

# *Our Lady of Lourdes*

## **Catholic Parish, Waterloo**

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### **PARISH TEAM**

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**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**



**Jan 3 to Jan 8**

<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	+ Cleopatra Medford – Miriam Jayasundera
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 a.m.	+ Paul Kraemer – Veronica Zettel
<b>Beechwood</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m.	+ Robert Berkel – John & Betty Dey
<b>Friday</b>	8:30 a.m.	+ Rita Banerjee – Vasanth & Chitra Fernando
<b>West Hill</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary + Jeanine Corriveau – Joann Marceau
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Living & deceased members of our parish
<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Special Intention
<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>		

**Offertory Collection for Sunday, Dec 4 & 11, 2022: \$6,744.15**  
(Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.)

**Monthly Budget Review as of Dec 11, 2022**

Cumulative financial objective – 50 weeks @ \$7,500	\$375,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$158,064.88
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$286,791.77
Over (under) objective	<b>-\$88,208.23</b>

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES SMALL FAITH GROUP** – invites you to join in our living rosary and pray for the needs of the parish and the community in December 2022 and January 2023. Members of the Small Faith Group believe Christmas lights remind us for our need of light, both the physical light to see by and the spiritual light to live by. For the coming months, we would like to encourage everyone to actively seek our Light that delivers us from all darkness, so that darkness will not prevail but serves the Light! The prayer intentions of our Dec 2022 and Jan 2023 Living Rosary are as follows:

- 1. We pray that God brings light into our darkness. May His light shine brightly in our broken world and bring hope to our hearts.**
- 2. Pope Francis’ prayer intentions: Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations (December 2022) and For Educators (January 2023)**
- 3. The sick and their caregivers.**
- 4. The living and deceased members of our parish.**
- 5. The special intentions of the members of our parish.**

By volunteering, you will be responsible to say one decade of the mysteries of the Rosary every day for the coming months. If you are interested or would like more information, please sign up online <https://forms.gle/97uQaHrRmavZWpy86>.

**Christmas Office Hours**

- Friday, December 23 • Open until 12:30 p.m.
- Monday, December 26 • Closed
- Tuesday, December 27 • Closed
- Friday, December 30 • Open until 12:30 p.m.
- Monday, January 2 • Closed
- Tuesday, January 3 • Regular office hours

*As the world rejoices in the wonder of His birth, may you be blessed with a beautiful Christmas and with every happiness in the New Year 2023. Thank you for your many prayers and kindness. God reward you, Patrycja*

**WORK CREW:** Volunteers are required on **Sunday, January 15** immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. to take down the Christmas decorations. As we will be carrying the parts of the manger scene to the basement storage area, the assistance of some younger volunteers would be very helpful. Refreshments will be served following the project.

*please join us*

**Our Lady of Lourdes Café**

Open Next  
on Sunday, **Jan 8, 2023**  
after 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
Mass in the parish hall.



**MENU:** Coffee, tea \$1 and Cake & desserts \$2  
**BAKERS ARE NEEDED AND VOLUNTEERS**  
Sales from Dec 11, 2022, were \$205.75  
All proceeds from OLOL Café will go to support parish committees.  
Please be a part of something extraordinary.  
Please call the parish office if you can help as we hope to have the Café open 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month.

**HELPING CHILDREN THROUGH OUR BOWING ANGEL:** A long-standing tradition at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is the presence of the bowing angel by the manger scene, who graciously bows her head after an offering is made. Again, this year, all donations received from the bowing angel will be sent to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Children’s Project in Kenya who work with children whose parents have died of HIV-AIDS. Since the bowing angel cannot digest paper, a plate will be by the angel to accept paper offerings. (Cheques should be made payable to “Our Lady of Lourdes Church”.)



**WITH THE UPDATE of our rectory fence,** we tried to save and repurpose the savable weathered old fence boards, as we had a brand-new fence installed in May 2022. Father Rafal, recognizing these fence boards were something special as they served, Msgr. Sheridan, Fr. Hughes, and Fr. Tomon. Father gave these boards to a carpenter to create something special. During our time of preparation for Advent, and the anticipation of Christmas and our bowing angel is ready. We will auction off this handmade church replica birdhouse to the highest bidder. The proceeds of the sale will go directly to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Mission Fund, for the building of a new school and orphanage in northern Kenya for children whose parents have died from HIV-AIDS. We would like to ask for a starting bid of \$100.00 with increments of \$50. We pray and hope that this church replica birdhouse will help our beloved School Sisters of Notre Dame reach closer to their fundraising goal. Thank you! **To place a bid please contact our parish office**

**PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023** are now available for pick up in our parish hall. The Finance Council would like to thank you for your ongoing support to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. As we’re heading into a new year and preparing the budget for 2023, we ask you to consider your donation to the parish. Just as your personal household expenses continue to increase, so do the expenses of the parish. The Property and Maintenance Committee is working to maintain the church building and grounds. This requires an ongoing investment. It would be appreciated if you would consider increasing your weekly/monthly contributions to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for 2023. At the present time, 131 families have chosen PAG!

Dear Parishioners

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; ... Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace" (Isaiah 9.5-6).

Let us be ready to welcome Christ in our hearts. Let us be ready to share the good news with one another. Let us be thankful and grateful to God for his blessing upon our community and be ready to help those who are in need.

Thank you for your great support for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Let us be ready to continue our faith journey with joyful hearts and thoughtful actions bringing peace and consolation of Jesus towards each other every day.

With prayer, Fr. Rafal



The ministers of the Word, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ministers of hospitality (ushers), altar servers



The music ministry – organists, choirs, family choirs, cantors, musicians



The official 30<sup>th</sup> "Tree Cutters" who cut the tree for our "Tree of Life" and brought it into the church, without "breaking" a single twig. And the person who donated the tree from their property.



The craftsman who made the angels and crosses, and the artist who painted them



The work crew who helped prepare the church on December 17 & 18 and those who will help take down the Christmas decorations on Jan 15



Those who prepared the beautiful nativity scene



Our parish volunteer and the children who participated in the Christmas Eve Living Scripture, as well as all the volunteers who assisted



All groups at OLOL parish, Youth groups, Prayer Shawl, CWL SVDP, Living Rosary and Bible study group, Divine Mercy prayer group



The many bakers who provided an abundance of delicious cookies for our shut-ins and the residents of a nearby assisted-living residence for men, and those who prepared the tins for delivery



The ambassadors of goodwill who delivered the cookies and Christmas Dinners, and the people who delivered the white poinsettias to the bereaved families



The many who donated floral tributes in memory of loved ones (the gift box near the manger held their names and they were remembered during the liturgies throughout the Christmas season)



administrative assistant, collection counters, and the support of our finance council, custodians



The parishioners for your many gestures of kindness, including all those special treats that were brought for the parish staff and to the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and visitors to our parish for your spirit of faith and goodwill and for the joy your presence brought to our Christmas liturgies

### *Prayer for the New Year*



*O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of a new year.  
May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew my commitment to following your Son, Jesus.*

*May it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and friends, a time to renew my efforts at work, a time to embrace my faith more fully.*

*Walk with me, please, in every day and every hour of this New Year, that the light of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weaknesses and failings. Above all, may I remember this year that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to you. Amen*

### *Table Blessing for New Year's Day*

*God, our Father,  
you chose the lowly maiden of Nazareth,  
to become the mother of your eternal Son.  
Through the intercession of her prayers  
make us, your children,  
grow daily in the love of you, our Father,  
and in the love of all our brothers and sisters  
in Christ.  
Send your blessings upon our table,  
upon those who prepared this food for us,  
and make us always mindful  
of the needs of the poor and the  
hungry.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of Mary.*

*Amen.*





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