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



Mass Intentions					
Monday,	December 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor				
7:00 pm					
Tuesday,	December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary				
9:00 am	† Bernard Duval – Catherine Duval-Russell				
Wednesda	ay, November 9				
9:00 am	† James Donkers - Don & Lorraine Prior				
Thursday	, December 10				
9:00 am	Beatification of Bogdan Janski, founder of the				
	Congregation of the Resurrection				
Friday,	December 11				
9:00	† Clive Dinner – Ronald & Patricia Haston				
Saturday	, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe,				
	Patroness of the Americas				
Sunday li	turgy – Third Sunday of Advent				
5:00 pm	For People of St. Louis Parish				
Sunday, I	December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent				
9:30 am	† Isabel Hoegler – Herb Hoegler				
	† David Kirby – Kirby Family				

> † Clive Dinner – Waterloo Catholic Administrators' Association

For Second Sunday of Advent:

By deliberately listing the power players of Jesus' day, Luke sets the context – political and geographical – for the unfolding of Jesus' ministry and the dawning of the Kingdom of God. The sequence of royal, religious, and political personages leads from the centres of power (palace, fortress, and Temple), from which one might expect an announcement of the Messiah's advent, to a wilderness place where a strange hermit proclaims a centuries-old prophecy as if it were about himself and his own time. That the "word of God" comes to the animal skinclad loner in the "wilderness" rather than to one of the powerful is consistent with the reversals typical of the Gospel.

John announces the dawn of a new world order, the coming of an invisible kingdom that will permeate and leaven the world of human affairs, changing them forever. He quotes Isaiah's ancient promise of a coming salvation. Such a promise we would want fulfilled in moments, but in God's plan it comes to fruition through centuries of seeming silence. Isaiah speaks of a transformation of the physical order that will make rough paths smooth and winding roads straight. The world of the Messiah will bring the straightening of human ways of interacting, the filling of empty, wounded hearts, the removal of obstacles to healing and wholeness. The sun of reconciliation will dawn on that day and the Good News will tolerate no obstacles. "All flesh" will see the salvation John announces.

Opcoming Events						
Monday, De	ecember 7	·				
4:00 pm	Catechesis of the Good St Levels I & II & III	nepherd St. Agnes				
7:00 pm	Parish Mission with Fr. A	dam Voisin Church				
Tuesday, December 8						
7:00 pm	Parish Mission – Reconciliation Service					
Wednesday, December 9						
7:30 pm	(11:30) Choir rehearsal Ch					
Thursday, December 10						
9:30 am	Small Christian Communi	ity N.D. Hall				
7:30 pm	RCIA	Large Hall				
7:30 pm	(9:30) Choir rehearsal	Church				
Friday, December 11						
7:30 pm	Youth Group Meeting	Convent				
Sunday, Dec	cember 13					
5:00 pm	OOTC Community Suppe	er Gym				
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers				
Sat. Dec 12	1 Steven Mulhall	1 Sharon Carey				
5:00 pm	2 Kathie Mulhall	2 Joan Sichewski				
	C Marnie Wharnsby					
Sun. Dec 13	1 Barry Hinschberger					
9:30 am	2 Terry Collins	2 Cecilia Beechey				
	C Annette Hulme	3 Christiane Martin				

Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11:30 am

* SALE OF OLIVE WOOD ORNAMENTS & PRODUCTS TO SUPPORT CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND - DEC. 12 & 13 AFTER ALL MASSES.

1 Gordon Beaton

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2 Ben Beaton

 $\mbox{$\star$}$ CLOSING BANQUET FOR 125TH ANNIVERSARY – JAN. 3RD, 2016 AFTER 10:30 AM MASS

Closing Banquet for 125th Anniversary will take place on Jan 3, 2016 after 10:30 am Mass with Bishop Crosby. Tickets on sale after Saturday and Sunday Masses, or can be reserved during the week from the office. Adults: \$20, children under 10: \$7.50. Seating limited. Get your ticket early!



This week we celebrate on Dec. 8th the **Feast of the 9mmaculate Conception**. The 9mmaculate

Conception was the conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint

Anne, free from original sin by virtue of the

foreseen merits of her son Jesus Christ. The

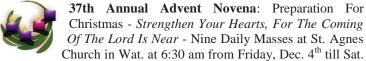
Catholic Church teaches that Mary was conceived

1 Charles Wilson

2 Darlene Wilson

3 Patti Walsh

by normal biological means, but God acted upon her soul (keeping her "immaculate") at the time of her conception.



Dec. 12th. Breakfast to follow on Dec. 12th. Free will offering for St. Vincent de Paul Society. Mass on Sun., Dec. 6th, is at your own parish or at St. Agnes at 9 am or 11 am. For more info email Marg Weber marg.weber@sympatico.ca or call 519-747-5937.

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.

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.

St. Joseph's Parish Sharing Fair: Sat. Dec. 5th 4-6:30 pm & Sun. Dec. 6th 10 am - 1 pm.

"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.

"Coping with the Holidays" - Evening of words and comfort, lighting candles, music and refreshments – Wed. Dec. 9^{th} from 7 pm – 8:30 pm at Knox Waterloo (50 Erb St. W.) RSVP by Fri. Dec. 4^{th} at 519-745-8445.



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 pm	Sunday Mass (without music)
	Jan 3	10:30 am	Feast of the Epiphany – Closing Mass of 125 th Anniversary



Please check for your items in Lost and Found box in the Narthex. It is quite full!

Apostles of the Resurrection - the Lay Associates Programme of the Congregation of the Resurrection - invites you to our first Commitment Ceremony which will take place on Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Tue., Dec. 8, at 7 pm in St. Francis Church (49 Blueridge Ave, Kitchener). Our first Apostles will make their promises during Festive Mass presided by V. Rev. Murray McDermott, CR, and then celebrate with a reception in the Parish Hall. Come and support your fellow parishioners, and to learn more about the Programme. Please RSVP by Dec. 6: fr.michal.cr@gmail.com or 905 379 8299. See you there!

Blessing and Opening of the Door of Mercy: As the extraordinary 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.



The Waterloo K of C invite you to "Christmas Joy" - NoteWorthy Singers in concert to support the toy drive. Thur., Dec. 10, 1:30 pm at Waterloo Pentecostal 395 King St. Wat. Admission: a new unwrapped child's

Church, 395 King St. Wat. Admission: a new unwrapped child's toy or cash/cheque donation. (Payable to New Toys for Needy Kids).

Handel's Messiah – Sat. Dec. 12th, 7:30 pm Centre in the Square, Kit. Soloists include Jennifer Enns Modolo. KW Symphony, Grand Philharmonic Choir, Mark Vuorinen, conductor. Tickets \$25 to \$75 / \$14 for students & under-30s / \$5 high school & younger. 519-578-1570 or www.centreinthesquare.com.

Spiritus Ensemble performs Bach's Christmas Oratorio, parts 1-3, on Sun., Dec. 13 at 4 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 23 Willow St., Wat. Admission: Adults: \$30, Seniors: \$25, Post-secondary students: \$15, high school & children 12 and under: \$5. Tickets available at the door and at Eventbrite.ca.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Tue.	Dec 8	7 pm	St. Louis Church, Waterloo
Wed.	Dec 9	1 pm	St. Francis of Assisi, Kit.
		7 pm	St. Agatha, St. Agatha
Thu.	Dec 10	7 pm	St. Aloysius, Kitchener
		7 pm	St. Clements, St. Clements
		8 am –	St. Mary's, Cambridge
		8 pm	-
Fri.	Dec 11	5:30 pm	St. John's, Kitchener
Sun.	Dec 13	1 pm	St. Jerome's UCC – Wat.

Collection: November 28 & 29, 2015

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