

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.



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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



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

Monday, January 27 – No Mass

9 – 11:30 AM	Pickle Ball	Gym
5:30– 6:45 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery
7:30 – 9 PM	Bible Study – Book of Revelation 2/11	L. Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor

9:00 AM	† Albert & Bernetta Dietrich – Estate of Ann Therese	Paleczny
9:30 AM	Book Group	L. Hall
1:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Meeting	L. Hall
7:00 AM	Painting with Kelly	L. Hall

Wednesday, January 29

9:00 AM	† Esta McKinley – Cecilia Beechey	Gym
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	

Thursday, January 30

9:00 AM	† Michael Naciuk – Cecilia Beechey	Nursery
6 – 7 PM	First Communion Preparation	

Friday, January 31 – St. John Bosco, Priest

9:00 AM	† Anthony Quadros – Noronha Family	Gym
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	

Saturday, February 1

Vigil of The Presentation of the Lord

5:00 PM People of St. Louis Church

Sunday, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

9:30 AM	† Mary Smith – St. Louis Prayer Chain Ministry	
	† Tony Yolkowski – Prayer Shawl Family	
	Intentions of Mary Catherine Newcomb – Isabella Stephanescu	
	10:30 AM Coffee Time	L. Hall
	10:40 AM Ceili Organizational Meeting	L. Hall
11:30 AM	† Mary Smith – Don & Lorraine Prior	
	† Clarence Anstett – Anstett Family	
	† Tim Montserin – John & Sharon Carey	
	† Maggie Maw – Marie Miller	
	12:30 PM Study – Book of Revelation 3/11	L. Hall
	4:30 PM OOTC Community Supper	Gym

Reflection on the First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10++

Among the lesser known books of the Old Testament are the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, which are frequently read together. While it is unclear if Ezra and Nehemiah had the same or different authors, it is likely that they appeared in their present form in the late fourth century BC, when Judah was a remote province in the Persian Empire. The books are named after their protagonists: Ezra, the priest-scribe responsible for rebuilding the religious identity of Judah after the exile in Babylon, and Nehemiah, an official from the Persian court who was commissioned to oversee the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem. Although Ezra and Nehemiah appear in both books, the books themselves often present conflicting information, making the accurate dating of events and even the persons involved rather sketchy.

Drawn from Nehemiah 8, today's reading describes how Ezra (in Nehemiah's presence) engages in his most important public task: to conduct an extended public reading of the Torah of Moses (the book of the Law) and to lead the people in a renewal of the Mosaic covenant. What is presumed but left unsaid is the situation in which the people find themselves. Having returned from exile in Babylon, the returnees are confronted with a destroyed Jerusalem and its Temple, the devastation of their royal family, and the loss of the covenant identity. Indeed the loss of their national identity is so extreme that they no longer speak Hebrew, their native language. Thus Ezra's task is an

2025 – Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope.



First Communion Preparation Classes - If you have a child in gr. 2 and would like them to receive the Sacrament of First Communion here at St. Louis parish, classes will begin Thursday, January 30th, 6 PM - 7 PM.

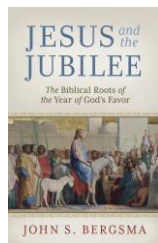
The First Communion will take place on Sunday, May 4th at 9:30 AM. Please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office to register.



Our next **CWL General Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, February 5th beginning with Mass at 7PM. Following Mass, we will meet in the Large Hall for refreshments and to hear our Guest Speaker Cecilia Beechey speak to us about the Ministry of the Elderly and our upcoming Senior Fair. ALL parishioners are invited to this presentation. We will finish the evening with a brief meeting. Please join us and bring a friend!

Starting - Bible Study: The Book of Revelation with

Jeff Cavins. 11 part DVD course running concurrently on Sundays at 12:30 PM (lunch included), or on Mondays at 7:30 PM (with refreshments). This study program shows how the kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven. Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." Course is free. Handouts provided. If you wish to have your own workbook (\$38) please contact the office. **Introductory session was on Jan.19/20 in the Large Hall. Still time to join.** Full schedule on saintlouisparish.ca



Book Group meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM (after the morning Mass at 9 AM) in the Large Hall. Meetings run for an hour. On February 4th (Delayed by 1 week) are starting a new book by John Bergsma "Jesus and the Jubilee – The Biblical Roots of the Year of God's Favor". In this book John Bergsma gets to the roots of the jubilee, showing how this practice was established in order to preserve freedom, family, and the fullness of God's blessing for the ancient Israelites. Discover how the jubilee is the very center of Jesus's mission and how we can fully participate in this ongoing "year of favour." Jubilee means joy—a joy that's not fleeting, a joy that lasts. We read the book together at the meetings and discuss what we read. No homework. Come when you can. Refreshments provided.

arduous one. Not only must he reacquaint the people with their own tradition – the book of the Law – but he and the Levites need to translate and interpret the text so that the people can understand.

The transformative nature of the moment is revealed in the concluding lines of the reading. We read that the people weep at what they hear. In response to this, they are told that they should not weep on this holy day but should feast, "for the joy of the Lord is your strength." The overall message of Ezra-Nehemiah explains that the disaster of the exile was a direct result of the people's lack of faithfulness to the Torah. It is only in returning to a life of keeping the God's law that they will spare themselves from future destruction. (From Workbook for Lectors)

Sunday	Maintenance	Loose	Initial	PAD
3673.75	1492.50	394.65	25.00	2178.61

Thank you for your donations on Jan 19



VBS Camp – July 14-18, 2025. If you helped in the past or are interested in helping this year, we are in need of volunteers. We are looking for adults and teens to help run the camp. To get more information please come to our first meeting – Wednesday, February 12th at 7PM in the Nursery. We will discuss the theme, whether we can run a full day, or a half day camp, and who is comfortable doing what roles within the camp. Any young adults or teens thinking about helping out, I really need you to come to this meeting. We have many roles for you and I need to know I have enough help to make the camp a great success.



Thomas Toast – Tuesday, January 28th – The Communion Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton invites you to our annual Thomas Toast event. Mass on the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas at 7 PM at St. Anthony Daniel Church, 29 Midland Dr, Kit.. Social at 7:30 PM. At 8:00 PM talk “*St. Thomas Aquinas: The Unity of Philosophy, Theology and Spirituality*” by Fr. Mark Morley, Vocations Director, Diocese of Hamilton. For more info. visit: communiohamiltondiocese.org, or contact Fr. Mark Morley at mmorley@communiohamiltondiocese.org, or Dc. Charles Fernandes at 519-923-0454.

ALPHA 2025 at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Dr., Kit. **Thursdays, Feb. 20 to May 1, 6:30 to 9:15 PM.** Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. It's an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. We start each session with a delicious home-made meal. After dinner, we watch a video and then break into small groups for discussion. All are welcome! For more info. or to sign up, contact Ron Denomme at stmalkalpha@gmail.com or 226-748-3210.

You are invited to a nine week **Christian Life Program** sponsored by Couples For Christ and its Family ministries at St. John's RC Church hall, 85 Strange St. Kit. Thursdays Feb. 6th to April 3rd inclusive. Dinner 6 PM, program 7 PM to 9 PM. Opened to Christian married couples, single women and men, widows and widowers and those separated or divorced. At the same time we offer a Children's program for those 12 years and under. There is no fee. Be enriched by talks on topics: *God's Love, Repentance and Faith, Transformation in Christ.* To register or more info. contact Len or Marie Solomon at 519 744 5198.

Prayer Vigil Tue. Jan. 28th from 5 to 6 PM in front of Kitchener City Hall (200 King St. W. Kit.) to promote sanctity of life from conception to natural death on the anniversary (1988) of striking down by the Supreme Court of Canada all legal abortion restrictions from conception until birth. For more info. call 519-746-5433 or email: jane@kwrtl.ca.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Luke highlights that Jesus returns to Galilee filled with the Holy Spirit, ready to begin His ministry. Similarly, we are invited to let the Spirit shape our hearts, drawing us into holiness and service. Discerning your vocation means asking: Where is the Holy Spirit leading me to share Christ's good news? Will you answer that invitation with trust and courage? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com



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Saint John Bosco (Aug. 16, 1815 – Jan. 31, 1888) - John Bosco's theory of education could well be used in today's schools. It was a preventive system, rejecting corporal punishment and placing students in surroundings removed from the likelihood of committing sin. He advocated frequent reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. He combined catechetical training and fatherly guidance, seeking to unite the spiritual life with one's work, study and play.

Encouraged during his youth in Turin to become a priest so he could work with young boys, John was ordained in 1841. His service to young people started when he met a poor orphan in Turin, and instructed him in preparation for receiving Holy Communion. He then gathered young apprentices and taught them catechism.

After serving as chaplain in a hospice for working girls, Don Bosco opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales for boys. Several wealthy and powerful patrons contributed money, enabling him to provide two workshops for the boys, shoemaking and tailoring.

By 1856, the institution had grown to 150 boys and had added a printing press for publication of religious and catechetical pamphlets. John's interest in vocational education and publishing justify him as patron of young apprentices and Catholic publishers.

John's preaching fame spread and by 1850 he had trained his own helpers because of difficulties in retaining young priests. In 1854, he and his followers informally banded together, inspired by Saint Francis de Sales. With Pope Pius IX's encouragement, John gathered 17 men and founded the Salesians in 1859. Their activity concentrated on education and mission work. Later, he organized a group of Salesian Sisters to assist girls.

Reflection - John Bosco educated the whole person—body and soul united. He believed that Christ's love and our faith in that love should pervade everything we do—work, study, play. For John Bosco, being a Christian was a full-time effort, not a once-a-week, Mass-on-Sunday experience. It is searching and finding God and Jesus in everything we do, letting their love lead us. Yet, because John realized the importance of job-training and the self-worth and pride that come with talent and ability, he trained his students in the trade crafts, too. Saint John Bosco is a Patron Saint of: Boys, Editors, Educators, Teachers, Youth. (From franciscanmedia.org)



To celebrate 135 years of St. Louis Parish
Potluck – Ceili – Games Night
with a Medieval Theme

Saturday, February 8th at St. Louis Gym

No tickets required - Free will offering

Wear a Medieval costume, if you wish.

4:30 PM – 5:45 PM Children Games

6 PM – Potluck dinner (Non-licensed)

7 -10 PM – Ceili Dances from Irish, Scottish & English Traditions

Bring indoor shoes, water bottle & mess kit

Featuring: SHANE COOK (fiddle) &

Mika McCairley (piano) (NEW!)

Guest performance by Medieval Singers
around 8:30 PM



7-10 PM – Board & card games in the Hall

For more info. contact parish office.

ATTENTION: Help is needed with the set-up of the GYM on Saturday Feb. 8th at noon. Please contact the parish office to let us know that you are able to do so!



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