



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

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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 24 to Oct 29

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+Judy Diamond – Ada Harris
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Patrick Harrigan – Grant & Janet Ertel
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Dermott Hickey – J&M McElroy
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Bill Stankiewicz – Wanda & Bernie Logel
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

World Mission Sunday



World Mission Sunday on 22 October 2023. We want to encourage the full participation of our parish and ask that you support the World Mission Sunday collection. World Mission Sunday focuses our attention on the great

needs of the Church in the Developing World. This year's scriptural theme is "Hearts on fire, feet on the move" (cf. Lk 24:13-35). It is with burning hearts that the disciples, tired from walking, they ran, returned to Jerusalem and told the eleven what had happened on the road and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread (Lk. 24:33-34). Earlier this year in his series of catechesis, Pope Francis chose the theme: "The passion of evangelizing, apostolic zeal". He said that "the passion for evangelization, that is, apostolic zeal ... is a vital dimension for the Church: the community of Jesus' disciples was in fact born apostolic, born missionary, not proselytizing" (General Audience, 15 January 2023). The pope reminded us that "There is a passion that involves everything: the mind, the heart, the hands, going out... everything, the whole person is involved with this proclamation of the Gospel, and for this reason we talk about the passion for evangelizing" (General Audience, 15 February 2023). World Mission Sunday unites all the faithful in our call to be missionary disciples who proclaim the word of God, celebrate the sacraments and exercise the ministry of charity.

All parishes and Catholic Communities in our diocese are invited to generously contribute towards this collection. We are very grateful to our Families of Parishes that support mission work and projects throughout the world.

Monthly Budget Review as of Oct 20, 2023

Cumulative financial objective – 42 weeks @ \$7,500	\$315,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$142,828.60
E-transfer	\$3,033.23
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$118,163.92
Over (under) objective	\$264,025.75 (\$50,974.25)

please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Nov 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.



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!

'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 subsections 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.



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.**

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading
Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?

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

Oct. 23	Oct. 24	Oct. 25	Oct. 26	Oct. 27	Oct 28
Rev. Michael Anderson	Rev. Robert Kavelj, OFM	Consecrated Virgins	Rev. Stipe Rotim, OFM	Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, OFM	Rev. Ilija Petkovic

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](#); at the **Waterloo Knights of Columbus** or through chorus members at rbt_brown@rogers.com ***LOL St. Vincent de Paul receives toys from the Knight of Columbus to support families in our Parish Community.**

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!**

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 NOB 2L0 or 'Donate Now' at www.thecarmel.ca. RSVP required by Oct 10. Please contact Liz Motz 519-590-4808 with questions.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: There are many strategies we use to support our partners when they are under stress, but researcher Sarah Walker of the University of Sydney and her team found that two seem to have the most impact. Receptive listening, allowing your spouse to share detail about the situation without having you providing judgment or advice, and telling your spouse how much they matter to you, called valuing, are the two that provide the most benefit to your partner. Try these proven techniques and you will find a receptive and happier husband/wife in your life! **(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)**

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: October is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to reflect on all God has blessed us with in our world. The harvest is evident at this time of year but remind your children of the intricate way God created the worlds so humans could live. Remind them that they are part of his creative plan, and their gifts and talents are life food for the world to thrive. And remind that that God ensured they would have faith and family to support them throughout their live. There is so much to be thankful for and an attitude of gratitude has provided positive impact on our emotional and mental health, so help your children give thanks for all they have been given! **(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)**

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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Eat in call **Manager 519-884-2060**
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