"It is better to be a child of God, than king of the whole world!"
*St. Aloysius Gonzaga*

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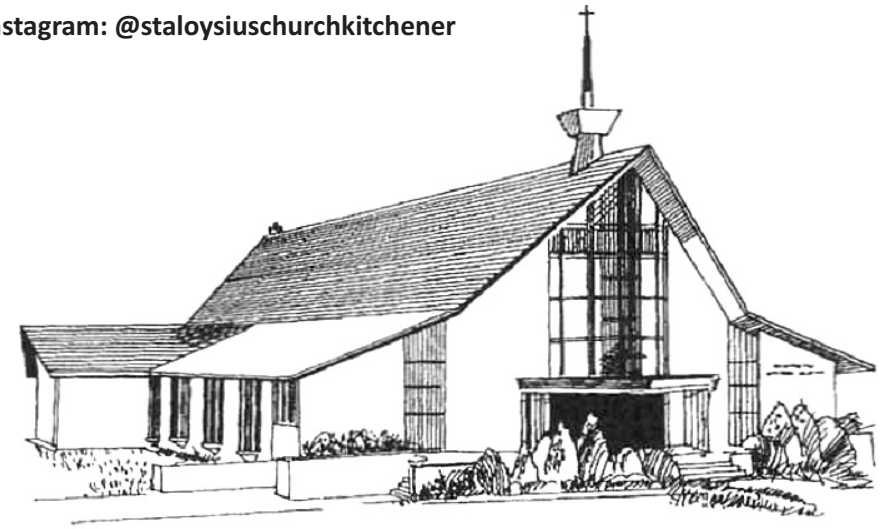

**OFFICE HOURS:**
MONDAY: Closed, TUESDAY-THURSDAY: 9am-12pm & 1pm-4:30pm, FRIDAY: 9am-12pm

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**
SATURDAY..... 5:00pm
SUNDAY.....9:00am
.....11:00am
.....7:00pm

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**
MONDAY.....8:30am
TUESDAY.....6:00pm
WEDNESDAY....8:30am
THURSDAY.....8:30am
FRIDAY.....8:30am
SATURDAY.....8:30am

**CONFESSIONS** - Tuesday: 5 - 5:45pm, Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

**BAPTISM** - Please contact our parish office for more details.

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC** - Please contact our Parish Office for more information.

**FUNERALS** - When death occurs or is expected in your family, please contact the parish office and we will assist you in making the necessary arrangements. For information on Catholic Funeral Rites, Cremation & Catholic cemetery locations, please visit thecatholiccemeteries.ca or call 1-800-661-5985.

**MARRIAGE** - Please contact the parish office at least Twelve (12) months in advance.

**PARISH RECORDS AND REGISTRATION** - New to the parish? You can pick up Registration forms in the Church foyer, or in our parish office. Please help to keep our parish records up-to-date and please inform us if you are moving.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK** - Please contact the parish office to notify the Priest if a friend or family member is in the hospital or would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

**PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE** - If you feel called to the Priesthood or religious life, please speak with one of our Priests for more information.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Apr 13 – Apr 19, 2026**

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| **Monday** | *(ferial)* |
| **8:30 am** | + Maria Nen Dinh |
| **Tuesday** | *(ferial)* |
| **6:00 pm** | + Ron Deitner + Tawndee Gruber |
| **Wednesday** | *(ferial)* |
| **8:30 am** | |
| **Thursday** | *(ferial)* |
| **8:30 am** | + All Souls in Purgatory |
| **Friday** | *(Memorial – St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin)* |
| **8:30 am** | + Reid Hoover |
| **Saturday** | **Mass cancelled this morning** |

***Third Sunday Of Easter***

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|---|---|
| **Sat 5pm** | + Maria Capa + Manuel Pacheco |
| **Sun 9am** | + Ron Deitner |
| **Sun 11am** | - Int of Eduarda Avila - Int. of Dariusz Chmielarski |

**Children's Liturgy downstairs in parish hall during 11am Mass**

**Sun 7pm Mass** - Int. of our Parishioners

## Schedule of Events

**Apr 13 – Apr 19, 2026**

***Monday***
- Stained Glass Guild ..... 4:00 pm
- Food Pantry Open ..... 6-7:00 pm

***Tuesday***
- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service ..... 10:30 am
- Adoration, Confessions and Mass ..... 5:00 pm
- Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group following 6pm Mass

***Wednesday***
- Briarfield Gardens Communion Service/Mass ..... 10:00 am
- St. Timothy School Gr. 4 Bible Celebration ..... 1:00 pm
- Bible Study Group ..... 6:30 pm

***Thursday***
- Fergus Place Mass/Communion Service ..... 1:00 pm

***Saturday***
- First Holy Communion – Group 1 ..... 10:00 am
- First Holy Communion – Group 2 ..... 12:30 pm
- Confessions ..... 3:45-4:30 pm

***Sunday***
- Children's Liturgy ..... During 11am Mass

**Offertory Report**

**Good Friday** *Needs of the Church in Holy Land*..... **$3147.00**
**Easter Sunday Envelopes (***includes Vigil Mass***).... $3046.00**
**Easter Sunday Loose (***includes Tip Tap***)..... $2812.00**

*Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!*

## Today is Divine Mercy Sunday – April 12

Join us for Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1pm followed by prayer and a recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. Divine Mercy Sunday takes place on the Second Sunday of Easter. In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930's, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Jesus asked that the feast day be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy, which would begin on Good Friday. It is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina in the year 2000. Divine Mercy Sunday focusses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

## News from the St. Aloysius CWL

The CWL is hosting a cake decorating class with a professional baker on Apr 25 at 10am in the church hall. All are welcome. The cost for each attendee is $20.00. **Registration is required.** A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby. Payment is required in advance. Please e-transfer the funds to johnkimansty@gmail.com. E-Transfer security question: who are we? Answer: cwl. No refunds as the cost is for materials only.

## Special Collection next weekend – Indigenous Reconciliation

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

Next Sunday, we will hold a collection in support of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

In 2022, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) announced the establishment of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, a charity whose mandate is to receive, manage, and disperse $30 million in collective contributions promised by Canada's Catholic dioceses.

The fund was created in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action. The Commission identified the Catholic Church as one of the institutions responsible for the residential school system's harm inflicted on Indigenous peoples. The Hamilton Diocese has committed to providing $4 million dollars towards the fund. Look for the envelope in your offertory box and please be generous.

## Support St. Aloysius Parish through your smartphone

Scan the QR Code to donate to through CanadaHelps

## St. Aloysius 'Prison Ministry' volunteers needed

Grand Valley Institution for Women is a federal prison located in St. Aloysius Parish. Their chaplaincy department is welcoming volunteers for a variety of possibilities such as praying the rosary, assisting at Mass/Communion Service, providing music, or driving the residents to Sunday 9 am mass in a government provided vehicle. If you are interested in exploring how you can volunteer, email maryann.mooney@bridgesofcanada.com.

## Sacrament of First Holy Communion

**Sat Apr 18 - 10am**: First Holy Communion (St. Aloysius, St. Timothy & Public Schools)

**Sun Apr 18 - 12:30pm**: First Holy Communion (St. Josephine Bakhita & St. Kateri Schools)

**Please keep these 95 young people from our 4 Parish Schools in your prayers as they prepare for First Holy Communion.**

## Grief Support Groups - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo

St. Michael's offers monthly informal support on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; 7pm in the Resource Centre/Library. Registration is not required. Also offered is a 6 week Program, Wed evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from May 13 to Jun 17 at 7pm. Registration is required by May 4 by contacting their parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca.

**RESTART – Support Group** - Struggling after divorce or separation? Join the Diocese of Hamilton for learning, support and fun on the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. These get-togethers offer support for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process. Register here: https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home, or contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

## Grant for Faith Based Organizations

Thank you to the Province of Ontario for a $7500.00 grant to help enhance our security measures at St. Aloysius Parish in 2026! The grant is part of the Province's $15 million dollar commitment for faith based and cultural organizations to support anti-hate security measures. The money will be used to update our alarm system, security lights and cameras.

**2026 Vocations Recognition Dinner** - The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to attend the 23rd Annual Vocations Recognition Dinner, Wed Apr 29 at Liuna Station in Hamilton to celebrate the dedicated service of our Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers and Sisters, and Consecrated Virgins. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets are $90 per person. For more information visit: https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/.

**Wedding Anniversary Mass** - Are you celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2026? Join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sun May 31, 1:30pm at Hamilton's Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Register at hamiltondiocese.com.

**CURSILLO** - Cursillo (*meaning short course in Spanish*) is a lay ecclesial movement sanctioned by the Vatican that started in the Roman Catholic Church in Spain over 70 years ago and has spread all over the world. The 3 day weekend is a course in Christian living led by clergy and lay leaders. Many participants attribute their experience with a profound kindling or rekindling of their faith. Upcoming Women's weekend; June 4 to 7, 2026. Men's weekend TBA. For more information on upcoming weekends, Contact Dan Brown at dmbrown269@gmail.com

**World Youth Day Seoul 2027** The young people of the world have begun their preparations to meet with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV at the 41st International Celebration of World Youth Day, Seoul, South Korea. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith, visit: https://wydseoul.org/en. Join us in praying for all young people discerning their participation from our Diocese.

**Gospel Reflection: Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday** - In today's first reading, the four activities of the earliest church are introduced to us as priorities of the church: devotion to the teachings of the apostles, communal fellowship, the Eucharist and prayer. The early members of the church saw themselves as devoted stewards of these activities. These were not options. They were the fruits of a genuine conversion to a life in Christ. Sharing International Catholic Stewardship Council in the Eucharist was the most intimate expression of fellowship, while the most common expression of fellowship in the New Testament was that of sharing financial resources – giving. It was not a perfect community, but one that gave evidence of God's active presence in its midst. This early community offers us an excellent example of how to better exercise stewardship in our own parish families.

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