

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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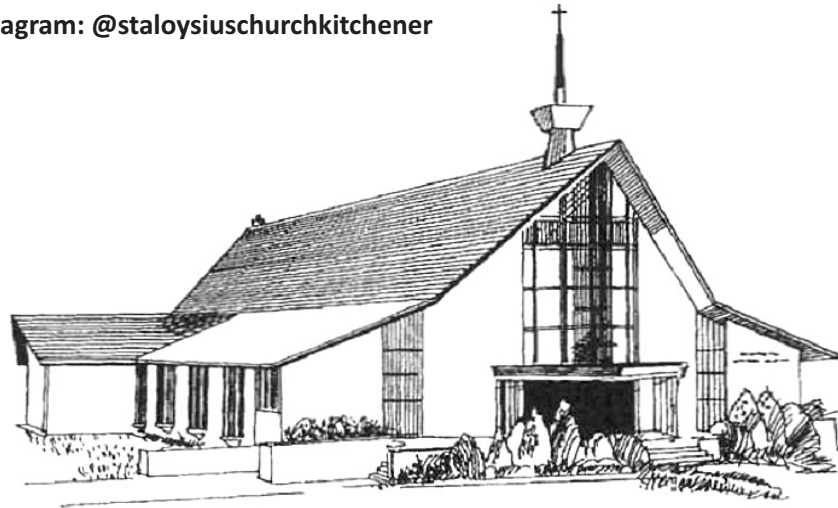
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 4 – 10, 2023

Monday (ferial)
8:30 am + Jozef Chovanec
+ Francis Puren

Tuesday -Thursday No masses due to a Priests' Seminar

Friday (Feast – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
8:30 am + John Kurpel
+ Matthew McMahon

Saturday (ferial)
8:30 am

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday
5:00 pm + Felix Gonsalves
+ Gord McDougall
9:00 am - Int. of Arminda Pacheco
+ Mary Jane Lehman
11:00 am + Ramon Aguto
7:00 pm - Intentions of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Sept 4 – 10, 2023

- Tuesday
• Stained Glass Guild 1:00 pm
• CWL Executive Meeting 7:30pm
Saturday
• Secular Carmelite Meeting (Ocds) 9:30 am
• Baptisms 3:00 pm
• Confessions 3:45pm
Sunday
• Children’s Liturgyduring 11:00 am Mass

Please note, there will be no Masses between Tues Sept 5 and Thurs Sept 7 due to a Priests’ seminar.

Fall Schedule begins:
Our Saturday morning Masses will resume after the Labour Day weekend. Masses will take place every Saturday morning at 8:30am starting September 9th.

Our Sunday morning Children’s Liturgy is coming back to St. Aloysius starting Sun Sept 10 and continuing every Sunday in our Parish Hall during our 11am Mass. Young, school-aged children can participate in the liturgy with our volunteers. Children can have an opportunity to hear the Word of God in simplified terms, and enjoy some hands-on activities.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Table with 2 columns: Collection Name and Amount. Sunday Envelope Collection \$2286.00, Sunday Loose Collection \$942.00, Total Offertory for \$3228.00, Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount) \$787.16. Includes a thank you message for ongoing financial support.



First Communion and Confirmation registration news for 2024

Do you have a child in Grade 2 or Grade 7 this year? Our registration for First Communion (Grade 2 and up) and Confirmation (Grade 7 and up) has now opened on our parish website. All candidates will need to register online by October 31, 2023 to be included in our Spring 2024 group. More information can be found on our parish website, or by contacting the church office.

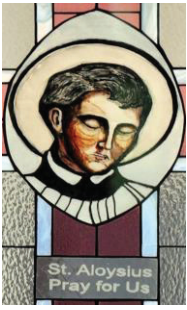


News from the St. Aloysius CWL:

A reminder that the 2024 CWL Membership fee of \$36.00 is due on September 10, 2023. For those that use Church envelopes, there is an envelope in the box that can be placed in the collection basket for your dues. The CWL thanks everyone in advance for their membership! They look forward to seeing as many members as possible at their General meeting on September 19, 2023. If you know of any women interested in joining the league please bring them along!

The CWL is happy to announce the annual Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 10am to 1pm in the Parish Hall. In advance of this highly anticipated event, they are looking for donations of new items (small appliances, toys, giftware, etc.), gift cards from local restaurants, fast food outlets, and handmade craft items. They also welcome monetary donations. Please contact Lorraine Jack at mlorrainejack@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding donations.

Our Parish is looking to have an RCIA and RCIC program this Fall for Children and Adults who would like to become Catholic. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the program, please contact our Parish office by phone or email.



The St. Aloysius Stained Glass Guild needs your help!

This dedicated group of volunteers is planning to create 4 more stained glass windows for the church alcove. The group began the task of creating over 18 stained glass windows for the Church more than 10 years ago. The pandemic, the loss of many volunteers and the skyrocketing costs of glass and supplies have really hampered their efforts to finish their project. You can read more about the history here; <https://staloyisus.on.ca/stained-glass-guild>. To help raise enough money to create the last 4 windows and purchase new glass, **the group will be selling some of their beautiful stained glass ornaments in the church foyer on the weekend of Sept 30/Oct 1.** Items will be priced between \$5 and \$45 dollars. Their goal is to raise approximately \$5,000.00 to help with the cost of the new windows. **The guild is always looking for more volunteers. Anyone interested can join them Tuesday afternoons in the parish hall between 1-3 pm.**



Holy Land Pilgrimage with Father Melvin!

Father Melvin is hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Egypt in early 2024 and he would love for you to join him! The pilgrimage, organized through International Heritage Tours will be taking place between February 27 and March 10, 2024. For more information pick up a brochure in our church lobby, or go online to; <https://www.ihtours.com/tour/pilgrimage-to-holy-land-and-egypt-7/>

KW Right to Life Prayer Vigil - Thurs Sept 7 from 10am-1pm

Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. For more information, please contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

St. Boniface Maryhill Heritage Day - Sun, Sept 17 – 11am

Mass – 11:45 Mary Grotto- 12pm – car tour of the area shrines – 1pm lunch (hosted by the CWL), Presentations, 50-50 Draw & Silent Auction. Tickets required for lunch \$15. Email: maryhillroots@gmail.com or call (519) 648-2432.

Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days - at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph.

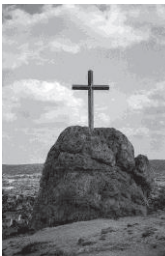
The day will start with Confessions at 9am followed by Mass, a Rosary Procession and a lunch break. Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis begins at 1pm followed by the Benediction. Please bring your own lunch. Presider is **Cardinal Collins: Sat Oct 7.**



Back to School Prayer

As many children and educators prepare to return to school, we encourage families to take the opportunity to pray. The beginning of the new school year brings with it a large list of “to do’s” and a return to routine. Before the hectic structure of bells and homework begins, schedule a time together as a family to pray. Here is a prayer provided by the CCCB for Back to School:

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonders of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding and peace and zeal to their spirits. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



Gospel Reflection – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sun Sept 3, 2023

Today’s Gospel continues from last week’s Gospel story. Simon Peter was called the “rock” upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus’ identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him “Satan.” In opposing this aspect of Jesus’ mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ’s disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus’ disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus’ prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called “rock” would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did. *From Loyola Press E-Bulletin*

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