

Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

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A Thanksgiving Prayer

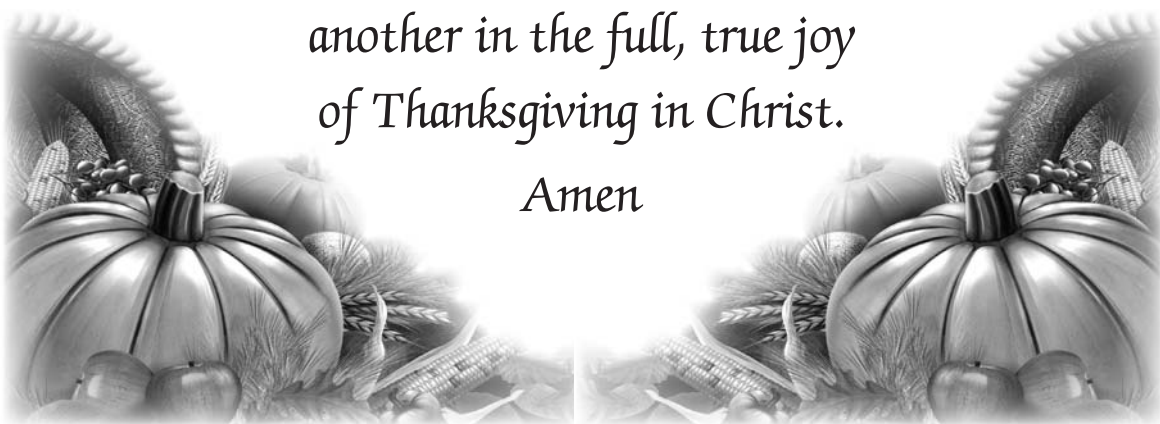
Heavenly Creator,

In this season of gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle
with hunger and want.

Be with them in the dark of night,
when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.
And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one
another in the full, true joy
of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Oct 17 to Oct 23

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| Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Special Intention of Len & Joan O'Donnell- Patrick & Alanna O'Donnell |
| Wednesday | 8:30 a.m. | in Thanksgiving – Maria Reichelt |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | + Rita Rittenhouse – Family |
| Friday | 8:30 a.m. | + Sheldon & Doris Groce – Mary Lou & Milne Oakes & Nancy & Garry Collins |
| Saturday | 7:00 p.m. | + Elizabeth Chaves – Venetia & Roslyn Fernandes & Genevieve Huta |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Living & deceased members of our parish |
| Sunday | 11:00 a.m. | Special intention |

Offertory Collection for Sunday, Sept 25 & Oct 2, 2022: \$4,090.00
(Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.)

Monthly Budget Review as of Oct 2, 2022

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| Cumulative financial objective – 40 weeks @ \$7,500 | \$300,000.00 |
| Weekly contributions year to date | \$117,611.28 |
| Pre-authorized giving (year to date) | \$223,624.19 |
| Over (under) objective | (\$75,375.81) |

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

BIBLE CELEBRATION: Please keep in your prayers, our Gr. 4 students from Our Lady of Lourdes and Holy Rosary School as on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, they will take part in a special bible celebration.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: 519 Community Collective and Waterloo Region Food Bank depends on the support and the generosity of the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for their grocery needs to help the needy of our area. Will start on **Thanksgiving weekend (Oct. 8-9), and will continue until END of October**, you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the church and place them in the sanctuary. Food banks supply low at this time, and your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your kindness to those in need.



'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.

THANKSGIVING DINNERS: Big thank you to all those we were able to sponsor our shut-in parishioners with a thanksgiving dinner and all the driver volunteers, your support is always so greatly appreciated.

please join us



Our Lady of Lourdes Café

Open Next
on Sunday, Nov 13, 2022
after 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Mass in the parish hall.

MENU: Coffee, tea \$1
Cake & desserts \$2

BAKERS ARE NEEDED AND VOLUNTEERS

Oct 9, 2022 sales of \$219.00
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 every second Sunday of the Month.

SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP will meet in the church hall every Tuesday from 1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. for progressive Euchre followed by refreshments. Doors open at 1:15 p.m. All Lourdes seniors are welcome. Enter through the tunnel door.

THE BISHOP FARRELL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES is excited to announce that in-person programming with The Saint John's Bible is back! If you are interested in having The Saint John's Bible visit your parish or school, visit our website for programming information and booking details. Virtual and hybrid programming available, too!

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/stjohnsbible/>.

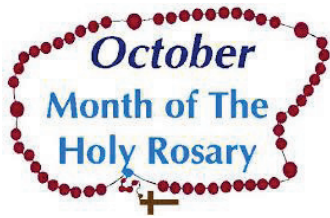
DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

- Oct 17 Rev. Robert M.F. Kiffman
- Oct 18 Rev. Wallace Metcalf
- Oct 19 Congregation of the Holy Cross
- Oct 20 Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
- Oct 21 Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan
- Oct 22 Rev. Donald Wilhelm



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.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH LIVING ROSARY

will begin on October 1 & 2 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 Mary's, 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.

IN PREPARATION OF BISHOP CROSBY'S 25TH Anniversary of Ordination as a Bishop we are invited to participate in a "spiritual bouquet" for the bishop's anniversary. We are asked to participate by offering rosaries, morning offerings, acts of charity, acts of mercy, and Holy Communion, please contact the parish office with your information or sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church.

DID YOU KNOW...? Children in our Parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

GRIEF RELIEF - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton has grief programs to help. Find out more on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. We have programs running in both Waterloo and Hamilton this fall.

OLOL 2ND PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER:



OLOL Social club is hosting by popular demand our second ever parish dinner. Mark your calendars. **Sunday, November 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.** in our parish hall. Cost per ticket is \$40.

Included a gourmet dinner, wine & dessert. Please contact Patrycja at the parish office to purchase your tickets at 519-886-0342 or email at lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com or stop by the parish office to reserve your table of 8. Everyone's welcome. Tickets are limited.



70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARMELITE SISTERS IN WATERLOO REGION

The Committee for the Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to attend a special Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Monday October 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. and each supporter will be given dinner prepared by Tiny House Takeout. Donations of \$250 per couple (eligible for a full tax receipt) can be mailed to Carmel of St. Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., RR1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0. Reservations: Jane Malleck 519-748-1225

Catholic Women's League Membership Form



(For women of the parish ages 16+) It's time to JOIN or RENEW your Catholic Women's League (CWL) Membership.

Our Next event Christmas Potluck Nov 29, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Catholic women today possess immense potential to serve church, community, and the world. The unique strength of Catholic women is the faith that binds us together. We pray for each other, care for the less fortunate, and support our parish and community. Our monthly events are informative, prayerful, and fun-loving.

Please PRINT the information required below, and along with the membership fee of \$35.00, place it in an envelope marked "CWL" and place it in the collection basket by December 30th.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(if you wish to receive notifications of upcoming events)

Payment (please check one): cash _____ cheque _____ (payable to the Our Lady of Lourdes CWL)

STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION? Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

THE POPE'S OCTOBER INTENTIONS FOR 2022

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.





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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