

# St. Louis Catholic Church

53 Allen Street East, Waterloo ON N2J 1J3 Tel: 519-743-4101  
Email: stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com Web site: www.saintlouisparish.ca  
Served by the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1890.

**Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4 p.m.  
**Summer hours** (Canada Day to Labour Day): Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**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.**



## Pastoral Team:

**Pastor**  
Father Phil Reilly, C.R.  
preilly@hamiltondiocese.com

**Coordinator of Youth and  
Children's Ministries**  
Kelly Krause  
kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com

**Parish Secretary**  
Anna Malton  
stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com

**Custodian**  
Doug Lichty

**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:

**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

**Prayer Chain**  
Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

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



# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

<b>Monday, December 2 – No Mass</b>			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis		Nursery
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal		Church
7:30 PM	Bible Study- Bible Timeline (22/23)		L. Hall
<b>Tuesday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest</b>			
9:00 AM	† Anne & Peter Malton – Malton Family		
9:30 AM	Book Group		L. Hall
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly		Nursery
<b>Wednesday, December 4</b>			
9:00 AM	† Moe Webster – Webster Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
7:00 PM	† Esta McKinley – CWL Mass		
7:30 PM	CWL Meeting		L. Hall
<b>Thursday, December 5</b>			
9:00 AM	† Albert & Bernetta Dietrich – Estate of Anne T. Paleczny		
1:00 PM	Pivotal Players (10/10)		L. Hall
<b>Friday, December 6</b>			
9:00 AM	† Frank Pendergast		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
<b>Saturday, December 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b>			
<b>Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent</b>			
5:00 PM	† John Kenny & Terence Bayley – Pat & Joan Forde		
	† Carol Schneider – Ron Schneider		
	† Walter & Kaye Hartman – Children		
	† Sandra O'Hagan – Bob & Giselle		
<b>Sunday, December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent</b>			
9:30 AM	† Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel		
	† Katherine Bortscher – Collins Family		
	† Norma Topsy Luftus – Larry Ertel		
	† Marie Rosario – Noronha Family		
	10:30 AM Coffee Time		L. Hall
	10:40 AM Planning meeting for Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> Ceili		L. Hall
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
	12:30 AM Bible Study- Bible Timeline (23/23)		L. Hall
	4:30 PM OOTC Community Supper		Gym

### Reflection on the First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

As we begin our new liturgical year and the season of Advent, the readings remind us that newness and hope for a better future can arise out of the troubled times of the past and present because God's promises endure. Christians live in this hope for the future and trust in God's omnipotence.

Writing during the waning years of the Davidic monarchy in Jerusalem, when Babylon threatened to destroy Jerusalem and its Temple, and eventually did (587 BC), the Prophet Jeremiah cannot ignore the past and the present troubles. As a theological interpreter of Judah's spiritual health, Jeremiah identifies the nation's infidelity to its covenant promises and the arrogance of its overconfident royal house as the primary causes for its demise and destruction. Assyria and Babylon are God's tools to discipline the nation.

Still, Jeremiah also gives voice to the Lord's determination to do something new with Judah and Israel, despite the punishment. God's gracious resolve will not be restrained by their past faithlessness, or even by the demands of just punishment. Today's passage features God's promise that all will be fulfilled "in those days and at that time." God will restore the Davidic line by raising up a future "righteous Branch" who will act in obedience to the covenant by executing "justice and righteousness." This will ensure blessing and safety in Judah and Jerusalem. Thus, even from a dark and ominous present, a hope-filled future emerges. (From Workbook for Lectors)

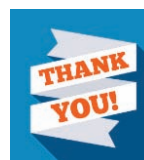


The Advent themes traditionally focus on the virtues and qualities central to the preparation for Christmas. Each year, the Advent themes are always the same.

**First Theme: Hope** - The Advent theme of hope is the first focus of the season, setting the tone for a period of anticipation and expectation. Rooted in the promises of God, hope during Advent looks forward to both the celebration of Christ's birth and His eventual return.

What is the importance of hope during Advent? - Biblically, hope is a steadfast trust in God's faithfulness, seen in verses like Jeremiah 29:11—"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, give you a future and a hope." This hope encourages believers to trust in God's plan, even in uncertain times, just as God's people awaited a Saviour in times of hardship.

In Advent, hope reminds us that God is with us and has promised a future filled with His presence and peace. Lighting the first Advent candle of hope serves as a reminder of the light that Jesus brings to a world in darkness. Embracing the theme of hope calls us to pray, reflect, and align our hearts with God's promises, looking forward to the joy of Christ's arrival at Christmas and His return at the end of time. (From ascensionpress.com)



A Huge Thank you for the donations of over \$9,800.00 towards the OOTC Community Supper program. Without our volunteers and our benefactors the program could not continue. Thank you to everyone for all your support!



St. Louis CWL is happy to announce a 2<sup>nd</sup> gift card fundraising program with a local favourite, Vincenzo's. With each gift card you purchase from us, our CWL with earn 10% of the value back as a donation to our CWL. Cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100. We will be selling the gift cards at our next General Meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Orders must be placed by Sunday December 8, 2024. To order please contact Patti Pagett – 519-744-7705 or [dpac@golden.net](mailto:dpac@golden.net) Thank you for supporting both our CWL council and our local business!



Ladies, please join us for our next General Meeting on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 7PM. In lieu of a guest speaker, we will extend our social time and enjoy singing Christmas Carols, have our annual Christmas auction and listen to an Advent reflection. All ladies 16 years of age and older are welcome to our General Meetings. We look forward to welcoming YOU to a special evening.



**St. Louis SVDP will be teaming up with the Waterloo Knights of Columbus by hosting a toy drive**, here at St. Louis church. We will collect new toys that will be distributed throughout the region this Christmas season to children in need. A tree will be located inside the front entrance of the church November 16<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>. On the tree will be tags identifying a child by sex and age. Choose a tag, purchase the toy and return back to St. Louis. (PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE TOY, SIMPLY ATTACH THE TAG.) SVDP members will be collecting the new toys at the gym entrance (off the parking lot) on the weekend of **Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** before and after all Masses. The *Waterloo Knights of Columbus New Toys for Needy Kids Toy Drive* is the largest Toy Drive in Southwestern Ontario and has collected and distributed more than \$6,000,000 in toys and donations to date. To find out more about Waterloo Knights of Columbus Toy Drive: <https://waterlooknightsofcolumbus.com/toy-drive/> St. Louis St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your support of this project.





**St. Louis Advent/Christmas Concert** - Please join us at St. Louis Church on Friday Dec.13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM for an hour of music, featuring members of the 11:30 music group. A freewill offering will be collected, with all proceeds going to the St. Louis CWL & St. Vincent de Paul. Following the concert, the reception in the Large Hall will be hosted by CWL & SVDP.



**Youth Group Christmas Party for all those youth in Gr. 5 – Gr. 8.** This will take place on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> after the 5 PM Mass. There will be food and games and fun to be had. Please register with Kelly Krause at the parish office. We need to know numbers to help with the planning of food.



**Dramatization of the Gospel at the 5 PM Christmas Eve Mass. Older children interested in singing are invited to join the Dramatization as members of a choir.** – Practices will take place after the 11:30 AM Mass on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. A hotdog lunch will be provided for children and parents. Parents must stay with the children during the practice. Please sign up with Kelly Krause at the parish office or in the nursery.



**Pivotal Players** –Thursdays at 1 PM in the Large Hall screening of full episodes of Bishop Barron's series on men and women whose friendship with Christ transformed their own lives and the world. Concluding episode is about Flannery O'Connor (1925 – 1964).

**Christmas Sing-a-long with Michael Kelly Cavan @ St. Mary's Church** (56 Duke St. W., Kitchener) on Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 PM. Hosted by the St. Mary's Truth & ReconciliACTION Circle. All proceeds will support Healing of the Seven Generations Christmas appeal for Indigenous families in our region. Cookies, coffee, hot chocolate in parish hall following. Free will offering graciously accepted or bring an unwrapped toy (age 0-11) or a gift card, including movie, Bingemans, Sky Zone passeses, sporting events tickets. Cash, cheques, debit card accepted. Families welcome.

**Christmas Dinner Saturday, Dec. 7,** at St. Teresa of Avila Church (19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira) Dinner - 6:30 PM. (Catered by *Grill on the Green*) Adults: \$30, Children (5-10 years): \$15, Children (4 & under): free. Contact St. Teresa of Avila Church office for reservation: 519-669-3387 between 9 AM - 1 PM – Tuesday to Friday. Cash, cheque or e-transfer to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com accepted. Menu: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Mixed Vegetables, Squash, Coleslaw, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Beverages, Dessert. All welcome!

**Heartache to Healing – Grief Support Group - Coping with Christmas** - Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season when we are reminded of our loved ones who are no longer with. We may begin to worry about our sense of belonging and how we are going to cope. Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead. Date: Wed., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 7 – 8:30 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM) at St. Michael Parish Centre (basement) – 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo. For more info. or to register, please contact St. Michael's Parish office 519-884-9311 / [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca).

**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute** - Advent is a season of waiting - an active, expectant waiting for the Lord. Today's Gospel encourages us to stay vigilant during this time. In the same way, discerning your vocation demands patience and trust in God's timing. If you find yourself feeling impatient in your discernment process, could this Advent be an opportunity to embrace waiting as a sacred period of growth and preparation? How might you use this time to fully respond to God's call? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, CR; [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

## Special Events coming up at St. Louis parish

**Dec. 1** – Sacrament of Confirmation– First Sunday of Advent (9:30 AM)  
**December** (various dates) – Advent Reconciliation opportunities in KW parishes – See parish website for detailed calendar  
**Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22** – Advent Mission *Prepare the Way* preached by Fr. Jim Link, C.R. during all the Sunday & Saturday Night Masses  
**Dec. 13** – Advent & Christmas Concert & Reception (7 PM)  
**Dec. 14** – Youth Christmas Party (Grades 5 - 8) (6 PM)  
**Dec. 15 & 22** – Rehearsals for Dramatizations of the Gospel (12:30 PM)  
**Dec. 23** – Decorating St. Louis Church for Christmas season (9 AM)  
**Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve - Start of the Jubilee Year 2025 – Pope Francis to open the Jubilee Doors in Rome (The Jubilee year will come to a close on Epiphany 2026)  
**Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve Masses: 5 PM & 8 PM  
**Dec. 25** – Christmas Day Masses: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM  
**Dec. 31** – New Year's Eve Mass: 5 PM  
**Jan. 1** – New Year's Day Mass: 9:30 AM (only)  
**Jan. 1** – In 2025 we celebrate the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Louis Parish. Fr. Theobald Spetz was placed in charge of the first Waterloo parish (St. Louis) in 1889. The subscription of funds started and in the spring of 1890 the preparation of the ground, formation of the hill and pouring of the foundations took place. The construction was advanced enough for the consecration to take place on the Feast of Epiphany (Jan. 6, 1891) by Bishop Dowling. Year 1890 is accepted as the inaugural year of St. Louis Parish and Feast of the Epiphany as the consecration date.  
**Jan. 4** – Epiphany Potluck & Party (6 PM) (food, games & screening of the play *St. Louis - King and Parish*. This play was written and performed for 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish in 2015.)  
**Jan. 5** – Feast of the Epiphany  
**Feb. 8** – Potluck & Ceili Dance with a Medieval Theme – As part of our parish 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we will transform for one night our Gym into 13<sup>th</sup> century Hall (King Louis IX times were 1214 – 1270). Wear a medieval costume, if you wish. If interested, help making decorations ahead of the event (contact parish office for details).

**The Story Of The Jesse Tree** - Jesse was the father of the great King David of the Old Testament. He is often looked upon as the first person in the genealogy of Jesus.

In Church art a design developed showing the relationship of Jesus with Jesse and other biblical personages. This design showed a branched tree growing from a reclining figure of Jesse. The various branches had pictures of other Old and New Testament figures who were ancestors of Jesus. At the top of the tree were figures of Mary and Jesus. This design was used mostly in stained glass windows in some of the great medieval cathedrals of Europe. The Cathedral of Chartres (dedicated in 1260) has a particularly beautiful Jesse Tree window.

Another development in religious art during the Middle Ages was that of Mystery Plays—drama that depicted various Bible stories or lives of Saints and Martyrs. These plays were performed in churches as part of the liturgical celebrations. One such play was based on the Bible account of the fall of Adam and Eve. The "Tree of Life" used during the play was decorated with apples. This is also the forerunner of our own Christmas tree. (From [www.catholicculture.org/culture/](http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/))  
 Come to the Large Hall this Advent to see our growing Jesse Tree.

Date	Sunday	Loose	Maint.	Diocesan	PAD
Nov 24	1952.35	524.45	97.00	0.00	2178.61

*Thank you for your donation*

**martin's**  
Guardian Pharmacy+

We Care For You Like Family  
martinspharmacy.ca  
Alan Martin, Pharmacist  
519-664-3785  
10 Parkside Dr., St. Jacobs



**Henry Walser**  
FUNERAL HOME LTD.

AN INDEPENDENT FAMILY OWNED  
FUNERAL HOME  
507 FREDERICK ST.  
(at expressway)  
**519-749-8467**



**www.roofman.com**  
**519-744-3830**



**Shopping  
Locally  
Saves Gas**



**Waterloo Knights of Columbus  
Columbus Conference Centre**

145 Dearborn Place

**Friday Night Fish Fry:**

Take out call Derek 226-748-8378

Eat in call Manager 519-884-2060

**Hall Rentals:**

Life Celebrations, Weddings and Showers,  
call Manager 519-884-2060



**Hygate**  
Retirement Residence

Call for your  
complimentary  
tour & lunch



Seniors Apartments  
Independent Living Plus  
Assisted Living  
Respite Care

**519-501-1131 ext 7502**  
info@hygateliving.com

**munjal carere dental**

Dr. Vincent P. Carere DDS, Complete Implant Services  
Dr. Ajay K. Munjal BSc. DDS, Sedation Certified  
450 Erb St. W. (Beechwood Centre)

**munjalcareredental.ca | 519-886-0330**

## Preparing for Surgery? Surgical Risk Insurance

Let's face it, there are risks, but we're here to help relieve any financial anxiety by providing quick & affordable Insurance coverage for accidental death so you can focus on your preparation and recovery.

### Who is this insurance for?

- ✓ You have a scheduled surgery upcoming
- ✓ You want to protect your loved ones in case of accidental death during your surgery
- ✓ You need affordable, simple and one-time insurance protection



**SAMOS**

[www.surgeryinsurance.ca](http://www.surgeryinsurance.ca)  
1-866-875-1999



- Commercial • Radiant Heaters
- Industrial • Gas Furnaces
- Residential • Air Conditioning

**REITZEL HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING**

665 Superior Drive, Waterloo, Ont N2V 2C8 **519-884-3510**

## THE PERFECT SPOT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!



**TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL 905-624-4422**

### THE MILLER INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT GROUP

ScotiaMcLeod,\* a division of Scotia Capital Inc.

**Peter J. Miller, CFA**  
Senior Wealth Advisor, Portfolio Manager

We build a complete financial strategy for all our clients, including financial and estate planning, tax efficient investment management and insurance strategies.

[www.millerinvestmentmanagementgroup.ca](http://www.millerinvestmentmanagementgroup.ca)

**Scotia Wealth Management.**

Scotia Capital Inc. is a member of the Canadian Investor Protection Fund and the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada. The Miller Investment Management Group is a personal trade name of Peter Miller.

**VINCENZO'S**  
SINCE 1967

150 Caroline Street South, Waterloo, Ontario

At the Bauer Marketplace (King & Allen St.)

Weekdays 9 am–8 pm, Saturday 8 am–6 pm.

Closed Sunday

**ERB & GOOD**  
FAMILY FUNERAL HOME

*Proud to be  
Family Owned &  
Independently Operated  
Since 1946*

171 King St. S. Waterloo

**519.745.8445**

[www.erbgood.com](http://www.erbgood.com)