

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.



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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 Anointing 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

Low gluten hosts are available upon prior request.

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

Finance Council

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Cynthia Ehrlich

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Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd,

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Prayer Chain

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St. Vincent De Paul

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



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 7 - No Mass

Tuesday, March 8

9:00 am † Gerald Lunz – Estate

Wednesday, March 9

9:00 am Beatification of Bogdan Janski, Founder of the
Congregation of the Resurrection

Thursday, March 10

9:00 am † Rosalie Keating – Janet & Grant Ertel

Friday, March 11

9:00 am † Greg Lowe-Wylde – Nunes Family

Saturday, March 12

Sunday liturgy – Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm † Esther Dietrich – Vivian Bignell & Family

† Audrey Moser – Moser Family

† Edna Ertel – Larry & Phyllis Ertel

† Dominic Yolkowskie – Jack & Marilyn Yolkowskie

Sunday, March 13 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30 am People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 am † Ethel Kehn – Beaton Family

† Deceased Members of Artinger & Skoog
Families – The Skoog Family

FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT:

The Parable of the Prodigal Son teaches us much about the Christian life. There is no one who doesn't need to rely on God's mercy. Even the older brother is a prodigal son who finds his own, more subtle way, of leaving the father for the far country of righteousness and resentment.

It is the forgiving, unconditionally loving father who gets most of the attention. This father depicts so well the reality of God's love. We cannot exhaust the mercy of God and we can rely on God to be the loving Father. Can we, however, rely on ourselves to be as bold and humble as the prodigal son, to pick ourselves up and find our way back home? From the elder son we learn it's possible to lose willingness to return, our knowledge of the way back home. Had he not been willing to turn around and admit his failure, the younger boy would not have experienced the father's forgiveness. Yes, we can count on God's constancy, but our willingness to act like the courageous, brutally honest prodigal is not assured. That awareness, and the contrition it engenders, are gifts from God that we might or might not accept.

The elder brother takes the stage just when the drama ought to end. The dialogue between father and son adds greatly to this story and reinforces a central message of the parable: the love of the father cannot penetrate a heart unwilling to receive it. We never learn of the elder boy's decision. Is it possible he spends the night in a den of anger rather than feasting with father, brother and friends?

As the elder, angry brother was entitled to a double share of the estate which was in fact set aside for him when the younger demanded his smaller portion. Customarily, a father deeded property to his sons and then collected rent until his death. The father reminds the elder of this when he says, "all that is mine is yours." Note that in both instances, it is the

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 7

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl planning meeting Large Hall

4:00 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd St. Agnes
Levels I & II & III Church

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul meeting Nursery

7:30 pm Reconciliation Service Church

Tuesday, March 8

Noon Lent, Lunch and Lewis Nursery
(The Reflections on the Psalms)

7:00 pm Baptismal Preparation Nursery

Wednesday, March 9

6:00 pm First Communion Preparation Nursery

7:30 pm (11:30) Choir rehearsal Church

Thursday, March 10

9:30 am Small Christian Community Large Hall

1:00 pm Bible Study: *Gospel of Luke* Large Hall

7:00 pm VBS Volunteers Meeting Nursery

7:30 pm (9:30) Choir rehearsal Church

Friday, March 11

5:45 pm Youth Music rehearsal Church

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (by Prayer Church
Shawl Ministry)

7:30 pm Youth Group (High School) meeting L. Hall

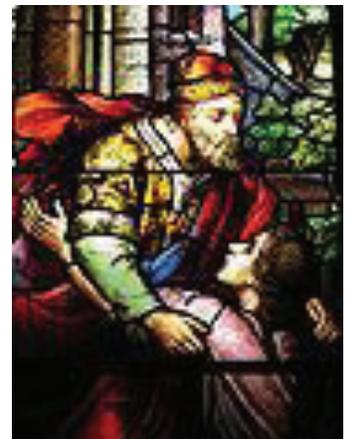
Sunday, March 13

5:00 pm OOTC Community Supper Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Mar. 12 5:00 pm	1 Steven Mulhall 2 Kathie Mulhall C Debbie Delattre	1 Sharon Carey 2 Joan Sichewski 3 Betty Gross
Sun. Mar. 13 9:30 am	1 Jessica Hill 2 Ed Ruppe C Cecilia Beechey	1 Frank Hulme 2 Jack Sehl 3 Christiane Martin
11:30 am	1 Dana Woito 2 Carol Sullivan C Rose Mastnak	1 Anna Malton 2 Donna Herbstreit 3 Terry Sullivan

father who goes out to the sons. With the younger, the sight of the boy brings him running; with the elder, his absence sparks the father's initiative. The father is ever ready, but the crucial question is, are we?

Today is Laetare Sunday, a Lenten day of rejoicing in the midst of our penitential journey toward the triumph of Easter. We rejoice because like the Israelites in the first reading we realize that God has given us the means to live like adults, taking responsibility for our action, making our home in God and the land of his promise.



Parish Events and Announcements:



Stations of the Cross on Friday March 11th (at 7 pm) will be led by the Prayer Shawl Ministry. The Prayer Shawls will be available after the Stations for anyone who wishes to have one. Coffee and tea will be served in the Large Hall.



125th Anniversary Book *The Spirit Lives - A History of St. Louis Parish 1890 -2015* is available at the office. Cost \$20.



Volunteers needed to distribute Holy Communion to patients at St. Mary's Hospital. Screening and training required. Frequency – about once a month, or less. For more information contact the parish office.

Looking ahead...



St. Louis Players Cast Party & Movie Screening - St. Louis Players, cast & crew, are invited on Sat., April 9th 6 - 8:30 pm (after the 5 pm Mass) in the Large Hall to a finger-food pot luck and premiere screening of our anniversary play. RSVP to Marianne at maributler@mac.com



Book your calendars for a Youth Rally – Sat., May 21st from 9am – 9pm, for all youth in grades 7 – 12. It will be held at CYO Camp Brébeuf in Rockwood. A bus will bring all youth from St. Louis to the Rally and back again. The cost is \$30 for the day, all food and transportation is included. Keynote speaker is Sister Miriam James of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT). She has worked with a variety of ages of youth and has been speaking at many youth events and rallies. If you would like to hear some of her talks, they can be found on Youtube. Music will be led by Chris Bray in the morning. He has numerous top 10 and #1 hit songs on Christian radio. We will also hear from the “Mustard Seeds”, a musical youth group from Hanover (and our inspiration for our youth music ministry here at St. Louis). There will be workshops that you will attend, upon registration you will choose which ones. We will have the honour of having Bishop Crosby celebrate Mass with us. The day will come to an end with a campfire and a closing talk from Sister Miriam James SOLT. It will be a very full and fun day!! Please contact Kelly Krause through the parish office to register and to book a seat on the bus.



Vacation Bible Camp – Time to begin planning for our summer camp. **Parents mark your calendars, July 25-29.** Our theme this year is a circus theme, “Circus of Stars.” Volunteers are needed once again to help with the various stations, with the kitchen, & with decorating. All volunteers (teens as well) are asked to come to a meeting, Thur., March 10th at 7pm in the Nursery. The focus of this meeting will be to ensure we have enough volunteers to run the camp, and each volunteer may request where they would like to help out.



Vocation Seeds - Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com



Waterloo Deanery Lenten Series – Four sessions on God's Mercy on Thursdays at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in the afternoons (1 pm Mass, 2 - 3:30 pm Session) & at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in the evenings (7 pm Mass & 7:30 – 9 pm Session). Last session (Mar. 10th): “Mercy in Theology” by Rev. Gordon Rixon, SJ, Regis College Faculty.



Development and Peace presents Ary Regis, Executive Director of D & P's partner SAKS in Haiti. Mr. Regis specializes in the field of education and communication. SAKS programs focus on community radio designed to bring about social change, cultural development and democracy. St. Michael's Church, 240 Hemlock St., Wat. on Mon., March 7th, 7-9 pm as Mr. Regis speaks about his native Haiti, pre and post earthquake, the democratic movement, social change and the effects of climate change.



Can you spare some time to 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 on to third world countries. Our next date is Mar 9th - 12:30 till 3 pm. Please call Fran Ruetz @ 519-744-7993 if you have any questions.



Stress in Your Marriage? –Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 11th, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.



The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 FISH FRY - Fri., March 4th at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira. Two sittings – 5 & 6:30 pm. Take out: 6 pm. Cost: Adults \$15, children (under 12) \$8 & Take Out \$15. Tickets sold till March 2nd from the St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office (9 am to 1 pm) or call (519) 669-3387.



Cursillo weekend (3 days), a short review of Christianity, is designed to help us **encounter Christ in a personal way.** If you are over 18 years of age, and are open to a closer relationship with our God and Saviour, consider a Cursillo weekend: for **men on Thurs. May 26 to Sunday May 29** and for **women on Thurs. June 9 to Sunday June 12.** Deadline for registration is Fri. April 22. **For more info. contact: Fr. Ray Reitzel, CR, at rayreitzelcr@live.com or (519) 725-1445.**

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