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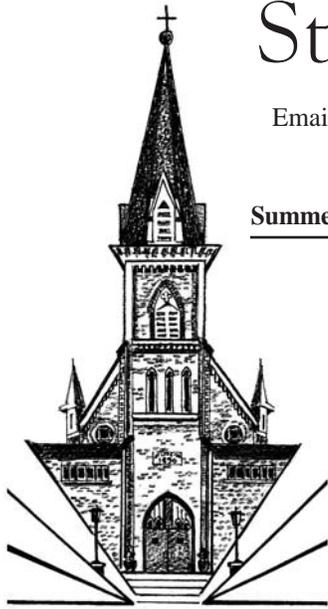
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St Louis Catholic Church



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.

Our music directors are: 5:00 p.m. & 9:30 a.m. - Bob Reinhart (robertreinhart182@msn.com)
11:30 a.m. - 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 - 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

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2025 – YEAR OF JUBILEE – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

Mon., Nov. 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious - No Mass			
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
	7:30 PM	Bible Study – Acts 8/20	L. Hall
Tuesday, November 18			
9:00 AM			
	9:30 AM	Book Club	L. Hall
	12:15 – 1 PM	Fit Club	Gym
	6:30 PM	CWL Exec	L. Hall
Wednesday, November 19			
9:00 AM	† John Clifton Young – Elaine Young		
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
	7 PM	Confirmation Class Prep	Nursery
Thursday, November 20			
9:00 AM			
	7:00 PM	SVDP Meeting	L. Hall
Friday, Nov. 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Lauren Krause – Krause Family		
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
Saturday, November 22 – St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr			
Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe			
5:00 PM	† Walter & Kaye Hartman – Children		
	† Joe Novak – Family		
	† Fatima Cabral – Maria Cabral		
	† John Clifton Young – Elaine Young		
	6:00 PM	CWL Mission & Bake Sale	Gym
Sunday, November 23 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe			
9:30 AM	† Louis Paleczny – Janice & Family		
	† Don Miller – Miller Family		
	For Healing of Cleda Reeves – Francine Gillard		
	For Intentions of Francine Gillard – Morris Family		
	10:30 AM	CWL Mission & Bake Sale	Gym
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
	12:30 PM	CWL Mission & Bake Sale	Gym
	5 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

Reflection on the First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2

The readings at the end of the Church year always reflect on the end time. This is not an invitation to obsess about times and events of the end of the world. Instead, the readings offer insight into how to prepare ethically and spiritually for Christ's second coming.

The final Prophet and book of the Old Testament is Malachi, whose name is based on the Hebrew word "my messenger/angel" (mal'āki). The messenger's six oracles, addressed to the restoration community after the exile, strive to rebuild the covenant relationship between God and Israel by identifying Israel's sinful ways and cleansing the nation of them.

The last oracle summarizes and responds to the earlier ones by highlighting Israel's final cleansing on the day of the Lord. In earlier oracles, Israel had complained that the Lord was unjust. For example, they said, "All who do evil are good in the sight of the Lord, /and He delights in them" (Malachi 2:17) and "we count the arrogant happy; evildoers not only prosper, but when they put God to the test they escape" (3:15). Addressing the community's leaders, priests, and people, today's reading from the sixth oracle declares that on the future Lord's day (which comes "burning like an oven"), the Lord will separate Israel's wicked from the righteous. Divine justice will be vindicated on that day as the proud and evildoers will be consumed by fire. The righteous ones, for their part, will be distinguished by their fear of God's name. Theirs is not a servile fear, but rather a form of obedience to the covenant and reverence in worship. (From Workbook for Lectors)



The Story of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honour of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the *Protoevangelium of James* tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

Reflection - It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands.

God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They—we—too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work. (From franciscanmedia.org)



Saint Elizabeth of Hungary's Story (1207 – November 17, 1231) In her short life, Elizabeth of Hungary manifested such great love for the poor and suffering that she has become the patroness of Catholic charities and of the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, Elizabeth chose a life of penance and asceticism

when a life of leisure and luxury could easily have been hers. This choice endeared her in the hearts of the common people throughout Europe.

At the age of 14, Elizabeth of Hungary was married to Louis of Thuringia, whom she deeply loved. She bore three children. Under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick. Seeking to become one with the poor, she wore simple clothing. Daily she would take bread to hundreds of the poorest in the land who came to her gate.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family looked upon her as squandering the royal purse, mistreated her, and threw her out of the palace. The return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order, spending the remaining few years of her life caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honour of Saint Francis of Assisi. Elizabeth's health declined, and she died before her 24th birthday in 1231. Her great popularity resulted in her canonization four years later.

Reflection - Elizabeth understood well the lesson Jesus taught when he washed his disciples' feet at the Last Supper: The Christian must be one who serves the humblest needs of others, even if one serves from an exalted position. Of royal blood, Elizabeth could have lorded it over her subjects. Yet she served them with such a loving heart that her brief life won for her a special place in the hearts of many. Elizabeth is also an example to us in her following the guidance of a spiritual director. Growth in the spiritual life is a difficult process. We can play games very easily if we don't have someone to challenge us. (From franciscanmedia.org)

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 – 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mark your calendars for our annual CWL Mission Craft and Bake Sale on the weekend of Nov. 22nd & 23rd after all Masses in the Gym. 100% of proceeds from this event will go to Missions around the world. This fun event will include bake tables, a silent auction, an estate sale and our Cozy Corner where hot dogs, drinks, etc. will be served for a free will offering. We are gratefully accepting donations in the Gym on Friday, Nov. 21st from 1 - 5 PM and on Saturday Nov. 22nd from 10 AM to 2 PM. The silent auction convenors are looking for donations of new items. The estate table will accept gently used items including: jewelry, dishes, glassware, crystal, home decor, Christmas decorations, clean linens, children's books and small toys. We cannot accept pots, pans, appliances, electronics or exercise equipment. Donations of tissue paper welcome. If you are able to help with this event in any capacity, please call Donna Herbstreit : 519-884-9380. Bring your family and friends down to the Gym for a fun time and do a little early Christmas shopping and also get a few treats for yourself!



Attention Ladies: This is a friendly reminder that November is the month we submit our membership dues of \$45. You can either use the blue envelope in your offerings box or use your own envelope plainly marked "CWL Membership Dues". Cash or cheques made out to: St. Louis CWL are welcome. We also offer e-transfer to our Treasurer, Patti Pagett: dpac@golden.net. Thank you!



St. Louis CWL is happy to announce 2 current gift card fundraising programs open to all parishioners. #1: Vincenzo's - a favourite local store for many, is once again offering our council 10% of the value of gift cards we order. Cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100. The order period is from Nov. 3 to 23, 2025 only. (This program is only available twice a year- and this is our 2nd campaign for 2025.) Thank you for supporting both our CWL council and a treasured local business! #2: We also have our ongoing gift card program through Vista Promotions. Cards are available for many businesses - Sobeys, Zehrs, FreshCo, No Frills, Walmart, Shoppers, Dollarama, Giant Tiger, Home Hardware, Esso & Petro Canada, Swiss Chalet and many more. We receive a variable percentage back on the value of the cards – depending on the business. The current order period for this program is also from Nov. 3 to 23, 2025. (We may have one more order campaign for these before Christmas, depending on interest). For any questions, OR to place your order - please contact Patti Pagett @ 519-744-7705 or at dpac@golden.net Thanks for all your support.

St. Louis Parish Christmas **Shoebbox Campaign** - Filled boxes are due this weekend: Nov.15th/16th. Thank you for your generosity.



On going – **Bible Study – The Book of Acts** by Jeff Cavins in 20 sessions. Offered in parallel on Sundays at 12:30 PM – starting with lunch (till 1:45 PM) and on Mondays at 7:30 PM (till 9 PM). Detailed schedule on parish website. For more info. please contact parish office at 519-743-4101. No Bible Study on Nov. 23 & 24 due to CWL Mission & Bake Sale.



Book of Life – During the month of November, we pray in a special way for the faithful departed. The names of our deceased loved ones can be inscribed in the Book of Life located on the Sacred Heart Altar.

St. Louis Fit Club –Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:15 – 1 PM at St. Louis Gym. Low-impact, mobility-oriented workout delivered by Paul Landini. Free (donations accepted). Bring indoor shoes & exercise mat.

Sacred Music Festival - Celebrate the Feast of St. Cecilia with an afternoon of Sacred Music at Sacred Heart Church in Kitchener. (66 Shanley St.) Sat., Nov. 22, 1 - 3 PM. Featuring performances by choirs from across KW, followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall. Free-will offering. For more info. call Sacred Heart Parish office 519-742-5831.



Save the Date - Friday December 12th, 7PM, upcoming *Concert of Songs of Advent and Christmas*. The concert will feature some of the members of the 11:30 music group. A freewill offering will be given to the CWL and St. Vincent de Paul. Refreshments in the Large Hall will follow.

A Walk with Jesus Retreat Day for Grieving Parents – The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. Diocese of Hamilton invites you to a retreat day for parents who have lost a child through death led by Dr. Henry DeMena from North Carolina. The retreat will be at the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph from 9 AM to 4 PM on Nov. 22nd (lunch included). Registration required at hamiltondiocese.com or by calling the diocesan office at 905-528-7988 X 2249.



#CarloAtTheCathedral - All are welcome to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton for this Jubilee event commemorating the Diocesan celebration of the Feast of Christ the King & World Youth Day on Sun., Nov. 23: 11 AM – Mass, Noon till 1 PM Cathedral open, 1 – 2 PM Adoration, 2 – 3:30 PM Screening of the film “*Carlo Acutis – Roadmap to Reality*”. In addition *Eucharistic Miracles of the World* exhibit created and designed by St. Carlo Acutis in the hopes of increasing awareness of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist as well as Eucharistic Adoration will be open to everyone on that day in the Chancery from 10 AM to 4 PM.

St. Aloysius Church invites you to attend a **Prayer Hour for the Unborn**. (11 Traynor Avenue, Kit.) Our Unborn need your help. Please consider a sacrifice of prayer for an hour; Sat., Nov. 29th, after the 5 PM Mass. Our Lord will be Exposed and we will begin an hour of planned prayers. We need your voice.



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute Jesus reminds us today that by enduring faithfully, we gain our souls. When discerning our vocation in the Church, whether marriage, the diaconate, religious life, or priesthood, it's easy to look for quick answers and smooth paths. But true calling grows through patience, trust, and daily perseverance, sometimes amid uncertainties. By remaining faithful in small things and steadfast in hope, we allow God to reveal the deeper purpose He has prepared for us. Fr. Michal Kruszewski, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

The prayer below (also available on prayer cards at the back of the church) was sent by the Diocese for personal prayer especially during the month of October. Due to postal system issues, it arrived at the end of the month. The prayer is suitable for anyone and at all times.

A Daily Prayer – Protect the Vocation of Our Children and Grandchildren

Father, while our children and grandchildren are young, hold them close to Your heart.

In this world confused by error and sin, guard their innocence and fill them with unshakable faith.

As they grow older, keep them true to your teachings, faithful to Sunday Mass, and active within Your Church.

May they sincerely seek Your will in all important life decisions, and when the time comes, open their hearts to Your call, whether to Christian marriage, priesthood, or consecrated life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. *Amen*

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