

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 Annointing 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 (Annointing).

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:

Finance Council Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

Maintenance Committee Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

OOTC Community Suppers Keith & Sharon Schnarr 519-801-8687

Parish Webmaster Daniel Delattre, daniel@uwaterloo.ca **Altar Servers Coordinator** Dave Pagett, 519-744-7705

Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd, **Youth Ministry** Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

Catholic Women's League Donna Herbstreit, 519-884-9380 donna.marie2000@icloud.com

Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

Prayer Shawl Ministry Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239 GLUTEN

Prayer Chain Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

St. Vincent De Paul For food hamper or more information call 519-743-4101



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HOSTS

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE, SOLEMNITY

Monday	, August 26 – No	Mass					
	9 AM - NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym				
Tuesday, August 27 – St. Monica							
9:00 AM † Deceased Members of the Estrada Family -Estrada Family							
	6:30 РМ	CWL Exec meeting	L. Hall				
Wednesday, August 28 – St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor							
9:00 AM	Intentions of Wen	dy Ayoung-Chee – Amanda A	young-Chee				
	9 am – noon	Pickle Ball	Gym				
Thursday, August 29 – Passion of St. John the Baptist							
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Friday, August 30							
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MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

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Reflection on the First Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

The word "crisis" can refer to a critical moment in which a choice is made and decisive action taken. Such crisis moments arise at various points in life and occur fairly regularly in our relationship with God. Today's reading from Joshua highlights the power of crisis moments in our journey with God. The scene transpires at the end of Joshua's life. He has led the people of God into the land promised them. He has guided them through the conquest. He orchestrated the renewal of the covenant between the people and God at Shechem in accord with God's command. Under Joshua's care, the land has been apportioned to each tribe and boundaries established among them. Cities of refuge have also been set up for those who have unintentionally killed others. Joshua has accomplished all that he has been asked to do. He is at the end of his life. Gathering the whole people of Israel again at Shechem - their primordial place of worship he reminds them of their covenantal relationship with the Lord and, once more, he calls upon them to renew that covenant. This time, Joshua presents the matter as a crisis moment. They have options. They can serve other gods like their ancestors did or like the previous inhabitants of the promised land had. But, after laying out their options, Joshua boldly makes a public decision on behalf of his household: they will serve the Lord. When faced with witnessing Joshua's public commitment to serve the Lord, the people find courage to remember the many things the Lord had done for them and accordingly echo Joshua's commitment.

Similarly, sacraments mark and celebrate crisis moments in our journey with God. Baptism and Confirmation celebrate our initiation into the Church, which establishes us in a new relationship with God. Marriage and ordination mark out our vocation. Anointing of the sick and reconciliation sanctify times of weakness and frailty. The Eucharist, too, is a kind of routine crisis moment in which we are called upon to discern God's real presence in the Eucharistic species and give our assent in the "amens" of the liturgy. We then respond with decisive actions; after receiving the Lord in the Eucharist, we are sent out from Mass to share Him with the world. (*From Workbook for Lectors etc.*)

ST. LOUIS PARISH NEWS:

Summer hours (Mon. – Th. 9 AM – 1 PM) till Labour Day.

Sunday Social/Coffee Time, Babysitting and Sunday School are pausing until September.



A dad of 11, a true gentleman, and also a king: Louis IX is France's only canonized king - He learned the faith from his mother, and endeavored to pass it on to his children.

Born April 25, 1214, near Paris, France, little Louis IX lost his grandfather (Philip II) at age 9

and his father (Louis VIII) three years later. That meant that at age of 12, Louis IX was crowned king. Queen Mother, Blanche, took over the reins of government. A great woman in her own right, she made sure to prepare her son for his life as king.

Queen Blanche, (Blanche of Castile), took her Catholic faith very seriously. She was determined to teach her son the faith and to instill genuine piety and devotion in him. She told her son, "I love you, my dear son, as much as a mother can love her child but I would rather see you dead at my feet than that you should commit a mortal sin."

At the age of 21, Louis was ready to take charge of the government. His mother's influence was apparent. Louis strove to rule justly and to attain sanctity. King Louis had an affinity for the sick and poor of his kingdom. He treated the downtrodden with compassion, understanding, and with a humility that was unheard of in a king.

Imagine this: Every day King Louis IX would have three special guests called in from among the poor to have dinner with him! Since there were always crowds of poor and hungry outside the palace, he would try to have as many of them fed as possible. During Lent and Advent anyone who presented themselves before him was given a meal and often, the king served them himself. He even had lists compiled of needy people in every province under his rule.

Louis married his true love, Margaret of Provence, on May 27, 1234. Queen Margaret was filled with religious fervor as was her husband and they truly made a beautiful couple while setting a fine example for all married couples. They enjoyed each other's company and liked riding together, listening to music and reading. King Louis and Queen Margaret had 11 children.

Louis was a strong-willed and strong-minded man with a powerful faith. His word was trusted throughout the kingdom, and his courage in taking action against wrongs was remarkable.

King Louis built churches, libraries, hospitals, and orphanages; reformed the justice system. He treated both princes and commoners equally. His wishes were to be treated the same by the real King of Kings, to whom he pledged to give his life, his family, and his country.

To sneak a peek into the heart of this saintly king, here is the quote from a letter to his oldest son: "If God send thee adversity, receive it in patience and give thanks to our Saviour and bethink thee that thou hast deserved it, and that He will make it turn to thine advantage. If He send thee prosperity, then thank Him humbly, so that thou becomest not worse from pride or any other cause when thou oughtest to be better. For we should not fight against God with His own gifts."

King Louis took his army on the 7th Crusade in 1248. This proved to be a disaster and the king was captured. After an absence of six years, he was successfully ransomed and returned home. In 1270 he sought redemption for his first failure and embarked on another crusade. It was the dead of summer in northern Africa and dysentery and typhoid swept through the dirty camps. King Louis IX died while lying on a bed of ashes, saying the name of the city he never conquered: "*Jerusalem, Jerusalem.*" Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed Louis a saint in 1297. He is the only king of France named a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

This man was a true gentleman as he tried to treat everyone with courtesy and respect while remaining strong and compassionate at the same time. His feast day is August 25 and he is the patron of the Third Order of St. Francis, the nation of France and our parish!

St. Louis IX, please pray for us. (From aleteia.org)

The members of the 11:30 AM choir invite you to learn along with us as we introduce **new Mass parts for the 11:30 AM Mass** beginning in early September. The *Mass of St. Mary Magdalene* is written by contemporary Catholic composer Sarah Hart. You will find Youtube links (including words and notation) to help familiarize you with the new music on the Welcome page of our parish website: saintlouisparish.ca. Join with us as we joyfully worship together! (Donna McLellan)



The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, as the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days on the First Saturdays from June through October. Next

events – Saturday <u>September 7</u> with Bishop Douglas Crosby and Saturday, October 5 with Bishop Daniel Miehm. Schedule: 9 AM - Holy Hour & Confessions, 10:30 AM - Mass & Reflection, 11:30 AM - Rosary Procession, noon - Tea & Coffee Available. Bring your own lunch. The Gift Shop will be open & Basilica tours will be available.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute -In times of uncertainty, we may ask like Peter, "Lord, to whom can we go?". This question reflects the deep human longing for direction and purpose, especially when discerning our vocation. Just as Peter recognized Jesus as the source of eternal life, discerning our vocation means recognizing our purpose in Christ. Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, CR; Vocation Team; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

Marian Residence Catholic Retirement Home is located in Cambridge and currently has vacancies. If you are considering moving into a retirement community, consider us. For more information email info@marianresidence.ca or call 519-653-0363.

Resurrection Manor Cleaner and Kitchen Help Wanted - Hours 8AM till noon, Monday - Thursday, Friday as needed. Starting mid September 2024. Salary – \$20.00/hour.

<u>Job Description:</u> Come join our team at Resurrection Manor, located near the University of Waterloo. We are currently hiring a part-time flex cleaner/kitchen helper. No experience required, training will be provided. Must be punctual, polite and willing to learn. Some duties include – cleaning of private residence including private rooms. Vacuuming, sweeping, mopping, laundry, ironing and helping with set up and cleanup of the dining room, other duties as assigned.

<u>Criteria:</u> High school diploma an asset, vulnerable sector criminal records check, carry self with discretion. Be physically fit, team oriented. Submit resume to 1836rco@gmail.com

Come Retreat With Loyola House - Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See our website at loyolahouse.com (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats:

The Enneagram - A Practice for Accessing Your Divine Essense - Three evening sessions on Sep. 10, 17, & 24

Dining with Ignatius: The Saint's guidance for mindful eating – Sep. 12 Prayer Bead Pilgrimage – Sep. 21

Martha & Mary: Action & Contemplation – Sep. 25

Register online at <u>loyolahouse.com</u> or <u>registration@ignatiusguelph.ca</u> or call 519-824-1250X266.

You are invited to **visit the Edward Halter home** (at 1338B Maryhill Road in Maryhill) that houses Maryhill Historical Society. Open every Sunday from noon until 3 PM. Come see our museum which holds over 1300 family genealogy information, chapel, artifacts, pictures, information and clothing from Alsace France and much, much more.

A Bus Trip To Hamilton, on Monday, Oct. 7– All Day Trip.

To book a seat, or for additional information, please contact Patrycja at Our Lady of Lourdes parish by directly by calling 519-886-0342X3, or by emailing lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com. Don't miss out on this mini-pilgrimage and adventure. Stop by OLOL parish office (173 Lourdes St.) to purchase your tickets. Only 56 tickets available. An information session will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes parish office, Waterloo on Friday, Aug. 30 at 5 PM. Please confirm your attendance.

Date	Sunday	Loose	Maint.	Diocesan	PAD
Aug 11	2499.00	321.40	50.00	50.00	2227.31
Aug 18	4439.00	313.00	20.00	150.00	2227.31

Thank	you	for	your	donations
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Mass & Reception for the Carmelite Nuns in St. Agatha

The Committee for the Carmelite Nuns invite you to attend a special Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger at

Holy Family Croatian Roman Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St. Kitchener) on Monday October 28 at 5 PM, followed by a sit-down dinner in the reception hall. Meal for 2 people is a minimum donation of \$250 (eligible for a full tax receipt) and can be mailed to Carmel of St. Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., RR1, St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0, or 'Donate Now' at <u>www.thecarmel.ca</u>. <u>RSVP by Oct 10</u>. Please contact Liz Motz 519-590- 4808 with questions.

Scotland & Northern England Trip, May 4-17, 2025: 12-day, almost all-inclusive trip to Stirling, Durham, Lake District, and the surrounding countryside. Open to members and non-members of St. Teresa of Avila parish community. \$4,695; deposit due mid-July. See the St. Teresa of Avila parish website (www.stteresaelmira.ca) Events Page for itinerary and details. Organized by Joan Coutu with Fr. Peter Meyer.

Sicily to Rome – Pilgrimage of Hope for 2025 Jubilee Year, May 22 – June 2, 2025 under spiritual leadership of Fr. Toby Collins, C. R. Pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Kitchener. \$5,495; Highlights: Palermo, Monreale, Taormina, Messina, Paolo, Sorrento, Naples, Amalfi Coast, Capti, Pompei, Vatican City, Assisi and Rome. Includes Sunday Mass at St. Peter's Basilica with Pope Francis and entry through Holy Door. For more information contact International Heritage Tours at 416-444-666, 877-999-8868, or henry@ihtours.com.

Maryhill Historical Society Heritage Day – Sun., Sep. 22. Mass at 11 AM, followed by lunch at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E., Maryhill). Lunch hosted by the CWL. Tickets required for lunch \$15. Email: <u>maryhillroots@gmail.com</u> or Diane 519-648-2432, Tom 519-824-4074 / 519-837-6967 or Linda 519-242-9595. Following the luncheon there will be a car cavalcade to the area shrines and the Edward Halter House (Historical Society) will be open for visitors as well. This is the major fundraiser for this Society.

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year, year 2024 continues as a Year of Prayer. In past bulletins (in 2023) we looked at various prayers based on biblical texts, and (in early months of 2024) at the prayers of the Mass. We may be familiar with May being a month dedicated to Blessed Virgin Mary, June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and October to the Rosary. But what about the remaining months? Here is a full list of the dedications to help us with our private devotions:



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