St. Louis Catholic Church

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Office hours:

July - August:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Closed on Fridays.

September - June:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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.

Pastoral Team:

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Coordinator of Youth and Children's Ministries

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Welcome to St. Louis Parish - Whether you are just passing through the area or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to St. Louis Catholic Church. We hope you will find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful.

People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering. Registration here at St. Louis is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. Parish registration simplifies the process with regard to sponsoring a sacramental candidate; obtaining pastoral references and for preparation of baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Registration is easy and can be completed at the Parish Office during regular office hours. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church.

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 (robertreinhart 182@msn.com),

11:30 Choir – John Miller (john@johnbmiller.ca), 5:00 Mass – Peter DeSousa (organist) or Youth Music.

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, crvocations@gmail.com or check www.resurrectionist.ca

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

Finance Council

Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

Maintenance Committee

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Cynthia Ehrlich

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Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

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Waterloo Council, 519-884-2060

Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound

Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

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Prayer Chain

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St. Vincent De Paul

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





MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 26 - No Mass Tuesday, February 27

9:00 am † Shirley Hinsperger – Rob Hinsperger

Wednesday, February 28

9:00 am

Thursday, March 1

9:00 am In Thanksgiving for graces received – Malton Family

Friday, March 2 - World Day of Prayer

9:00 am

Saturday, March 3

9:00 am For intentions of members (past and present) of St. Louis Conference of St. Vincent de Paul society.

Vigil of Second Third in Lent

5:00 pm

† Bill Wharnsby – Marnie Wharnsby

† Elisabeth & Wilhelm Lamers – Manfred & Cathy

Lamers

† Ben Hanlon – Pat & Joan Forde For healing for a friend – Joan Sichewski

Sunday, March 4 - Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 am

- † Barbara Braun Doris Winter
- † Kay Lobsinger Doris Winter
- † John Lehman Sonia & Ramon Canumay
- † Khampheng, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy Xaysy

Family

11:30 am People of St. Louis Church

Reflection on the Second Reading (Romans 8:31b-35, 37++):

Paul is a master of rhetorical questions. As he asks a series of questions in today's reading from Romans. We hear only Paul, and not how his audience might respond. When Paul asks, "If God is for us, who is against us?" the Roman Christians could well ask, "Then why are we being persecuted?" Paul's second question seems to answer that unspoken rejoinder. God who did not spare His own Son will give us everything along with Christ. Since God handed over His own Son for all of us, God will, logically, give us everything else "with Him." "With Him" is an ambiguous phrase with several possible meanings. First, suffering is given to us along with suffering given to Christ. "With Him" can also mean that God, with Christ, will give us everything we need. The phrase can mean further that the greatest gift that God gives to us is Christ Himself. We can rightfully keep all these meanings in mind.

Paul's next questions about charges, acquittal, and condemnation have the sound of a courtroom. Clearly, the God who will "give us everything else" will not be a judge who will condemn us. After the series of questions, Paul moves to the single declaration about Christ's Death, Resurrection, and exaltation. No matter the circumstances, the Risen, Exalted Christ will intercede for us. Because God will give us "everything", nothing can separate us from God's love.



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THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday. Febr	uarv	26
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noon	Lunch and Learn: Mass of the Early	Nursery
	Christians by Mike Aquilina Chapter 7	
4:00 pm	Good Shepherd Catechesis Levels 1-3	Nursery
7:30 pm	Faith Enrichment: Bishop Barron's	Large Hall
-	DVD program David, the King 6/6	

Tuesday, February 27

1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl N	Ministry meeting	Large Hall

Wednesday, February 28

9 am – noon Pickle Ball	Gym
6:00 pm First Reconciliation	Church
Thursday March 1	

9:30 am	Small Christian Community	Large Hall
1:00 pm	Bible Study: Passion according to	Large Hall
	Matthew	
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7:00 pm Baptismal Preparation Large Hall 7:30 pm 9:30 Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, March 2

5:00 pm	Simple Supper	Large Hall
7:00 pm	Dramatized Stations of the Cross led	Church
-	by Youth Group	

Saturday, March 3

9:00 pm Lenten Retreat for Members of St. Large Hall Vincent de Paul Society

Sunday, March 4

10:30 am	Sunday Social	Large Hall
5:00 pm	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

7.00 pm OOTC Community Supper		i Oyn
Mass Readers		Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Mar 3	1 Debbie Delattre	1 Christiane Martin
5:00 pm	2 Fran Ruetz	2 Daniel Delattre
	C Bea Lajeunesse	3 Trudy Allensen
Sun. Mar 3	1 Terry Collins	1 Anne Marie Webster
9:30 am	2 Betty Gross	2 John Klein
	C Cecilia Beechey	3 Rob Hinsperger
Sun. Mar 4	1 Carolyn Beaton	1 Al Klein
11:30 am	2 Ben Beaton	2 Darlene Wilson
	C Gord Beaton	3 Charles Wilson

Good Friday Family Liturgy: Please sign up to help with the Gospel dramatization that will take place at 10 am on Good Friday. We are looking for young and old to help us out. Parents, children, grandparents, teens, young adults, anyone interested in getting involved. We will present the Gospel on Good Friday tableaux style; this means there are no lines to memorize, just poses that you hold while readers read from the Gospel. We need a number of people to make this happen so please consider coming out. Practices will take place on March 4th and 18th, both at 12:30 pm after the 11:30 am Mass, starting with hot dogs in the large hall. Sign-up sheets can be found at the back of the church, in the nursery or call Kelly Krause at the parish office. This dramatization can only take place if enough people sign up and help.

Herb Wittich Centre - Can you help out at the Herb Wittich Centre in support of Canadian Food for Children? Three times a year, St. Louis volunteers sort items at the Herb Wittich Centre (843 Guelph St., 519-578-9706) prior to sending them to third world countries. Our next date is Mar. 7th - 12:30 till 3 pm. Please call Fran Ruetz at 519-744-7993 if you have any questions.

Lenten Reconciliation this week:

Wed. Feb 28th, 7 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church (Kitchener)

THIS FEBRUARY...REPORTS FROM THE STUDY GROUPS Mondays programs did not run due to holiday Monday.

Thursdays at 1 pm – DVD Star of Bethlehem – a documentary by Rick Larson (lawyer and law professor), who investigated the nativity narratives from the Gospel of Matthew, especially references to a "star". He made use of modern software which calculates and displays the positions of stars and planet at any time in the past. The documentary concludes that the star was a real event. If the star wasn't a special miracle from outside of the natural order, then it means that from the very instant at which God flung the universe into existence, He also knew the moment He would enter human history in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. He marked it in the stars. And from before the beginning of time as we experience it, God knew the very moment when Messiah would breathe His last on the cross.

Join the "Call for Conscience" in the Hamilton Diocese: The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording in the legislation intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. No other country or province in Canada does this. Ontario, however, refuses to protect doctors who object to euthanasia/assisted suicide. The Hamilton Diocese wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca. Write a letter to your MPP and add your email address to the Conscience Coalitions network to receive future information. We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place between Feb. 6 & March 31st.

Adoration for Life - Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist - Console His Heart Wounded by abortion and sins against the Sanctity of Life. Fri., March 2nd, 6 - 7pm St. Teresa RC Church - Adoration Chapel 44 Leonard St. Kit. Sat., March 3rd, 11am - noon St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows RC Church 56 Duke St. W. Kit. Prayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil. Mt 4:1-1.

Prayer Vigil - Thursday, March 1st, from 9 to 10 am in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Queries?, contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

Do you feel alone in your Marriage? - Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential info. or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 16, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

Separated or Divorced? LEVEL 1 - (Learning to Cope), and LEVEL 2 (Accepting the Situation) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Course fee: \$35 (Level 1), and \$45 (Level 2). Both Level 1 & 2 will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting March 20 from 7 – 9pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kit. Contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 X 2249, or St. Francis Parish 519-745-7301 to register, or at www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php



Joint Lenten Retreat with Waterloo CWL's

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall
March 3rd at 8:45am (arrive 8:15 to 8:45) to 11:30am
Come listen to a wonderful speaker,
Anne Jamieson from the Hamilton Diocesan Office,
talk about "The Rhythm of Lent"
Then Mass at 10 am and delicious Refreshments after.
Please call Marg at 519-886-8258
or Helen at 519-885-2776 if you can attend.

World Day of Prayer 2018 - Friday, March 2nd 2pm at Parkminster United Church, 275 Erb St. East, Waterloo. Refreshments to follow in church hall. All welcome!

Simple Supper: Friday, March 2nd 5-6:15 pm in Church Hall, followed by the Youth Group's dramatization of the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.



Next C.W.L. General Meeting: Wednesday, March 7th. Mass at 7 pm. Meeting to follow in the Large Hall.

Entrust Yourself to God's Mercy! - During Lent Blessed Sacrament Parish is offering 33 Days to Merciful Love a group retreat in preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. Six week DVD program by Fr. Michael Gaitley will run on Thursday afternoons at 1 pm in the Board Room, starting March 1. To register, or for more info., contact Yvonne 519-570-9029.

Art & Architecture Talks – St. Teresa Parish, (19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira) is offering a series of talks on Medieval Art and Architecture during the season of Lent on Thursday evenings, Feb. 15th, 22nd, March 1st & 8th at 7 pm in the church. The talks with power point visual display will be given by Dr. Joan Coutu, Professor of Art History at the University of Waterloo.

Bus to 26th Annual "Lift Jesus Higher" Rally – Sat., March 3rd, bus leaves the parking lot of St. Mark's Catholic Church at 6:50 am (55 Driftwood Drive, Kit.) to head to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Bus tickets are \$15/person (includes snacks and driver gratuity). For bus tickets please call Anna at 519-577-8519. For rally tickets or info: www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca



Vocation News: If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah called in old age to leave their country and have a child.

Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246,vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.HamiltonVocations.com

PAST DONATIONS

Date	Sunday Env.	Seminary	Mainte- nance	Loose
Feb 18	2730.00	35.00	1109.90	494.15

Preauthorized donations for Feb. prorated per week: \$ 2191.77

Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!

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