St. Louis Catholic Church

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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.



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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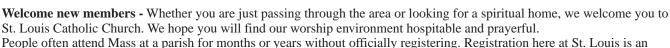
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expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. Parish registration simplifies the process with regard to sponsoring a sacramental candidate; obtaining pastoral references and for preparation of baptisms, weddings and funerals. 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 resurrectionistyocation@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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St Louis Catholic Church

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MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

Monday, July 15 – St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor - No Mass 9 AM - NOONVBS camp L. Hall & Nurserv NOON - 4 PMLego Robotics Camp **GYM** Tuesday, July 16 † Albert & Norma Moser - Moser Family 9:00 AM VBS camp 9 AM - NOONL. Hall & Nursery Lego Robotics Camp NOON - 4 PM**GYM** Wednesday, July 17 9:00 AM † Claire Lagure - Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil 9 AM - NOONVBS camp L. Hall & Nursery NOON - 4 PMLego Robotics Camp **GYM** Thursday, July 18 9:00 AM † Tom & Sonia Moser - Moser Family VBS camp 9 AM - NOONL. Hall & Nursery NOON - 4 PM Lego Robotics Camp **GYM** Friday, July 19 9:00 AM For Children & Youth Attending VBS & Their Families 9 AM - NOONVBS camp L. Hall & Nursery Lego Robotics Camp NOON - 4 PM**GYM** Saturday, July 20 Vigil of 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time † Francis Forde Sr., Elizabeth Halpin – Pat & Joan Forde † Mary Pappert – Brenda Zmija Intentions of William Brunelle - His Aunts & Uncles Intentions of Carolyn Feric & Family - Phyllis Augustine & Family July 21 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday. † Robert Thomas - Cavel Thomas & Family 9:30 AM t Don Miller - Miller Family Intentions of Connie August – Krause Family Intentions of Sr. Paulette Tomlinson on her 60th Jubilee - Geralyn Yolkowski 11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish Monday, July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord - No Mass 9 AM - NOONPickle Ball Tuesday, July 23 9:00 AM In Thanksgiving - Esther McKinnon Wednesday, July 24 - St. Sahrbel Makhlūf, Priest 9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Graces Received – Estrada Family 9 AM - NOONPickle Ball Thursday, July 25 - St. James, Apostle In Thanksgiving for Graces Received – Estrada Family 9:00 AM Friday, July 26 - St. Anne & St. Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 AM † Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family 9 AM - NOONPickle Ball Gym Saturday, July 27 9 AM – Noon SVDP Sandwich Project Kitchen Vigil of 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Intentions of William Brunelle - His Aunts & Uncles 5:00 PM † Mike Feric – Phyllis Augustine & Family Sunday, July 28 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time People of St. Louis Parish 9:30 AM t Neil Prior - Lorraine & Don Prior & Jane & Duncan 11:30 AM Sutherland † Suzanne Garneau - Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil Intentions of Sr. Sharon Kroetsch on her 70th

Anniversary – Cathy & Al Kroetsch



ST. LOUIS PARISH NEWS:

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

Vacation Bible & Lego Robotics Camp 2024 – To Mars and Beyond – July 15-19. The camp is almost full. We have 30 children ages 5 to 11. Please pray for the campers and all the volunteers who make this camp possible under the direction of Kelly Krause (VBS) and Daniel Delattre

(Lego Robotics).

Fr. Solomon Bulus, visiting priest from the Missionary Society of St. Paul in Nigeria will talk about his country and his mission during the Masses on Sunday, July 14th and the Vigil Mass on Saturday, July 13th. Nigeria has second largest population of Catholics in Africa (29 million out of 220 million). (For comparison - the largest population of Catholics in Africa is in Democratic Republic of Congo – 59 million out of 99 million). A collection for the Mission Co-op will be taken.

Book Group decided to start in the fall a book by Fr. Jacques Philippe "Searching for and Maintaining Peace: A Small Treatise on Peace of Heart". Fr. Philippe is a member of The Community of Beautitudes, spiritual director, retreat leader and writer. www.frjacquesphilippe.com

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

The beautiful flower gardens of St. Louis - Take time to admire. Pause for a prayer. Huge *Thank you!* to St. Louis gardening team.

Summer Bulletins are published biweekly. Next bulletin-July 28th.



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

event – <u>August 3rd</u> with Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki. 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 - St. Jerome asks: "Are all commanded not to have two coats, nor food in their possession, money in their purse, only as stuff in the hand and shoes on the feet? Are all commanded to sell all they possess and give it to the poor and follow Jesus? Of course not. This command is for those who earnestly desire to respond fully to grace". A vocation to religious life arises from this desire. Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, CR; Vocation Team; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

Faith After Graduation - The Office of Youth Ministry has produced a resource for those graduating from grade 12. Please visit our webpage to access the brochure and the suggested resources to help you stay connected to the faith and your parish after graduating from your Catholic High School. https://tinyurl.com/dohymresources

Young Adults - Saturday, August 3rd - Hamilton - 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. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 - 7:30 PM), social with food (7:30 - 8 PM), praise night with vocations testimony (8 - 9 PM), and Compline (9 PM) on Saturday, August 3rd at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/ For more information: vocations@hamiltondiocese.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.

Pastoral Assistant - St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Kitchener is seeking a Pastoral Assistant to share in the pastoral activities, beginning October 4, 2024. This is for 35 hours a week, and follows the salary and benefit guidelines of the Diocese. If you are interested please visit the Diocesan website, or our Parish website.

All are invited to attend a special Mass in honour of **Our Lady of Mount Camel** on Sunday July 14, 2024 at 2 pm at the Carmel Monastery (1127 Carmel-Koch Rd, St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0).

Catholic medical student? Scholarship applications available (15,000 per year). Call parish office for more info. Deadline for application: July 31, 2024.

4th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is on Sunday, July 28, 2024. This special Day, initiated by Pope Francis, is a precious opportunity to value grandparents and the elderly in our local communities. This year's theme, "Do not cast me off in my old age" (Ps 71:9), highlights the loneliness experienced by many elderly people. In response, we are invited to celebrate a solemn liturgy with grandparents and the elderly and/or to encourage people to visit them, especially those who are isolated. In a world that increasingly sends a message that the elderly do not matter, we are called to let them know they do and that we recognize their worth.



Excerpts from Pope Francis message for the IV World Day for Grandparents and Elderly: (Full text can be found on our parish website, and few printed copies are at the back of St. Louis church.)

Dear brothers and sisters,

God never abandons his children, never. Even when our age advances and our powers decline, when our hair grows white and our role in society lessens, when our lives become less productive and can risk appearing useless. God does not regard appearances (cf. 1 Sam 16:7); He does not disdain to choose those who, to many people, may seem irrelevant. God discards no stone; indeed, the "oldest" are the firm foundation on which "new" stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. 1 Peter 2:5).

[The] accusation that the elderly "rob the young of their future" is nowadays present everywhere. It appears under other guises even in the most advanced and modern societies. For example, there is now a widespread conviction that the elderly are burdening the young with the high cost of the social services that they require, and in this way are diverting resources from the development of the community and thus from the young. This is a distorted perception of reality. It assumes that the survival of the elderly puts that of the young at risk, that to favour the young, it is necessary to neglect or even suppress the elderly. Intergenerational conflict is a fallacy and the poisoned fruit of a culture of conflict. To set the young against the old is an unacceptable form of manipulation: "What is important is the unity of the different ages of life, which is the real point of reference for understanding and valuing human life in its entirety" (Catechesis, 23 February 2022).

The Psalm cited above – with its plea not to be abandoned in old age – speaks to a conspiracy surrounding the life of the elderly. This may seem an exaggeration, but not if we consider that the loneliness and abandonment of the elderly is not by chance or inevitable, but the

fruit of decisions – political, economic, social and personal decisions – that fail to acknowledge the infinite dignity of each person, "beyond every circumstance, state or situation the person may ever encounter" (Declaration Dignitas Infinita, 1). This happens once we lose sight of the value of each individual and people are then judged in terms of their cost, which is in some cases considered too high to pay. Even worse, often the elderly themselves fall victim to this mindset; they are made to consider themselves a burden and to feel that they should be the first to step aside.

Then too nowadays many women and men seek personal fulfilment in a life as independent as possible and detached from other people. Group memberships are in crisis and individualism is celebrated: the passage from "us" to "me" is one of the most evident signs of our times. The family, which is the first and most radical argument against the notion that we can save ourselves by ourselves, has been one of the victims of this individualistic culture. Yet once we grow old and our powers begin to decline, the illusion of individualism, that we need no one and can live without social bonds, is revealed for what it is. Indeed, we find ourselves needing everything, but at a point in life when we are alone, no longer with others to help, with no one whom we can count on. It is a grim discovery that many people make only when it is too late.

Solitude and abandonment have become recurrent elements in today's social landscape. They have multiple roots. In some cases, they are the result of calculated exclusion, a sort of deplorable "social conspiracy"; in others, tragically, a matter of an individual's personal decision. In still other cases, the elderly submit to this reality, pretending that it is their free choice. Increasingly, we have lost "the taste of fraternity" (*Fratelli Tutti, 33*); we find it difficult even to think of an alternative.

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On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you", and to set out on a different path.

To all of you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, and to all those who are close to you I send my blessing, accompanied by my prayers. And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2024

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