



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

Mass Times

Saturday: 7:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet 20 minutes before Mass

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Rosary 20 minutes before Mass

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Confession Times

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,
20 minutes before weekday Masses.

Sacraments

For baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, marriages, please contact parish office.

Blessing of Expectant Parents

Last Sunday of each month after all Masses.

Anointing of the Sick / Hospital Visitation

If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the parish office or see Father after Mass. Please advise the office of the hospital admissions to request anointing or pastoral visit.

St. Vincent de Paul

Church door collections - last Sunday of each month. For information on food distribution call 519-886-0342 ext 2.

Welcome New Members

Welcome! We're glad you want to join our parish! Please fill out a form from the church lobby or website, drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

Offertory Envelopes / Pre-Authorized Debit

To receive an annual tax receipt for your donations you are encouraged to use offertory envelopes and/or to enroll in our monthly debit plan. Offertory envelopes can be requested by filling out a parish registration form, or if you are already registered, simply call the office to request a box. Debit plan enrollment forms are available in the church lobby.

PARISH TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Rafal Tomon

lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek

lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

Music Director: Mr. Bruce Cameron

brucecameron57@gmail.com

Organist: Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Parish Bequests

Keep your love for your parish alive.

Remember ***Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*** in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.



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Oct 17 to Oct 22

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+Patrick Harrigan – Peter & Gisele Denomme
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Emilie & Walter Reichelt – Maria Reichelt- Smit
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Patrick Harrigan – Friends
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ John Gamble – OLOL Prayer Shawl Ministry
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Fr. Nick Marro – Ada Harris
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

Monthly Budget Review as of Oct 1, 2023

Cumulative financial objective – 40 weeks @ \$7,500	\$300,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$137,357.70
E-transfer	\$2,288.23
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$106,458.92
Over (under) objective	\$246,104.85 (\$53,895.15)

please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Oct 8, 2023

Where: Parish Hall

Time: 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.



MENU: Coffee, tea \$1 and Cake & desserts \$2
BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Oct 8, 2023 funds \$158.25

All proceeds from OLOL Café support our parish ministries
Please be a part of something extraordinary.

Please call the parish office if you can help as we hope to have the Café open 2nd Sunday of the Month.



OLOL 3rd PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER:

OLOL Social Committee is hosting by popular demand our third parish dinner. Mark your calendars. **Sunday, November 26, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.** in our parish hall. Cost per ticket is \$40. Included a roast beef dinner, wine & dessert and raffle prizes, 50/50, beautifully decorated hall. Please contact Patrycja at the parish office to purchase your tickets at 519-886-0342 or email at lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com or stop by the parish office to reserve your table of 8. Everyone's welcome. Tickets are limited. **We are also looking for donations for our raffle table. If you have something you would be able to donate, we would greatly appreciate your support, please get in touch with our parish office for further details.**

The Seniors' Euchre Group gathers every **Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.
All Seniors are welcome.



Dear Parishioners, this October, our Music director Bruce Cameron, is celebrating 20 years working for our Parish. I would like to extend our congratulations; we are blessed to have you here at Lourdes. We are thankful for your dedication and the talents you offer our parish. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

With prayer, Fr. Rafal

The Liturgy Office of the Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to offer the following **Formation Workshops** in September, October, and November 2023. If you are a current Minister or you would like to sign up to be a Children's Liturgy leader, Lector or Eucharist minister please speak to Fr. Rafal to register for the **all-day workshop**. Please email liturgyoffice@hamiltondiocese.com to register.

Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Saturday, October 21, 2023, at St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener, ON
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DAYS FOR LIFE PRAY TO END ABORTION From **September 27th to November 5th, 2023**, we invite you to join with over a million volunteers across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

40 Days for Life saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. You are encouraged to get involved in Prayer and Fasting for an end to abortion, as well as attending a Peaceful Vigil outside of Freeport Hospital, for an allocated hour between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., seven days a week. We encourage volunteers to consider Adopting an Hour a week, which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign, and this would greatly help to fill all the hours. It is vital to spread the message that human life is sacred and that a law needs to come into effect to stop the killing of innocent babies. You can either sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by emailing/calling Ewelina at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or 519-904-2620. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you sign up BEFORE coming to the vigil site as this prevents one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site. Thank you and God bless!

REQUESTING COTTON AND FLANNEL FABRIC, and thread, for the Canadian Food for Children "doll" project. Please contact Maryke Mior at 519 885-0109. Thank you.

'FORMED' PROGRAM FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHIONERS:



'FORMED' is a Catholic Online Resource that is presented by Augustine Institute. It is like a **Catholic Netflix** and yet it is much more than that. It is a collection of materials for study, entertainment, spiritual growth, and nourishment. It contains material for study, watching, listening, or reading.

OUR PARISH HAS PURCHASED A PARISH WIDE SUBSCRIPTION.

This means each family, everyone in the parish has access to all these resources. To sign up you go to <https://formed.org/> and sign up. Remember to enter our parish postal code N2L 1N5. If you need assistance figuring out how to access or are uncertain about resources, the link: <https://help.formed.org> has all you need. Once you are registered you use the app or web browser to access the resources.

In 2015 Lighthouse Catholic Media merged with the Augustinian Institute, so many of the lighthouse resources are available through 'FORMED'. **EACH WEEK there is a video available with a brief teaching for the upcoming Sunday Mass Readings. There are sections for Sacramental preparation, Bible Study, current topics and youth resources. Under the movies there are sub-sections for movies, documentaries, apologetics, and youth. The audio section contains talks, audio dramas and audio books. The book section contains nonfiction, fiction, and youth resources.**

As our parish has purchased a parish wide subscription, that means each family and individual in the parish has access to all of these resources.

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14 (shorter form Matthew 22:1-10)

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city. We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins. Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar – This week lets us pray for...

Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct. 19	Oct. 20	Oct 21
Rev. Hayden Starczala	Rev. John Van Hees	Congregation of the Holy Cross	Rev. Patrick Ohl	Very Rev. Lawrence Parent	Rev. Gerald Mulhall

Prayer for Vocations... God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen

'IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS' Waterloo Knights of Columbus Annual Toy Drive Concert Featuring **Waterloo Regional Police Chorus** with special guest **John McDermott** **Date:** Saturday October 28, 2023 **Location:** Waterloo Mennonite Bretheran Church, 245 Lexington Rd. Waterloo **Time:** 2:00 PM **Tickets:** \$40.00 per person (show only) \$50.00 per person (show & dinner) Fish and Chip dinner at Knights of Columbus Hall - 145 Dearborn Pl. Waterloo after the concert **TICKETS:** available online at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com); at the **Waterloo Knights of Columbus** or through chorus members at rbrt_brown@rogers.com ***LOL St. Vincent de Paul receives toys from the Knight of Columbus to support families in our Parish Community.**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH LIVING ROSARY will begin in **October** and continue to the last day of October. Each person who joins us will be assigned a specific decade and mystery of the rosary. He/she will pray the same decade and mystery each day for the entire month (Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father . . .). There are no meetings – you pray individually anytime of the day at your own convenience.



Remember: If you are praying the first decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will also have to say the prayers that begin it: the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, three Hail Marys, the Glory Be to the Father. If you are praying the fifth decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will have to say the ending prayer: Hail, Holy Queen. At the end of each decade the following prayer is said: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins . . ."

On Our Lady of Lourdes altar, you will find slips of paper with little tear-off pieces. Please take the next one available on the sheet. This is your mystery and decade for the month. Also on the altar will be a notebook in which you can write your prayer intentions. Everyone who is praying the rosary is praying with all those intentions in mind. At the Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 8:30 a.m. on the First Saturday of each month until June, the Mass will be offered for those intentions as well.



MASS & RECEPTION FOR THE CARMELITE NUNS IN ST.

AGATHA - The Committee for the Carmelite Nuns invite you to attend a special Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger at Holy Family Croatian Roman Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St. Kitchener) on Monday **October 23, 2023**, at 5:00 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner in the reception hall. Meal for 2 is a minimum donation of \$250 (eligible for a full tax receipt) can be mailed to Carmel of St. Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., RR1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0 or 'Donate Now' at www.thecarmel.ca. RSVP required by Oct 10. Please contact Liz Motz 519-590-4808 with questions.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE The Saint Vincent de Paul Society would like to take this opportunity to thank the parishioners, students, staff, parents, and volunteers who made our Thanksgiving Food Drive successful. In total we collected 1491 pounds of food. Our Lady of Lourdes School- 1023 pounds and Our Lady of Lourdes Church- 468 pounds. Our sincere thanks for your generosity and your ongoing support.

Time to Clean Out Your Closets and Get Rid of Household Items! The 3rd Fundrive for **Big Brothers Big Sisters** is happening here in our church parking lot. Be part of our team by dropping off items that you no longer need. **Date: Saturday October 28, 2023, Time: 8:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.** Items being collected: *Clothing and soft household items, shoes etc. in green garbage bags *Manageable household items in boxes – breakable items should be wrapped for safety purposes *Valuable items that can sold on sites like Marketplace. For further information contact Maureen Innes at maureeninnes@hotmail.com **Monies made support mentorships for kids in need!**

THE POPE'S OCTOBER INTENTIONS FOR 2023

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.





Thinking of buying or selling? I can HELP! I have a team of professionals who will make the process go as smooth as possible. I have been a member of Our Lady of Lourdes church for 25 yrs and would love the opportunity to help my fellow parishioners with their real estate needs.

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