

"It is better to be a child of God, than king of the whole world!"

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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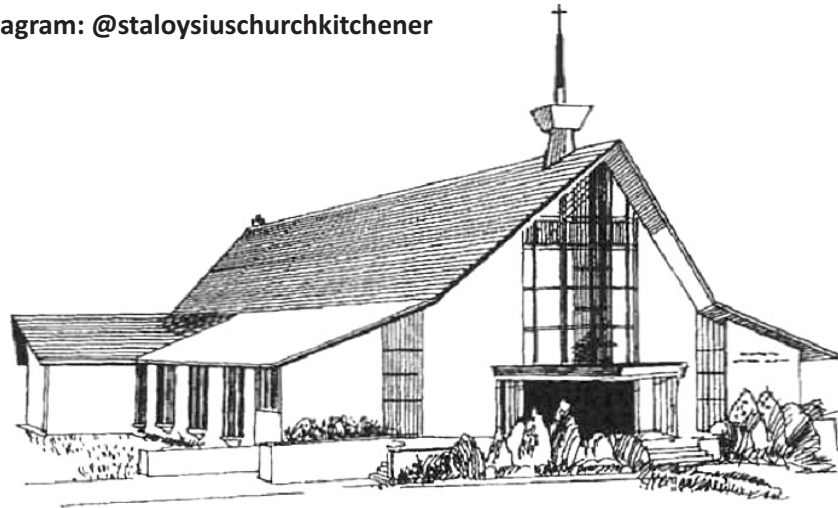
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OFFICE HOURS:

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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY..... 5:00pm

SUNDAY.....9:00am

(interpreted for the deaf)

....11:00am

.....7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY.....8:30am

TUESDAY.....7:00pm

WEDNESDAY...8:30am

THURSDAY.....8:30am

FRIDAY.....8:30am

SATURDAY.....8:30am

CONFESSIONS - Tuesday: 6 - 6:45pm, Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

BAPTISM - Please fill out an application form and contact our parish office for more details. Application forms can be found online or in our front foyer.

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, in our parish office, or download one from our website. 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 6 – Feb 12, 2023

Monday (*Memorial – St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*)

8:30 am + Mary Ren and Mary Nga

Tuesday (*ferial*)

7:00 pm + Caroline Einboden
- Int. of Lee Ann Paiva and Family

Wednesday (*ferial*)

8:30 am + Manuel Da Silva

Thursday (*ferial*)

8:30 am - Int. of Linda Vicente and Family

Friday (*Memorial – St. Scholastica, Virgin*)

8:30 am - Int. of Joao

Saturday (*ferial*)

8:30 am + Mary Black and her deceased relatives

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday

5:00 pm + David Grzesiak

Sunday

9:00 am + Ross Mooney

+ Juan Pura

11:00 am + Viola McLaughlin

Children's Liturgy in Parish Hall during 11am Mass

7:00 pm - Int. of Our Parishioners

Parish News

Feb 6 – Feb 12, 2023

Schedule of Events

Tuesday

- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service..... 10:30 am
- St. Timothy School – Gr. 4 Bible Celebration 10:30 am
- Stained Glass Guild..... 1:00 pm
- Adoration, Confessions and Mass 6:00 pm
- CWL Executive Meeting..... following 7pm Mass

Wednesday

- Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service... 10:00 am
- Bible Study Group..... 10:00 am

Saturday

- Eucharistic Ministers Training 10:00 am
- Monthly Baptisms 3:00 pm
- Confessions..... 3:45 pm

Sunday

- Children's Liturgy in Parish Hall.....during 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Regular Envelope contributions.....\$2776.00
Loose.....\$870.00
Offertory Collection Jan 29, 2023 \$3646.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....\$845.31

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!

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 or Communion Service, or driving the residents to Sunday mass. If you are interested in exploring how you could volunteer, please email maryann.mooney@bridgesofcanada.com or call 519-895-8140 and ask to speak to Chaplain; Mary Ann Mooney.

Mark Your Calendar for Two Days of Lenten Reflection at St. Aloysius Church:

Join Father Sunil on Mon Feb 27 and Tues Feb 28 for Lenten Reflections in our Church. Father will be hosting a talk both evenings at 6pm followed by Mass. The theme is from Luke 15:18; I will get up and go back to my Father and say to him, "Father I have sinned against Heaven and against you."

News from the St. Aloysius CWL:

The Catholic Women's League means many things to many people. Their core values of faith, service and justice guide them as they follow Catholic teaching, provide services locally, nationally, and internationally and work to advocate for social justice. They have taken 52 words from their National Sisterhood Map and would like to share with you this week's word; **BELONGING**. Do you want to grow your faith, serve your community, act on social justice issues and be supported by a sisterhood that embraces these core values? If so, The Catholic Women's League welcomes you to join! For more on the St. Aloysius CWL, please contact Lorraine Jack at mlorrainejack@gmail.com.



Upcoming CWL meetings:

Tues Feb 7 following 7pm Mass – CWL Executive Meeting
Tues Feb 21 following 7pm Mass – CWL General Meeting

St. Mary's General Hospital Board of Trustee Opportunities

Are you interested in being involved in an organization committed to compassionate, high quality and equitable care? The St. Mary's hospital board is looking to fill two positions for the coming term. More information is available on the hospital website: <https://www.smgh.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/join-our-board-of-trustees>

Christian Life Program:

K-W Couples for Christ and their Family Ministries invite couples and singles to participate in their 8-week Christian Life Program at St. John's Church Hall, 85 Strange St. Kitchener on Thursday evenings from Feb. 9 to Mar 30. Dinner is provided at 6pm and the program starts at 7pm. The Christian Life Program is an integrated course intended to lead program participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Christian couples or individuals. There is no cost. For more information or to register contact Raminta 548-994-4020.

Celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes!

The message of Our Lady to St. Bernadette is just as relevant today as it was in 1858. Be reminded of the healing power of prayer and honour Mary; **Sat Feb 11 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Church in Waterloo** with His Excellency; Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. It begins at 6pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confession followed by Mass with Anointing of the Sick and veneration of St. Bernadette's relics. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow.

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

You're invited to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Jesus through study, prayer, and lively group discussion. Bring your questions and learn together! **Tues Feb 14-Apr 11 from 9:45-11:45am or 7-9pm** at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Kitchener. The cost is \$10. For more information or to register, contact Bonnie: bonniegschroth@gmail.com, Agnes: tas3agnes@gmail.com or phone the parish office at 519-742-5061.



WCDSB Employment Opportunity:

The WCDSB is currently accepting applications for 'Lunch Hour Supervisors'.

Please visit their website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca

WCDSB Kindergarten Registration is OPEN. It's time to sign up for the 2023-2024 school year and register to attend one of Waterloo Region's 43 Catholic Elementary Schools.

Children born in 2019 are eligible for Year 1 Kindergarten (JK)
Children born in 2018 are eligible for Year 2 Kindergarten (SK)
Find out more and register at <https://www.wcdsb.ca/>

Catholic Date Night - Hosted by Kathleen and Jesse LeBlanc of 'Found Together' - Are date nights with your spouse or future spouse, turning into Netflix binge nights? Do you want to grow in faith and prayer together? Do you wish you had a community of Catholic couples to truly journey with? It's time to level up your marriage vocation with The Catholic Date Night! Enjoy the LIVE monthly date nights from the comfort of your own home. Subscribe at www.wearefoundtogether.com/datenights and follow them on Instagram @TheCatholicDateNight for date night inspiration and more!

2023 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in early January at www.hamiltondiocese.com.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Gospel Reflection.

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of

discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

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