, December 18

9:00 am † Dianne Detzler – Loreen Freiburger

Saturday, December 19

Sunday liturgy – Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm † Claude Freiburger – Loreen Freiburger

† Bob Ruetz – Fran Ruetz

† Albert Ruetz – Katie Ruetz & Family

† Pat, David & Max Reitzel – Audrey Reitzel &

Family

Sunday, December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 am † John Krauss – Eileen Fischer

† Deceased Members of the Gies Family – Shirley

& Rob Hinsperger

† John Lowry – Dorothy Lowry

† Dan MacCallum – Jayce MacCallum

11:30 am People of St. Louis Parish

For Third Sunday of Advent:

Today's text from Zephaniah serves well Advent's dual themes of warning and consolation. We are consoled by the knowledge that God came among us in human flesh. We heed prophetic warnings that the one who came as a helpless infant will return clothed in glory to judge the living and the dead.

Prophecies of restoration and comfort always carry a dual message while they speak of a future that will know peace and prosperity, they acknowledge a present time of trial and distress, typically brought on by the people's own obstinacy and infidelity. In Zephaniah's words we hear about what will be and what has been. When we hear "judgements" against Israel are being removed, we're told simultaneously that Israel has experienced the Lord's bitter yet cleansing judgement. When we hear that Israel "shall fear disaster no more" we know that misfortune has been part of their recent history.

On this "Gaudete Sunday", Paul commands us to rejoice, as "The Lord is near". Paul and his disciples anticipated the Lord's immanent return. Even when that did not occur as expected, they continued to understand that "worry" is the realm of unbeliever, because those grounded in faith know that the Lord is always "near", even if his return in glory is millennia away. The Lord is near in our community, in his Word, in the Eucharist. When we know that, we need not worry "about anything" because our hearts will be linked to Christ's.

In his encouragement to pray, Paul links "supplication" with "thanksgiving", another reminder to be joyful and grateful in all things. Even in our need we must be

Upcoming Events		
Monday, I	December 14	
4:00 pm	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	St. Agnes
	Levels I & II & III	Church
Tuesday, l	December 15	
6:30 pm	CWL Executive Meeting	Large Hall
Wednesda	y, December 16	
7:30 pm	(11:30) Choir rehearsal	Church
Thursday,	December 17	
9:30 am	Small Christian Community	Large Hall
7:30 pm	(9:30) Choir rehearsal	Church
Friday, De	ecember 18	
6:00 pm	Youth Group Christmas Party	Large Hall
Sunday, D	ecember 20	
12:45 pm	Rehearsal for Christmas Eve 5 pm	Church
	Gospel Dramatization	
5:00 pm	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec 19	1 Stephen Filipowicz	1 Betty Gross
5:00 pm	2 Bea Lajeunesse	2 Marilyn Foster
	C Jim Walsh	3 Grant Ertel
Sun. Dec 20	1 Lauren Krause	1 Frank Mensink
9:30 am	2 Caroline Noel	2 Mary Sehl
	C Mike Haley	3 Jack Sehl
11:30 am	1 Deb Zettel-Schmitt	1 Marianne Butler
	2 Michael Schmitt	2 Donna Herbstreit
	C Carol Sullivan	3 Natalie Ferrier

UPCOMING EVENTS:

* CLOSING BANQUET FOR 125TH ANNIVERSARY
– JAN. 3RD, 2016 AFTER 10:30 AM MASS – LAST
CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS THIS WEEKEND



thankful. That the peace of God "surpasses all understanding" is a point worth stressing because God's is a peace that, in Christ, protects us from the anxiety of the world.



Blessing and Opening of the Door of Mercy: As the extra-

ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins, join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the



Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the Door of Mercy at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ

the King, Hamilton, on Sun., Dec. 13th at 7 pm. The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word.

First Communion: Anyone in grade 2 wishing to have their Sacrament here at St. Louis parish is asked to register with Kelly Krause at the parish office. Classes will begin Wednesday, January 20th, 6pm-7:30pm in the Nursery.



CWL Mission Sale Results: <u>THANK YOU</u> to all bakers, tireless helpers and especially to you, our generous parishioners, who supported our recent

Mission Sale. The proceeds of \$4,245 will be divided (3x\$1,415) between Canadian Missions in Canada, Solidarity with South Sudan, and Development and Peace (Syrians in Refugee Camps Fund) - the government will double the D&P amount. These organizations will be so grateful to receive these funds. May God bless you all! Your St. Louis Catholic Women's League. **A reminder:** Have you sent in your Dec.13th blue CWL envelope (dues \$25)? Thanks for renewing or joining us for the first time!

Priestly Ordination: It is with great joy that we announce that Deacon Scott Whitfield will be ordained a priest by Bishop Douglas Crosby on Dec. 19, at 10 am. The Ordination Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Waterdown, where Deacon Whitfield has been ministering for the last six months. All are invited to join us for this joyful occasion as we welcome our newest Diocesan priest.

"A Not So Jolly Christmas." - Mon., Dec. 14th, from 1 pm to 2:30 pm at St. Francis Church, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kit., we will come together to find ways to survive the season. Dr. Bill Webster's video will be used along with other materials from our Bereavement Support Program. For info. call Barbara Diemert, 519-744-8955 or bdiemert@rogers.com.

Longest Night Service - At this time of year the darkness of grief can be overwhelming. Join us at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener, on Mon. Dec. 21 at 7pm for an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with our loved ones who have passed away, and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. Open to all.



ST. LOUIS PARISH HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Thu	Dec. 24	5 pm, 10 pm, Midnight	Christmas Eve Masses
Fri	Dec. 25	10 am	Christmas Day Mass
Sat	Dec. 26	5 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass — Feast of the Holy Family
Sun	Dec. 27	9:30 am 11:30 am	Sunday Masses — Feast of the Holy Family
Thu	Dec. 31	5 pm	New Year's Eve — Vigil Mass For New Year's Day — Feast of Mary Mother of God
Fri	Jan 1	10 am	New Year's Day — Feast of Mary Mother of God
Sat	Jan 2	5 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass — Feast of the Epiphany
Sun	Jan 3	8:30 am	Sunday Mass (without music)
	Jan 3	10:30 am	Feast of the Epiphany — 125 th Jubilee Closing Mass with Bishop Crosby



St. Louis Parish gratefully acknowledges the reception of a grant in the amount of \$3000.00 from The Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation Audrey and Gerald Moser Trust.

Annual Carmelite Christmas Bazaar at the Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd, St. Agatha. Nov. 29th to Dec. 23rd, 8 am to 8 pm. Homemade Jams, Jellies, Honey, Loaves, Christmas cards, crafts. All are welcome to visit our Chapel.

Mercy: A Study in Scripture - A Workshop Series - 7 Wednesdays, starting Jan. 6, 1:30- 3:30pm at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown. By exploring the theme of Mercy in the Old Testament we hope to understand better why Pope Francis is calling us to the virtue of Mercy. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND & David Dayler. The cost of \$75 includes the textbook & other resources. Register by Dec.18. For further info contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528 7988 ext. 2238.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES BEFORE CHRISTMAS:

Mon.	Dec 14	7 pm	St. Mary's - Kitchener
Tue.	Dec 15	7 pm	Blessed Sacrament - Kit.
		7 pm	St. Teresa of Avila - Elmira
		7 pm	St. Clements - Cambridge
		7:30 pm	St. Agnes - Waterloo
Wed.	Dec 16	7:30 pm	St. Michael's - Waterloo
Thu.	Dec 17	7 pm	St. Mark's - Kitchener
		7:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes,
			Waterloo
Fri.	Dec 18	5:30 pm	St. John's – Kitchener
Sat.	Dec 19	3:30 pm	St. John's – Kitchener
Tue.	Dec 22	2 pm	St. Ambrose, Cambridge
9 am - noon & 1 - 7 pm at			
			St. Joseph's, Kitchener

Collection: December 5 & 6, 2015

Sunday envelopes:	\$ 6060.35
Christmas envelopes	\$ 20.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 25.00
Loose donations:	\$ 366.90

Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!

Missed Parish Mission... here is a CD to consider...

Dr. Brant Pitre uses the Hebrew Scriptures and Jewish tradition to frame the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, and to provide a fresh look at the heart of Catholic practice — the Eucharist. By taking us back to the Jewish roots of our faith, Dr. Pitre gives us a powerful lens



through which to see anew the bread of the presence, the manna, the Last Supper, and ultimately the meaning of the Eucharist.



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