

Welcome new members - 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 (robertreinhart182@msn.com),

11:30 Choir - Donna McLellan (donna-ipad@hotmail.com),

5:00 Choir - 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 supporting members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date.

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, or Sacrament of the Sick (Annointing).

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

Diocesan Newsletter - For information about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

Finance Council Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

Maintenance Committee Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

OOTC Community Suppers Keith & Sharon Schnarr 519-801-8687

Parish Webmaster Daniel Delattre, daniel@uwaterloo.ca Altar Servers Coordinator Dave Pagett, 519-744-7705

Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd, Youth Ministry Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

Catholic Women's League Donna Herbstreit, 519-884-9380 **Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound** Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

Prayer Shawl Ministry Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239

Prayer Chain Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

St. Vincent De Paul For food hamper or more information call 519-743-4101



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross - No Mass

Tuesday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows9:00AMTo Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church – Monday
Lunch & Learn Group

Wednesday, September 16 – Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

9:00 AM + Fred Gillard – Dorothy Battae

Thursday. September 17

9:00 AM + Anna & Stephen Strauss – Cathy & Manfred Lamers

Friday, September 18

9:00AM + Fred Gillard – Tony & Geralyn Yolkowski

Saturday, September 19

Vigil of The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

 5:00 PM + Loretta Lavigne – Joan Sichewski
+ Fred Gillard – Theresia and Franz-Josef Burgund For the Intentions of Susan Grace – Carl Norris
Sunday, September 20 - The Twenty-Fifth Sunday

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- 9:30AM + Shirley Hinsperger Hinsperger Family + Kenneth Hesch – Pat Cacciopolli
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11:30AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the First Reading from Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Sirach reflects on how difficult it is for mere mortals to forgive others even as they ask the Lord to forgive them. He observes that people are inclined to "hold on to" or "harbour" wrath and anger. They seem to enjoy holding grudges and keeping the memory of offences against them alive. And so, Sirach warns them that if they do not grant mercy to others, they will suffer the Lord's vengeance. This is especially undesirable since the Lord sees all the harmful ripple effects that a single sin sets off, and he will punish the sinner accordingly. Human vengeance, by comparison, is unimpressive.

To further persuade his hearers to show mercy, Sirach urges them to "remember" their last days on earth. Biblical remembering, always more than cognitive operation, entails action. Those who want a happy death must do more than think about being merciful. They must immediately set aside all hostility, stop obsessing about vengeance, and ignore the faults of others.

(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.)

THE WATERLOO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PATIO IS NOW OPEN. CALL 519-884-2060 TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE. FISH FRY PICK UP IS ALSO AVAILABLE. From 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. EVERY FRIDAY at 145 DEARBORN PLACE, WATERLOO (1 P.C. \$14.00, 2 P.C. \$16.00) PLEASE CALL DEREK AT 226-748-8378 TO ORDER PICK –UP.

Job positing at St. Jerome's University for the Director of Campus Ministry. All information can be found using the following link: <u>https://www.sju.ca/director-campus-ministry</u>

The bulletins are posted on-line only. Office is open by appointment only. (Mon – Thu: 9 AM to 12 PM & 1PM to 4 PM and Fridays: 9 AM to 12 PM)



Sunday School & Liturgy of the Word (ages 3-10) – we are going to begin our fall doing things a

10) – we are going to begin our fall doing things a little differently. To respect the comfort level of our volunteers and parents, we at St. Louis have

decided that we will go virtual. Please join Teacher Kelly every Sunday morning at 10:30am for a virtual Sunday school session, beginning Sunday, September 13th. We will explore our church calendar, sing some songs and read the Gospel together where we will take away a few important points from the reading. I will have a link for a children's bulletin that is full of fun information and ongoing activities. Anyone wanting to get involved will need to email Kelly at the parish office to get the link to our virtual Sunday school. Join us and learn more about your faith!

Sacrament of Confirmation - if you have a child in grade 7 this year and would like them to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Louis parish please sign up for our classes. Classes will begin <u>Tuesday, September 22nd from 7pm-8:30pm</u> and will take place in the Nursery. We will be following guidelines given to us by the Hamilton Diocesan office, who is being directed by the Ontario Health organization, in order to keep all participants safe. If you would like details, have any questions and/or would like to sign up, please call Kelly Krause at the parish office.

One Heart, One Soul Campaign comes to St. Louis Parish

The Diocese of Hamilton's *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign has raised more than \$15 million so far, with most of it benefiting parishes and the projects of their choosing. Our parish will kick off its participation in the campaign on Sept. 26-27. For the next few weeks, we'll feature Frequently Asked Questions about the campaign, beginning with questions related to COVID-19. For the full list of FAQs and much more about the campaign, visit **www.oneheartonesoul.ca**.

Thank you to our campaign volunteers

St. Louis Parish is so grateful for parishioners who are working on preparations for the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign, which kicks off here in two weeks. With their help and yours, we believe the campaign will strengthen our parish in important ways and help build a culture of stewardship.

Q. What changes are being made to the campaign process because of the current situation?

A. The options for parish projects that utilize campaign funds are even wider now and can include efforts to stabilize operating budgets. Pastors and parish leaders are encouraged to further review request amounts and their use to be sensitive to parishioners' changing situations. Also, options have been expanded on how and whether personal visits are conducted. Face-to-face meetings have been an important piece of the campaign, but safety is paramount, and a number of alternatives, such as phone calls, will be utilized so that every parishioner's situation is handled safely, sensitively and appropriately.

Q. Won't giving now make it harder for a lot of parishioners?

A. The campaign is founded on stewardship, our belief that we give back in gratitude a portion of what we've been given by God. Stewardship isn't just for the good times in life, when we can give easily; it's for all times, including the bad. We may adjust how much we give, or to whom we give, but we continue to give – in gratitude for and in proportion to what we've been given. A truly sacrificial gift demonstrates our trust that God will provide what we need, though not necessarily what we want. Stewardship isn't what KEEPS us from getting through the tough parts of life; it's what HELPS us get through them.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sep. 14)



The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration. (*From franciscanmedia.org*)



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"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as a priest. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700, or Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR, Vocation Director, <u>crvocations@gmail.com</u>

This year, 2020, is the 750th Anniversary of the death of St. Louis (King Louis IX, King of France). *In bulletins starting on May* 17th we are looking at the world and life of our Patron Saint.

How did France and the next king, Philip III fare after St. Louis's death in 1270?

Philip III, byname Philip the Bold, (April 3, 1245 — Oct. 5, 1285), king of France (1270–85), in whose reign the power of the monarchy was enlarged and the royal domain extended, though his foreign policy and military ventures were largely unsuccessful.



Philip, the second son of Louis IX of France (Saint Louis), became heir to the throne

on the death of his elder brother Louis (1260). Accompanying his father's crusade against Tunis in 1270, he was in Africa when Louis IX died. Philip, only 25 years old and stricken with dysentery, was proclaimed king in Tunis. He was anointed king at Reims in 1271.

Philip continued his father's highly successful administration by keeping in office his able and experienced household clerks. Mathieu de Vendôme, abbot of Saint-Denis, whom Louis IX had left as regent in France, remained in control of the government. The death in 1271 of Alphonse of Poitiers and his wife, heiress of Toulouse, enabled Philip early in his reign to annex their vast holdings to the royal demesne. Nevertheless, in 1279 he was obliged to cede the county of Agenais to Edward I of England. The marriage in 1284 of Philip's son, the future Philip IV, to Joan, the heiress of the crown of Navarre and the countships of Champagne and Brie, brought these important areas also under Capetian control. In addition Philip over the years made numerous small territorial acquisitions.

Philip was less successful militarily. In 1276 he declared war to support the claims of his nephews as heirs in Castile but soon abandoned the venture. In 1284, at the instigation of Pope Martin IV, Philip launched a campaign against Peter III of Aragon, as part of the War of the Sicilian Vespers, in which the Aragonese opposed the Angevin rulers of Sicily. Philip crossed the Pyrenees with his army in May 1285, but the atrocities perpetrated by his forces provoked a guerrilla uprising. After a meaningless victory at Gerona and the destruction of his fleet at Las Hormigas, Philip was forced to retreat. Philip died of dysentery in Perpignan on 5 October 1285. His son, Philip IV of France the Fair, succeeded him as king of France. The attempt of Philip to conquer Aragon nearly bankrupted the French monarchy, causing financial challenges for his successor. *(From Wikipedia and Encyclopedia Britanica)*

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