

St. Louis Catholic Church

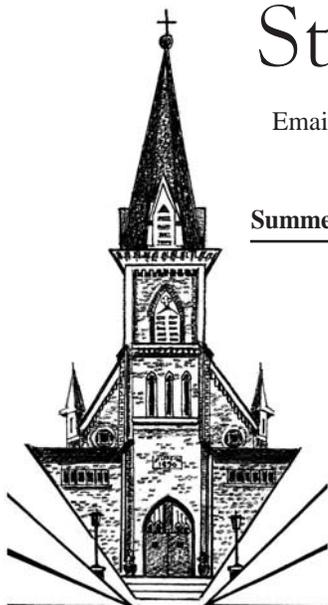
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Weekday Masses:
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m.
*Rosary: Tuesday to Friday
before 9:00 a.m. Mass*

Sunday Masses:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

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Custodian
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Welcome new members - Whether you are just passing through the area or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to St. Louis Catholic Church. We hope you will find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful. People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering. Registration here at St. Louis is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. Parish registration simplifies the process with regard to sponsoring a sacramental candidate; obtaining pastoral references and for preparation of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Registration is easy and can be completed at the Parish Office during regular office hours. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church.

Parish Records - Our parish records are very important. We try to keep them up to date. Please advise the office of any changes.

Music in the Liturgy - Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to join our choirs. Please contact the choir directors:

9:30 Choir - Bob Reinhart (robertreinhart182@msn.com)

11:30 Choir - Donna McLellan (donna-ipad@hotmail.com)

Sunday programs for children - During the Sunday morning 9:30 a.m. Mass there is babysitting for children under 3 years of age, Sunday School for 3 to 6 years of age and Children's Liturgy of the Word for children ages 7 and up.

Sacramental Life - St. Louis Parish celebrates the sacraments for its members who are registered and regularly attending. If you are not registered you are automatically a member of a parish closest to you.

Baptism - Celebrated once a month. Please speak with a priest after Mass on Sunday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays 4 - 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Marriage - For registered and supporting members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date.

Becoming Catholic - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, preparing adults for baptism and/or to join the community. Please contact the office for further information.

Anointing and Pastoral Care - Our parish community cares about the sick and elderly and the lonely. Please notify the parish office to arrange for them to receive the Anointing of the Sick, or to have the Holy Communion brought to them.

Pastoral Care to those in Hospital - A family member is asked to contact the parish whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit, or Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing).

Priesthood and Religious Life - Is God calling you to religious life, as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? If so, please contact the Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com or www.resurrectionists.ca

Diocesan Newsletter - For information about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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2025 – YEAR OF JUBILEE – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

Monday, August 25 – St. Louis - No Mass		9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
Tuesday, August 26				
9:00 AM				
Wednesday, August 27 – St. Monica		9:00 AM	† Members of Estrada Family – Estrada Family	Gym
		9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	
Thursday, August 28 – St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor		9:00 AM	† Cathy Neary – Butler Family	
Friday, August 29 – The Passion of St. John the Baptist		9:00 AM		Gym
		9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	
Saturday, August 30				
Vigil of 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time				
5:00 PM People of St. Louis Parish				
Sunday, August 31 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time				
9:30 AM † Louis Paleczny – Ron & Alice Paleczny				
11:30 AM † Patricia Thomas – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil				
Intentions of Laura & Terry Bachynski – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil				

Reflection on the Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Today's second reading begins by quoting an exhortation from Proverbs 3:11-12. In recollecting these verses, ("My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by Him; for the Lord disciplines the one whom He loves, and chastises every son whom He accepts."), the reader's attention is drawn to other themes found in Proverb 3, such as trust in God and the value of wisdom. Both of these are essential interpretive keys for understanding times of trial as discipline.

There are several ways in which we can understand this reading. The "discipline" does not necessarily indicate that we are being punished but, as the letter states, we are being "trained by it." This is the type of discipline we see in athletes who are preparing for competition. There are other times, however, when we are veering off the right path, heading toward spiritual dangers we might not even see. Like children who need to learn to see dangers, we need to be made aware of them so that we can make wise choices. Finally, there are times when we willfully pursue that which is harmful to us. This is when God's discipline stops us short and preserves us. This is when discipline is more of a reproof, but the intent is not simply to punish us. It is to preserve us from actions and attitudes that will cause us greater suffering, like a parent who disciplines a child for its own well-being.

This letter, written to a community undergoing persecution, emphasizes the need to endure through tribulations and to trust in God's way. In so doing, they will achieve joy, peace, and healing. The last two lines of the reading allude to Isaiah 35:3-6, wherein the lame are healed and knees are strengthened at the sight of God's vindication. For those who remain faithful, they too will be vindicated and their suffering alleviated. (From Workbook for Lectors)

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Summer - Office hours (Mon. – Thu. 9 AM – 1 PM) till Labour Day.



Welcome Back! Our next **CWL General Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, September 3rd beginning with Mass at 7 PM. Following Mass, we will adjourn to the Large Hall for refreshments. We are extending an invitation to the entire parish to enjoy our guest speaker, Detective Constable Joshua Rhab who will educate us on the topic of Fraud. We will learn how to recognize, avoid and report fraud. We hope you will join us in learning more about this timely issue! We look forward to welcoming YOU!



Sacrament of Confirmation - if you are in gr. 7 and would like to have your sacrament happen here at St. Louis parish please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office to register. Classes will take place Wednesdays, beginning October 1st through to November 26th, from 7pm-8pm. Confirmation will be celebrated at the 9:30am Mass on November 30th.

Frassati Leadership Program - Entering Grade 10 in September 2025? Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? The Frassati Leadership Program may be for you. Join us as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. For more information and to register please visit: hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/



Regina Caeli Academy - A private Catholic school will open in Guelph in September 2026, serving students from JK to Grade 8. If you would like to join the planning committee or learn more about the school, please come to our next meeting. The meeting will be held at St. John Church, 45 Victoria Road North, Guelph, on Wednesday, August 27th, 6:30 PM See Reginacaeliacademy.ca for more information.

Young Adults Night in September in Hanover - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations on Saturday, September 6th at Holy Family Parish (352 – 10th Avenue, Hanover, Ontario). The Young Adults Night will begin with a Holy Hour (7 – 8 PM) in the church and will continue in the school with a social with food (8 – 8:30 PM), praise night with vocations testimony (8:30 PM -9:30 PM), and Compline (9:30 PM). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



Our Lady of Lourdes Fundraising Concert
Featuring: Waterloo Regional Police Chorus
on Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 2:30 PM.

Tickets: \$25 available through the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish office 519-886-0342 ext. 101.



Experience a Retreat at Loyola House in Guelph: Laudato Si: Ten Years Still Waiting – Sep.23-28 - Register at loyolahouse.com or registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or 519-824-1250 X 266.

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites you for a Mini Retreat – a day of Prayer and Reflection – on Saturday, September 27, 2025. There will be Holy Mass, the Rosary, a conference on Hope from Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Spe Salvi*. There will also be time for Adoration, reflection and prayer. Lunch will be served. The retreat will be guided by Fr. David Reitzel, priest of the Diocese of Hamilton. If you wish to attend, RSVP to saintagatha@thecarmel.ca or 519-884-6700 before September 20. Space is limited.

AUGUST 24 – 21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



Young Adult Pilgrimage to Midland – Jubilee of Hope

Calling all young adults! Join us for a special day pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario as we journey together in the spirit of the Jubilee of Hope. This is a chance to connect with others, deepen your faith, and walk in the

footsteps of the Canadian martyrs.

Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025 Departure Time: 8 AM

Departure from: Chancery Office, Diocese of Hamilton (700 King St. W.)

Cost: \$40 per person (Includes: transportation, entry to the Shrine, time for prayer, reflection, fellowship, celebration of Mass, BBQ Dinner.)

All young adults (20's & 30's) are welcome. Space is limited, so register early! To register or learn more, contact: Christina Mines, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com, www.hamiltondiocese.com/events. Come and be renewed in hope!

(If you wish to drive directly from KW and meet up at Midland, that is also an option. Please contact Christina Mines to discuss details.)



2025 Marian Days at the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph – The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate as the Diocesan Marian Shrine, is

hosting the Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June to October. The Day begins with a Holy Hour at 9 AM, confessions during the Holy Hour, Mass at 10:30 AM, followed by the Rosary Procession. You are welcome to bring a lunch, coffee and tea will be served after the Procession, and tours of the Basilica will be available. Dates: Sep. 6 (Card. Leo) and Oct. 4 (Bp. Crosby).

Programs at the Chancery Office (700 King St. West in Hamilton):

Restart: Moving Forward – Ten-week program offers education and support to help to heal and move forward after divorce or separation.

Restart: Refresh, Renew, Revive Support Group – Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month.

Enhancing Self-Esteem - Increase your self-awareness & learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem to help you feel stronger in all areas of your life.

Contact Sarah: familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com 905-528-7988 X 2249.



Saint Louis of France's Story (April 25, 1214 – August 25, 1270) - Our Parish Patron Saint

At his coronation as king of France, Louis IX bound himself by oath to behave as God's anointed, as the father of his people and feudal lord of the King of Peace. Other kings had done the same, of course. Louis was different in that he actually interpreted his kingly duties in the light of faith. After the violence of

two previous reigns, he brought peace and justice.

Louis "took the cross" for a Crusade when he was 30. His army seized Damietta in Egypt but not long after, weakened by dysentery and without support, they were surrounded and captured. Louis obtained the release of the army by giving up the city of Damietta in addition to paying a ransom. He stayed in Syria four years.

Louis deserves credit for extending justice in civil administration. His regulations for royal officials became the first of a series of reform laws. He replaced trial by battle with a form of examination of witnesses and encouraged the use of written records in court.

Louis was always respectful of the papacy, but defended royal interests against the popes, and refused to acknowledge Innocent IV's sentence against Emperor Frederick II.

Louis was devoted to his people, founding hospitals, visiting the sick, and like his patron Saint Francis, caring even for people with leprosy. He is one of the patrons of the Secular Franciscan Order. Louis united France—lords and townsfolk, peasants and priests and knights—

by the force of his personality and holiness. For many years the nation was at peace.

Every day, Louis had 13 special guests from among the poor to eat with him, and a large number of poor were served meals near his palace. During Advent and Lent, all who presented themselves were given a meal, and Louis often served them in person. He kept lists of needy people, whom he regularly relieved, in every province of his dominion.

Disturbed by new Muslim advances, Louis led another crusade to North Africa in 1270. Within a month of their landing at Carthage, the army camp was decimated by disease. Louis himself died there at the age of 56. He was canonized 27 years later. (*From franciscanmedia.org*)

To help us place St. Louis in the long history of saints of the Catholic Church, here are some of the names of the 13th century saints; some of them personally known to our Patron Saint (*Excerpts from Saint of the Day at franciscanmedia.org and Wikipedia.org*):

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 or 1182 – Oct. 3, 1226) - The patron saint of Italy, Francis of Assisi was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit, and without a sense of self-importance.

St. Dominic (Aug. 8, 1170 – Aug. 6, 1221) - If he hadn't taken a trip with his bishop and come face to face with virulent Albigensian heresy (which held that all matter was evil and denied the Incarnation) Dominic would probably have remained within the structure of contemplative life. After the trip, he spent the rest of his life being a contemplative in active apostolic work. Dominic was commissioned to be part of the preaching crusade against this heresy. In 1215 Dominic founded a religious house at Toulouse, the beginning of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans.

St. Thomas Aquinas (c.1225 – 7 Mar. 1274) was an Italian Dominican priest, the foremost Scholastic thinker, as well as one of the most influential philosophers & theologians in the Western tradition. A Doctor of the Church, he was from the county of Aquino in the Kingdom of Sicily.

St. Bonaventure (1221 – 15 July 1274) was an Italian Franciscan bishop, cardinal, scholastic theologian and philosopher. He played an important role in both the medieval Church and the history of the Franciscan Order. As a senior faculty member at the University of Paris, he certainly captured the hearts of his students through his academic skills and insights. and through his Franciscan love for Jesus and the Church. For Bonaventure Jesus was the center of everything—his teaching, his administration, his writing, and his life. So much so, that he was given the title "Seraphic Doctor" in 1588. Both, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Bonaventure, were personal advisors to Saint Louis.

Members of St. Louis family:

Isabelle of France (March 1225 – 23 Feb. 1270) was a French princess and daughter of Louis VIII of France and Blanche of Castile and a younger sister of King Louis IX of France. In 1256, she founded the nunnery of Longchamp in part of the Forest of Rouvray (now called the Bois de Boulogne). Isabelle consecrated her virginity and her entire life to God alone. She is especially honoured by the Franciscan Order.

Bl. Boniface of Savoy (c. 1207 – 18 July 1270) was a medieval Bishop of Belley in Savoy and Archbishop of Canterbury in England. He was the son of Thomas, Count of Savoy and owed his initial ecclesiastical posts to his father. One niece Eleanor of Provence was married to King Henry III of England, and another was married to King Louis IX of France.

Saint Louis, pray for us!

O God, who brought Saint Louis from the cares of earthly rule to the glory of a heavenly realm, grant, we pray, through his intercession, that, by fulfilling our duties on earth, we may seek out your eternal Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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