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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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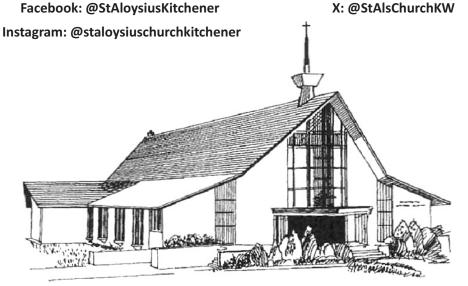
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OFFICE HOURS:

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

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE	WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE		
SATURDAY 5:00pm	MONDAY8:30am		
SUNDAY9:00am	TUESDAY6:00pm		
11:00am	WEDNESDAY8:30am		
	THURSDAY8:30am		
7:00pm	FRIDAY8:30am		
	SATURDAY8:30am		

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.

Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2025

Monday (ferial)

8:30 am + Mary Dinh Nen + Arminda Pacheco

<u>Tuesday</u> (Memorial - Our Lady of the Rosary) 6:00 pm + William Cavanagh + Helen McGeehan

Wednesday (ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Patricia Cormier

+ Mary Gartner

Thursday (ferial)

8:30 am + Herb and Violet Altman

<u>Friday</u> (ferial) 8:30 am + Dana Power

Saturday (ferial)

8:30 am

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Sun 9am + Vernon Rama

Sun 11am + Maria Roblado + Joze Rozman

Sun 7pm + Mary Gartner

Manday Schedule Feents Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2025				
Wonday				
Stained Glass Guild 4:00 pm				
• Food Pantry Open 6-7 pm				
<u>Tuesday</u>				
• Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service10:30 am				
Adoration, Confessions and Mass 5:00 pm				
• Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group following 6pm Mass				
<u>Wednesday</u>				
• Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service10:00 am				
• RCIA/RCIC7:00 pm				
<u>Saturday</u>				
• 40 Days for Life St. Aloysius Sponsored Day7am-7pm				
• Secular Carmel Meeting (Ocds)9:30 am				
• Baptisms				
• Confessions				
<u>Sunday</u>				
• Children's Liturgy (Parish Hall)during 11:00 am Mass				

OFFERTORY REPORT



World Hunger Fund – Special Collection - This weekend is our World Hunger Fund collection. Each year, our Parish sends the World Hunger Fund offertory collection to local and national charities that help to combat hunger.



Ministry Month at St. Aloysius! Have you ever wondered how you can make a meaningful impact in our parish community? Now's your chance! This October, we're inviting YOU to explore the many vibrant ministries at St. Aloysius

Parish — and maybe even discover a new way to share your time and talents.

Whether you feel called to greet others as an Usher, proclaim the Word as a Lector, bring joy through Music Ministry, or help with Children's Liturgy, Lawn & Garden care, or our Retirement Home Ministry, there's a place for everyone!

This weekend, we have sign-up sheets in our lobby for those interested in becoming Lectors and Altar Servers. Please sign up for your preferred Mass.

Thank you for sharing your talents with our Parish!

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 or 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 could volunteer, please email maryann.mooney@bridgesofcanada.com or call the St. Aloysius parish office.

New Bible Study Group at St. Aloysius - Our Parish is looking to start a weekly Bible Study group. The study is called *At Home With the Word*, a program designed to help you reflect on and prepare for the upcoming Sunday readings.

We'll begin meeting the **first week of Advent**, and the program will run for **one full year**. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, connect with fellow parishioners, and enter more fully into the Word of God.

Info Meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 6:30 PM downstairs in the Church Library

Sign-up Sheet is located in the **church foyer**.

For questions or more information, please contact the Bible Study Coordinator, dmbrown269@gmail.com.

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First Holy Communion/First
Reconciliation - Is your child baptized and in Grade 2 or above? If so, they're invited to begin their journey toward receiving First Holy Communion & First Reconciliation.

Confirmation

Students in **Grade 7 or above**, who have already received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, are invited to register for **Confirmation**, which will be celebrated on **Saturday**, **November 22**, **2025**.

Registration Deadline: October 15, 2025 Visit our website to learn more and register today: staloysius.on.ca.



News from the CWL

The CWL is looking for volunteer help at two of their upcoming events

<u>Christmas Bazaar Helpers</u> Date: Nov 15 from 9-3. Assist with raffle tables/sales and some food

handling. They will need some help with room set up prior to the event. They are also looking for donations for the raffle, silent auction, and tombola, as well as children's table and craft table

<u>Senior Dinner Volunteers</u> Date: Dec 3 from 4:30-8 pm in Parish Hall. Help serve dinner to the seniors, and clean up. They also need someone to be Santa. Volunteers will be served a pizza dinner before the event. Please contact the parish office.



Church Door Replacement Project -

Thank You! We are moving forward with replacing the main and side entrance doors of our church—an important project that will enhance the beauty, security, and energy efficiency of our building for years to

come.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this effort! Your generosity is making a real difference. Thanks to our parish community, we've already raised \$3,360 toward our goal.

The total cost of the project is approximately \$35,000, and we're continuing to seek support to help bring it to completion. Every gift—large or small—brings us one step closer. If you'd like to contribute, please look for the "Special Appeal" envelopes available at the back of the church.

Together, we can preserve and improve our church home for future generations.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!



40 Days for Life - From Sept 24 to Nov 2, the annual 40 Days for Life campaign invites us to pray, fast, and stand peacefully for the protection of unborn lives. St. Aloysius Parish has committed to covering a day with prayer on **Sat Oct 11** (note the new date) across from

Freeport Hospital. Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for a one-hour time slot. Sign-up in the church foyer. Learn more at: www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener.

Diocesan Vocations Month – October 2025Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. You are asked to pray for vocations throughout the month. If you know someone you think should consider a particular vocation, such as marriage, priesthood, consecrated life or the permanent diaconate, be sure to tell that person. For more information about praying for vocations, visit: https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/

Tip Tap Donations - Have you tried our new TipTap machine yet?

We're excited to offer a simple, secure, and convenient way to support our parish—our brand-new *TipTap* contactless donation device, now available in the church lobby!



Just tap your debit card, credit card, or mobile wallet to give a quick donation of \$5, \$10, or \$20—every gift, big or small, helps us continue the important work God is doing in our community. Thank you for your generous and faithful support!

Gospel Reflection: - 27th Sunday - In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

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