

St. Louis Catholic Church

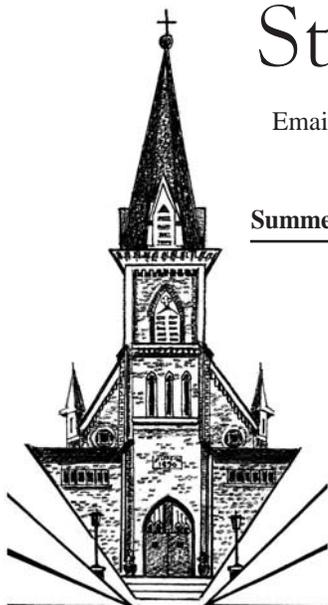
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Weekday Masses:

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

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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

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Parish Webmaster

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Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

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Donna Herbstreit, 519-884-9380
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Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound

Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

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2025 – YEAR OF JUBILEE – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

Monday, May 12 – No Mass			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
6:00 PM	Potluck dinner	L. Hall	
7:00 PM	Rosary in the Garden by Jesus statue <i>(in the Church if rains)</i>		
Tuesday, May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima			
9:00 AM	† Marie Butler – Malton Family		
9:30 AM	Book Group	L. Hall	
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly	L. Hall	
Wednesday, May 14 – St. Matthias, Apostle			
9:00 AM	† Deceased Members of Estrada Family – Estrada Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
7:00 PM	SVDP General Meeting	L. Hall	
Thursday, May 15			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Rev. Philip Reilly, C. R. – Marcy Kuntz		
7 – 8:30 PM	Meeting of Teen VBS Camp Counsellors	L. Hall	
Friday, May 16			
9:00 AM	† Jocelyn Haroun – Martin Family		
Saturday, May 17			
9 AM – NOON	Sandwich Project	L. Hall	
Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Easter			
5:00 PM	† Val Forde & Nora Herbert – Pat & Joan Forde		
	† Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel		
	† Mario Cortes – Sonia & Arcy Canumay		
	† Joanne Hernandez – Sonia & Arcy Canumay		
Sunday, May 18 – Fifth Sunday of Easter			
9:30 AM	† Tony Yolkowski – Yolkowski Family		
	† Michael & Agnes Montag – Peter Kuntz		
	† Grace & Earl Burchatzki – George & Ruth Burchatzki		
	† Samran, Khampheng, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy – Xaysy Family		
10:30 AM	Coffee time	L. Hall	
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Church		

Reflection on the First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

This reading recounts a scene from one of Paul's missionary journeys. Arriving in Antioch in Pisidia, he and Barnabas address a synagogue audience comprised of ethnically Jewish people and ethnically Gentile (non-Jewish) people who had converted to the Jewish religion. The two Apostles encourage the synagogue members to adhere to and cooperated with God's grace. Their enthusiasm and message win them admirers. This is not surprising; in general, people flourish with encouragement. By Paul and Barnabas' second weekend in the city, large crowds gather at the synagogue. But some influential members of the synagogue become 'filled with jealousy' on account of the Apostles' ability to draw a crowd. These jealous synagogue members attempt to contradict the Apostles, but Paul and Barnabas boldly speak against them. The Apostles' response can be misinterpreted as an endorsement of anti-Semitism. Instead, it is best to understand Paul and Barnabas' words as aiming to emphasize the inclusion of non-Jewish, Gentile members in their audience. Paul and Barnabas do not reject Jewish listeners, and they will not abandon their synagogue ministry., Quite the contrary. Future missionary journeys will bring them to many more synagogues. But the universal scope of the Gospel message calls them to proclaim the risen Jesus to all audiences, Jews and Gentiles. The mission is not bound by ethnicity but by faith. For Paul, the Risen Jesus wants His Gospel to be addressed to "the ends of the earth," which calls for speaking to audiences of all kinds. *(From Workbook for Lectors)*



St. Monica is recognized as the patron saint of mothers. Her faith and dedication to motherhood played a pivotal role in the spiritual formation of one of the most brilliant philosophers and well-known saints of all time – Saint Augustine, her son.



After her husband's premature death, St. Monica dedicated her life to raising her children. As a single mother of three, she persevered in the face of many difficulties. Her greatest desire was for her children to follow Christ. Although later in life he was known as a fervent man of God, St. Augustine did not easily come to see God's truth. As a child, he proved to be quite difficult, causing Monica much grief, and as a young adult he remained uninterested in Christianity. But St. Monica never stopped praying for his eternal soul, in spite of the circumstances. On one particular occasion, when she was discussing the matter with a priest, he urged her to remain steadfast in her prayers, stating that it was "not possible that the son of so many tears should perish."

After many years of prayer, Saint Monica finally saw her son give his life to the service of God. St. Augustine declared that his mother's resilience and dedication to prayer is what led him to become the man of God he was meant to be. He stated that St. Monica was not only his mother, but "the source of his Christianity." According to Pope Benedict XVI:

Augustine himself was to say, his mother gave birth to him twice; the second time required a lengthy spiritual travail of prayers and tears, but it was crowned at last with the joy of seeing him not only embrace the faith and receive Baptism, but also dedicate himself without reserve to the service of Christ.

St. Monica passed away in A.D. 387, shortly after St. Augustine was baptized. Her legacy serves as a reminder for all Christians to never stop praying for those who do not yet know Christ. As Pope Benedict XVI has related:

St. Monica and St. Augustine invite us to turn confidently to Mary, Seat of Wisdom. Let us entrust Christian parents to her so that, like Monica, they may accompany their children's progress with their own example and prayers. Let us commend youth to the Virgin Mother of God so that, like Augustine, they may always strive for the fullness of Truth and Love which is Christ: He alone can satisfy the deepest desires of the human heart.

(From www.nationalshrine.org/blog/st-monica-the-patron-saint-of-mothers/)

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - How do you hear the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd in your life? When have you felt really seen, heard, and known by God? These are the moments from which a vocation is born, an inner desire to follow Jesus our Good Shepherd. Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 11, 2025



VBS Camp 2025 – morning theme will be **Weird Animals, where Jesus' love is one of a kind.** The afternoon theme will be **Spanish language and culture.** It is for campers ages 6 – 11. If you are 12 yrs old or older, you are invited to join our camp counselling team. Please contact Kelly if interested. The camp will run **July 14-18 from 9 AM – 4 PM for full day.** Half day is an option, please refer to the registration form for details. To register, pick up a form from the back of the church or in the Nursery. Questions? Please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.



Attention High School Graduating Students!

St. Louis CWL Christian Leadership Award for one student who is: active member of St. Louis parish, active in their schools, exemplify Christian gospel values, use well their

God given talents, model Christian virtue, wish to continue education via University, College or Apprenticeship

Applicants to submit an essay where they share: what the Catholic Faith means to them, how they practice their faith, how they use their God given talents (2 page max., Times New Roman, 12 pt. font.)

Submit essay: by May 25th to St. Louis CWL at the Parish Office.

Attention: Kitty Tsang.

May is the Rosary Month: Come and join other parishioners for a Rosary Prayer in the Garden (or in the Church, if it rains) on Mondays in May at 7 PM, starting on May 5th. Bring a lawn chair.



We will meet by the statue of *Jesus with Children.*

Prior to the Rosary, on May 12th, we will have a **potluck dinner at 6 PM** in the Large Hall. Come to socialize and celebrate all the blessings of Easter and in our lives and maybe the election of a new Pope?



Parish Picnic? – Usually, one Sunday in June St. Louis parish picnic takes place. Before we can announce this event, we need a team of volunteers to organize and run it. Please contact the parish office this week if you wish to be involved. The picnic can only happen if there is a strong response to this invitation.



Lectures in Catholic Experience Presents: Fr. Gregory Boyle Cherished Belonging - The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times

May 15th at 7:30 PM at SJ2 Academic Centre Atrium. Event is free - all are welcome. Fr. Gregory Boyle offers a transformative idea of what community and compassion mean through the lens of Christianity's origins. He has contributed to altering the lives of countless people through his foundational work at Homeboy Industries - the most extensive gang intervention program in the world.

Retreat at the Carmel - The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting their annual retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on Saturday, May 24.

The theme of the Retreat is "Hope". The retreat will give you an opportunity to experience the graces and blessings of the Jubilee Year. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. If you wish to attend, please see the poster for more details on the Carmel of St. Joseph website: www.thecarmel.ca

If you haven't registered yet, please do so, as space is limited. RSVP before May 16 either by phone: 519-884-6700 or email: saintagatha@thecarmel.ca

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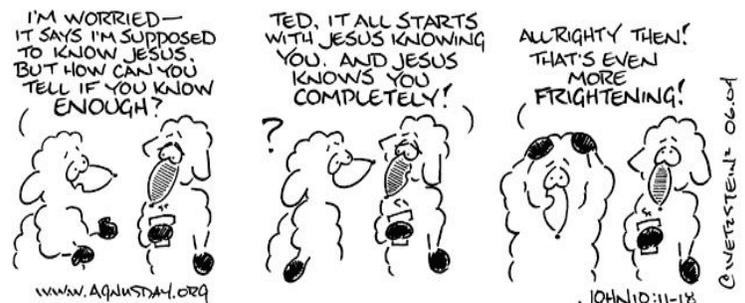
Reel Justice Film Festival - Join us for our final screening of the season with *The Condor and the Eagle*, May 22, 7 – 9 PM. Four Indigenous leaders embark on a trans-continental adventure from the Canadian Boreal forests to deep into the heart of the Amazonian jungle to unite the peoples of North and South America and deepen the meaning of Climate Justice. Never-before-seen images expose the extractive mining economy and the global rise of land and water protectors across the Americas. Film followed by conversation with guest speaker Jamie Bourque-Blyan, Engagement Manger with Indigenous Climate Action. Register at: hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – Last Chance to Register! - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 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, 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 you require assistance). Registration under *Upcoming Events* at hamiltondiocese.com, or call Sarah at 905-528-7988 X 2249.

About The Spirituality of Childhood - Holy Rosary Parish in Guelph is hosting the first of a two-part Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level One Formation Course July 7-12, 2025. This retreat-like experience immerses the adult in scripture, liturgy, theology, prayer, the needs and capacities of children, and making materials the child works with to internalize the Christian message. Catechists formed in this method usually go on to work with 3–6-year-olds in a parish or school, or are involved in ministries such as RCIA, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and preparation for the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. For more information: www.cgsac.ca/Courses/Level One or contact the course registrar: therese.wright8591@gmail.com.

Separated or Divorced? Struggling with the impact of divorce or separation? You're not alone! Join the award-winning Critical Mass for an inspiring two-day retreat, where music, testimonies, and faith-filled discussions will guide you toward hope and healing. Don't miss this chance to reconnect with your faith and find strength in community—space is limited to 25 participants. Choice of two retreat weekends: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo on May 23/24 or St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton on May 30/31. Cost is \$130 and includes materials, snacks and lunch. Friday evening: 6:45- 9:30 PM and Saturday: 8:45 – 4 PM. To register contact davefrommcm@gmail.com or 519-572-6962 or www.criticalmassmusic.org/tour-dates.

Annual Garage Sale at St. Francis of Assisi Church (49 Blueridge Ave, Kitchener) on **Saturday May 17th from 8 AM – 12:00 PM.** There are many treasures to be discovered including: books, puzzles, toys, jewelry, dishes, decorative items, bikes, electronics and more!



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