

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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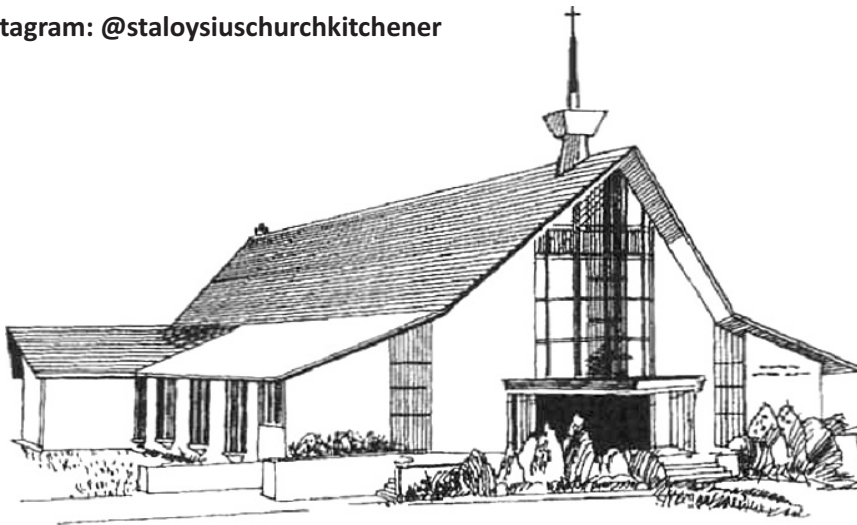
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OFFICE HOURS:

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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY..... 5:00pm

SUNDAY.....9:00am

.....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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 8 – Sept 14, 2025

Monday (Feast - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
8:30 am + Mary Dinh Nen + Petar and Kata Flanjak

Tuesday (ferial)
6:00 pm + Gord McDougall + Len Thurnell

Wednesday (ferial)
8:30 am + Vernon Rama

Thursday (ferial)
8:30 am

Friday (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Eduarda Avila

Saturday (Memorial – St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor)
8:30 am

Feast - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sat 5pm + Len Thurnell

Sun 9am - Int. of Leah De Amorim + Bill Edgar

Sun 11am + Juan Agsulid


Sun 7pm - Int. of our Parishioners



Children's Liturgy - Our Sunday morning Children's Liturgy has resumed after the Summer Break. Children from aged 4 to those in Grade 2 can hear the Word of God in simplified terms every Sunday morning during our 11am Mass in our parish hall. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with our Children's Liturgy. This is a great volunteer opportunity for parents, or high school students. Please contact our parish office for more information.

News from the Food Pantry

At the heart of our parish community, the **St. Aloysius Food Pantry** continues to serve our neighbours in need with kindness and dignity. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners like you, we are able to support those who are facing challenging times.

 **How You Can Help:** Your donations make a real difference! We are always in need of canned soup & stews, tuna, canned fruits and vegetables, fruit juice boxes and school items. The pantry gratefully accepts other canned goods, baby food, toiletries, and non-perishable items. Please place your donations in the **pink baskets** located in the church foyer, or drop them off at the Parish Office during business hours.

Fall 2025 Food Pantry Schedule

If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry, the Food Pantry will be open on the following **Mondays from 6:00–7:00 PM; September 8 & 22, October 6 & 27; November 10 & 24, December 8.** Please contact 519-893-1220 for more.

Exciting News from Our Parish Schools Ministry!

This fall, we are thrilled to welcome *St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic School* in Kitchener to our Parish family of schools! We look forward to building strong faith-filled connections with the students, staff, and families of this growing school community.

Throughout the school year, our dedicated Priests and staff collaborate with our 4 local Catholic elementary schools, journeying with students through School Masses, liturgies, sacraments, and religious celebrations that enrich their faith and spiritual growth.



Let us continue to pray for all our students, teachers, and school staff as they begin another year of learning, growing, and walking with Christ.

Schedule of Events

Sept 8 – Sept 14, 2025

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

Tuesday
• St. Aloysius School Year Opening Mass.....9:30am
• Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service10:30 am
• Adoration, Confessions and Mass..... 5:00 pm
• Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group following 6pm Mass

Wednesday
• St. Kateri School Year Opening Liturgy/Mass.....9:00 am
• Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service10:00 am
• Finance Council Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday
• St. Timothy School Year opening Liturgy/Mass9:30 am

Friday
• St. Josephine Bakhita Opening Liturgy/Mass9:30 am

Saturday
• Secular Carmel Meeting (Ocds)9:30 am
• Monthly Baptisms 3:00 pm
• Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm

Sunday
• Children's Liturgy (Parish Hall) during 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection for Aug 31 \$2502.00

Sunday Loose/Tip Tap Collection for Aug 31 \$1305.00

Total Offertory for Aug 31, 2025 \$3807.00

Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount)..... \$854.69





CWL News: The first CWL general meeting of the fall will be September 23 following the 6pm mass. They look forward to seeing many sisters out for their meeting to discuss fall plans.

Membership fees for 2026 are due in September. The Catholic Women's League annual membership fee for 2026 will be \$40.00.

Save the date for their annual bazaar on November 15 and Senior Dinner on December 3

Information about the Sacraments



Registration is now open on our parish website for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for the 2025-2026 School Year. **The Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation** are open to children who have been Baptized and will be in **Grade 2 or above starting in the Fall of 2025.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is for students who will be in **Grade 7 or above during the 2025 –2026 school year**, and who have already received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. **Confirmation will take place on Saturday, November 22, 2025.**



Registration for our Sacraments will close Oct 15, 2025. Find more details and register on our parish website <https://www.stalloysius.on.ca/>.



New Church Doors – A Welcoming and Secure Future!

We are excited to share that this fall, our parish will be installing brand new entrance doors—the main front doors and two sets of exterior side doors.

Our current doors are showing their age and are in urgent need of replacement. The new doors will not only enhance the beauty and dignity of our church's entrance, but also improve security, weather resistance, and energy efficiency—helping us care for our sacred space both practically and spiritually.

As we move forward with this important project, we kindly ask for your financial support. Every contribution, large or small, brings us one step closer to completing this much-needed upgrade.

Thank you for helping us preserve and improve our beautiful church for generations to come! We have **special appeal envelopes** in the foyer if you would like to help support this effort.



Ways to support St. Aloysius Parish

Tip Tap - We're pleased to introduce a **new, easy, and secure way to support our Church**—through **TipTap**, our new **contactless donation device in our parish lobby!**

Simply **tap your debit or credit card**, or use your **mobile wallet**, and in just **one quick tap**, you've made a difference. It's that easy!

Choose to give **\$5, \$10, or \$20**—every bit helps us continue the work God is doing in this community. Thank you for your continued support!

Other electronic ways to support St. Aloysius Parish

Donate through your smartphone:
Scan the QR Code to donate to through CanadaHelps



Donate via e-transfer to
stalloysiuskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com



Marian Days - The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, will be hosting the final 'Diocesan Marian Day' of 2025 on October 4 with Bishop Douglas Crosby. For more visit; hamiltondiocese.com.

Gospel Reflection: - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many reject the invitation. So, Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story, Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables, that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

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