

Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

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Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord,

For fields of grain

Gold and ripe from summer's rain,

For hillsides bright

With scarlet trees

That rustle in the autumn breeze,

For friends so dear,

For those we love,

For all things sent

From heaven above...

We thank thee, Lord



Oct 10 to Oct 15

MONDAY	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+All Souls – Cini Varghese
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Nick Lauer – Mitzie Eckert & Family
Luther Village	10:00 a.m.	Special Intention
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Ramona Horvath-Caporicci – Williams Family
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Paul Jackson – Mitzie Eckert
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Donald McLellan – Julie Wadel & Melissa Sweiger
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.	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

BIG THANK YOU (Sept 2022 – June 2023) Funds raised for our parish ministries, such as youth groups, altar servers, prayer shawl group total \$ 2,191.35

All proceeds from OLOL Café support our parish ministries

Please be a part of something extraordinary.

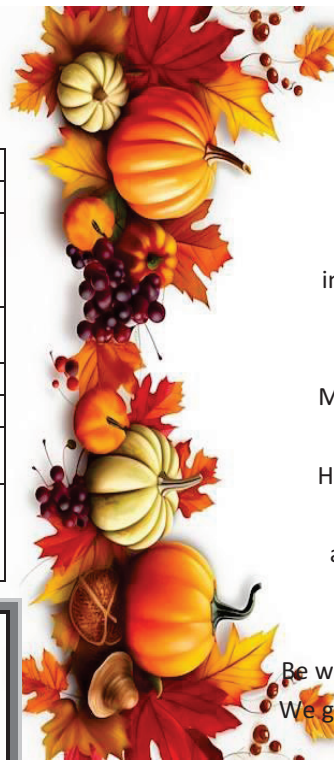
Please call the parish office if you can help as we hope to have the Café open 2nd Sunday of the Month.

MUSIC AND LITURGY WORKSHOP Members of the music ministry, cantors, choir members instrumentalists and all parishioners interested in liturgical music are invited to a workshop facilitated by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch. Friday, October 13, 6:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener. We welcome musicians from other parishes. *“Sacred music and liturgical song have the task of giving us a sense of God’s glory, of His beauty, of His holiness that envelops us like a ‘luminous cloud.’”* Pope Francis. 2017.

The Seniors' Euchre Group gathers every

Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

All Seniors are welcome.



Blessing Before Thanksgiving Dinner

Bountiful God,
you have blessed us in many ways,
in the beauty and richness of our land,
and in the freedom we enjoy.
You have given us even greater gifts
in our family who loves and cares for us
and in the grace which allows us to
know and believe in you.
May we be grateful for all our blessings,
not just today, but every day.
Help us to turn our gratitude into action
by caring for those in need
and by working for a more just society.
Bless this wonderful meal before us
and each of us at this table.

Be with all those we love who are not here.

We give you thanks through Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Minister of the Word	Saturday, October 14, 2023, at St. Michael’s Parish, Waterloo, ON
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Saturday, October 21, 2023, at St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener, ON

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY: Saturday October 14th from 2:00 -3:00 p.m. at Speaker’s Corner (NW corner of King & Benton Street), Kitchener. Please come and pray with us during the 106th anniversary of Our Blessed Mother’s apparitions in Fatima, asking Her to intervene on our behalf to Her Son so that He may help Canada and the rest of the world in these times of great trial and evil. The goal is for 800 public rosaries to take place in Canada that day. CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY - www.canadaneesourlady.org



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.

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading
Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

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

Oct. 9	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct 14
Rev. Timothy Higgins	Rev. Christopher Tracey	Chaplains	Rev. Brendan McGrath	Rev. Jason Kuntz	Rev. Grayson Hope

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 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.



SAFETY NOTE: Heart Starting Training Video: Any parishioners interested in viewing a brief training video on how to properly use our Automated external Defibrillator (located in the narthex (lobby) to the left of the washroom door), may view the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFvL7wTFzI0>

ATTENTION YOUTH IN GRADE 4 -8 AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH! Are you interested in meeting with friends, and making new friends in our parish community? If so, please consider joining the Fantastic Faith Finders Youth Group. We will meet monthly during the school year starting in October. Our meetings include games and social time, a faith discussion time, and a snack. Please reach out if you are interested in finding out more by emailing tscott1201@rogers.com.

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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