



# St. Louis Catholic Church

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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:

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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:

**Finance Council**  
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For food hamper or more  
information call 519-743-4101



# 2025 – YEAR OF JUBILEE – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

## MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

### Monday, February 24 – No Mass

9 – 11:30 AM	Pickle Ball	Gym
5:30– 6:45 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery
7:30 PM	Bible Study – Book of Revelation 4/11	L. Hall

### Tuesday, February 25

#### 9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church

9:30 AM	Book Group - "Jesus & the Jubilee"	L. Hall
1 PM	Prayer Shawl Meeting	L. Hall
7 PM	Painting with Kelly	L. Hall

### Wednesday, February 26

9:00 AM	† Barbara Krimmer – Cecilia Beechey	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
7:00 PM	† Mary Smith & Judy Schnarr – CWL Mass	
7:30 PM	CWL Meeting	L. Hall

### Thursday, February 27

9:00 AM	† Tim Montserin – Cecilia Beechey	
6 – 7 PM	First Communion Preparation	Nursery

### Friday, February 28

9:00 AM	† Stanley Reitzel – Claire & Richard Armitage	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym

### Saturday, March 1

#### Vigil of The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 PM	† Stan Reitzel – John & Sharon Carey	
	† Dr. Paul Horan – Shirley Clairmont	
	† Maggie Maw – Margaret & Bruce Schnarr	
	† Dominic & Tony Yolkowski – Jack & Marilyn Yolkowski	

### Sunday, March 2 – The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:30 AM	† Bert & Katie Ruetz – Ruetz Family	
	† Tony Yolkowski – John & Sharon Carey	
	† Ted Powers – Joan Powers	
	† Audrey Seifried – Joan Powers	
	10:30 AM Coffee Time	L. Hall
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish	
	12:30 AM Bible Study – Lunch & Book of Revelation 5/11	L. Hall
	4:30 PM OOTC Community Supper	Gym

### Reflection on the First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25

What does it mean to act from one's best self? Today's readings imply that such integrity is best exemplified in moments of testing, whether the test is part of an unfolding divine plan or simply the integrity required to be a steadfast disciple of the kingdom.

1 Samuel is one of six books that form a Deuteronomistic History: Joshua, Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, and 1 and 2 Kings. After forty years in the wilderness and two hundred years of conquering and settling Canaan (Joshua and Judges), Israelite society was chaotic, violent, and leaderless. 1 Samuel describes the subsequent period when two key institutions developed in Israel: prophesy and monarchy. Taking a chronological approach, the book first describes the natural merger of several roles into one: Samuel, the final judge and a priest apprentice to Eli, emerges as the Prophet. With Samuel in place, the second institution, the monarchy, emerges from ambivalent origins with Saul as Israel's first king.

Despite its historical tone, 1 Samuel is primarily a theological work and asserts that God chooses leaders. Thus no political process or human intrigue can undo God's choice for Israel's king. Consequently, even Samuel is taken aback when God sends him to

## Prayer For Diocesan Ministries

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call to use their gifts in the service of our Diocese, working in union with our Bishop, providing counsel to our Pastors and to support their ministry as coworkers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Through their varied ministries, may they support the pastors of our Church, and through their work in our Diocese touch the hearts of all in our community who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith, that never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## The Society of St Vincent de Paul, St. Louis Conference 2024 Annual Report to the Parish

We extend our deepest gratitude for the tireless work of our members, volunteers and for the generosity of our donors and the entire Parish community for their unwavering support. You are the heart of St. Vincent de Paul. The following are examples of how your generosity supports the poor.

In 2024, donations totalled \$23,861.00. With these funds, on your behalf we were able to provide \$21,638.00 worth of goods and food for various groups including those at A Better Tent City and Care Bags for those who come to the Sunday Night supper. You contributed 612 tins of meat for the North of 60 project and gave an abundance of gifts for the Angel Tree at Christmas. The Christmas gift certificates and toys always bring joy during the holiday season. Marillac Place, our twin conference in Trinidad, and Ukrainian Refugees locally were also the recipients of your generosity. Warm mitts were provided for students in a local school. As you can see, your donations directly support individuals and families in need by providing essential items such as food, clothing, bedding and toiletries.

Looking forward, St. Vincent de Paul remains committed to serving the poor locally. We are exploring new ways to expand our volunteer base and more ways to serve the poor. Come and join us.

Jesus says when you feed, clothe and shelter the least of my brothers, you do it to me. We meet God in the poor.

Father Ron Rolheiser



## St. Louis Catholic Women's League Presents a ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY

WHEN? Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

WHAT TIME? 11:30 AM till 4:00 PM

WHERE? Knights of Columbus Hall, 145 Dearborn Place Waterloo

COST? \$20, which includes lunch!

WHY? Why not?

What else have you got to do on a weekday in March?

TICKETS? Contact Patti Pagett at dpac@golden.net or 519-501-8062

Proceeds to St. Louis C.W.L. THANK YOU!

Bethlehem to anoint David as king, while Saul is still ruling. Such a situation cannot last, and the relationship between Saul and David deteriorates rapidly, leading to today's reading, their final encounter.

Desperate to eliminate his rival David, Saul and his forces search for David and those loyal to him in an account that is told twice, in chapters 24 and 26, with slight variations. The account's most significant contribution to the story is to reassert David's innocence and his noble character. Presented with the opportunity to defeat and kill Saul, David demonstrates that he is truly the Lord's anointed one. Even Saul admits his guilt and blesses David. (From Workbook for Lectors)

Our next **CWL General Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 7 PM. We





# 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 23, 2025

are having our March meeting early in order to not interfere with Ash Wednesday. We will be having some fun and holding a scarf and bracelet exchange. Our very own Marlene Hergott will give us a tutorial on creative techniques for wearing scarves. We ask you to dig in your closets and bring some scarves and bracelets you would like to part with to our meeting. Patti Pagett will also continue to have gift cards for sale from Vista VIP which can be used for your everyday purchases and popular restaurants. We look forward to welcoming you!

All are invited to attend a **Senior Information Fair** on Saturday, April 5, 2025, drop-in from 1 to 4 PM at St. Louis Gym, 77 Willow St., Waterloo (a barrier-free environment). This is a great opportunity to meet over 30 professionals from many areas impacting seniors' lives to ask questions about what is available. Admission and refreshments are free. Sponsored by St. Louis Ministry to the Elderly and St. Louis Catholic Women's League. For information contact [StLouisSeniorFair2025@gmail.com](mailto:StLouisSeniorFair2025@gmail.com) or Cecilia, 519-572-5435

**Next St. Agnes Education Cafe:** In ancient times, leprosy was a frightening disease that kept people distanced & feeling "outcast" from their community. Today we ask: who are the marginalized among us? From homeless encampments, bullying, rising mental health cases & more, many today feel outcast & unloved. We are always called to love the sick, poor & suffering - even when it is easier to look the other way. When we show love, we are Christ's merciful hands reaching out to heal. Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2-3:30 PM with guest Fr. Toby Collins, Pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Kitchener, Founder "Tiny Home Takeout". [www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org)

**The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** – Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2025? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 PM. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if they require assistance). Registration: at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under Upcoming Events.

**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute** - Jesus teaches that the way we treat others reflects the measure of our own hearts. In today's Gospel, He urges us to be merciful, to forgive, and to give without expecting anything in return. This standard isn't easy, yet it lays the foundation for any true vocation: a life rooted in self-giving love. What fears or hesitations hold you back from embracing a life of radical self-giving? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, CR; [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

**New availability in Catholic Retirement Home** - Seniors are welcome to tour Marian Residence near Shantz Hill in Cambridge. This is a wonderful option for clean and comfortable living in a quiet residential area. Three homemade meals are served each day in a friendly atmosphere. Residents are welcome to participate in the rosary and daily Mass in the chapel. Marian Residence is home to many Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, who live onsite and operate this special place with supportive and qualified staff. Please email [info@marianresidence.ca](mailto:info@marianresidence.ca) or call 519-653-0363 to arrange a tour.

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*Thank you for your donations on Feb 16*

**Saint of the Day** – St. Gregory of Narek's Story (c. 945-1003)

Gregor was born in a village on the shores of Lake Van between 945 and 950. When his parents died, Gregor and his older brother were raised by a scholarly uncle who had them educated at the Narek monastery where he was a monk. The monastery was a prominent center of learning located in what is now Turkey. Gregor too entered the monastery and was ordained in 977.

A professor of theology, Gregor wrote a mystical interpretation of the Song of Songs, and a long mystical poem called the Book of Prayer or the Book of Lamentations. He described his poem as "an encyclopedia of prayer for all nations." This classic of Armenian literature has been translated into 30 languages. The Russian text of the Book of Lamentations was set to music in 1985.

Little else is known about Gregor, other than he died in the early 11th century and was buried within the walls of the Narek monastery where he had spent his life. In 2015 as the world observed the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide in the Ottoman Empire, Pope Francis concelebrated a Mass at the Vatican with Patriarch Nerses Bedros XIX Tarmouni and declared the monk, poet, and saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Gregory of Narek, a Doctor of the Church. His liturgical feast is celebrated on February 27.

**Reflection:** As opposed to the Armenian Catholic Church that began in the 17th century, the earlier Armenian Apostolic Church did not accept the Council of Chalcedon's 451 teaching that Christ was fully divine and fully human. In 1996, St. John Paul II and Apostolic Catholicos Karekin I signed a declaration confirming the common faith of their two Churches. Prayer often unites groups of people who have seen themselves as very distinct — even enemies. (*From franciscanmedia.org*)

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on Friday, March 7, 2025 at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5 PM to 7:30 PM. Take-out will be at 4:30 – 5 PM. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Purchase your tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928 or at the Parish Office between 9 AM and 1 PM (Tuesday to Friday) or call 519-669-3387. Cost is Adults \$20; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take-out is \$20. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the K of C Charities.

**The Reel Justice Film Festival** offers another crucial dialogue with Resilient Genius Feb. 25, 7– 9 PM. The film gives voice to children and youth affected by war, conflict, and political unrest. Thirteen children and youth immerse us in memories of Syria, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Rwanda, Afghanistan and Iraq, reflecting on their lives before, during, and after experiences of violence. Their raw recollections, expressions of wisdom, and transformative acts provide a powerful call to action. Film Director Joanne Hodges and Rita Balla, Director, Diocesan Office for Refugees will provide further discussion following the film. The event will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule at:



<https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>

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