

# St. Louis Catholic Church

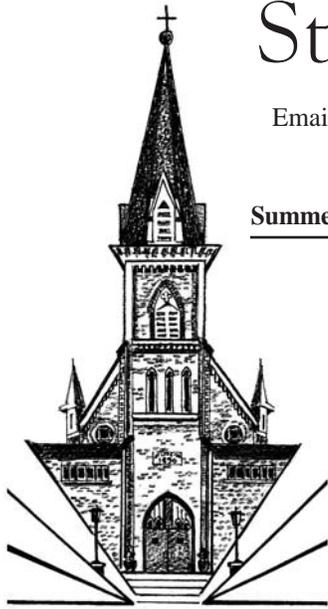
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St Louis Catholic Church



### 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.**

### Pastoral Team:

#### Pastor

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#### Custodian

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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

### Monday, November 24 – St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs - No Mass

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym  
5:30 PM Good Shepherd Catechesis Nursery

### Tuesday, November 25 – St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

9:00 AM  
9:30 AM Book Club L. Hall  
12:15 – 1 PM Fit Club Gym  
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting L. Hall  
7:00 PM Painting with Kelly L. Hall

### Wednesday, November 26

9:00 AM † John Clifton Young – Elaine Young  
9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym  
7 PM Confirmation Practice Church

### Thursday, November 27

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Estrada Family – Estrada Family  
9:30 AM OOTC Cake Baking Kitchen  
12:15 – 1 PM Fit Club Gym  
6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting Rectory

### Friday, November 28

9:00 AM Intentions of Karalynn & Kevin Jones – Krause Family  
9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

### Saturday, November 29

#### Vigil of First Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM † Dr. Paul Horan – Shirley Clairmont  
† Jack Horan – Shirley Clairmont

### Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish  
10:30 AM Coffee Time L. Hall  
11:30 AM † Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family  
† Don Thomas – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil  
Intentions of Hannah & James Butler – Malton Family  
12:30 PM Lunch & Bible Study – Acts – 9/20 L. Hall  
5 PM OOTC Community Super Gym

#### Reflection on the First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

What does it mean to call Jesus a king? He is not like ancient or modern warrior kings, nor is He like modern monarchs who champion causes. The readings today describe a vision of Christ's kingship that far surpasses our human ability to rule and lead, yet it is what we should strive for in our own roles of leadership.

2 Samuel is one of the six books that for the Deuteronomistic History, a theological interpretation of Israel's history during the period of the judges and kings (1200 – 587 BC). The book focuses on the monarchy of David and begins with the report of the death of Saul, David's predecessor and rival. While 2 Samuel clearly portrays David as God's choice, divisive undercurrents throughout the book point to the eventual failure of the united monarchy in Israel which finally occurs in 1 Kings.

Read in the context of the chapters preceding it, today's first reading sheds some light on the eventual failure. From the moment of Saul's death (1 Samuel 31), the eleven tribes of Israel who are loyal to Saul struggle to identify a new leader. Only Judah (David's ancestral tribe) anoints David as its king. Slowly, the intertribal fighting and the death of Ishbaal (Saul's son) lead the eleven tribes to come to David, as we hear in today's reading. They offer several reasons for choosing him. First, David is their kin. Second, David is a successful military leader whose ability had served Saul well. Third, in quoting God's words to David, they recognize that it is his destiny to be "shepherd of my people Israel." Finally, to ratify the choice and to fulfill an agreement first made

#### World Youth Day – November 23 – Christ the King Feast

Instituted in 1985 at the conclusion of the International Year of Youth and in conjunction with Saint John Paul II's World Youth Day gatherings, this observance has taken place on Palm Sunday. In 2020 Pope Francis transferred the date to the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

"Young people must say to the world: It is good to follow Jesus! You bring us the joy of faith and tell us that we must live the faith always with a young heart." (Pope Francis)



#### Saint Catherine of Alexandria's Story (d. c. 310)

According to the *Legend of St. Catherine*, this young woman converted to Christianity after receiving a vision. At the age of 18, she debated 50 pagan philosophers. Amazed at her wisdom and debating skills, they became Christians—as did about 200 soldiers and members of the emperor's family. All of them were martyred.

Sentenced to be executed on a spiked wheel, Catherine of Alexandria touched the wheel and it shattered. She was beheaded. Centuries later, angels are said to have carried the body of Saint Catherine to a monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai.

Devotion to her spread as a result of the Crusades. Catherine of Alexandria was invoked as the patroness of students, teachers, librarians and lawyers. Catherine is one of the 14 Holy Helpers, venerated especially in Germany and Hungary.

**Reflection** - The pursuit of God's wisdom may not lead to riches or earthly honors. In Catherine's case, this pursuit contributed to her martyrdom. She was not, however, foolish in preferring to die for Jesus rather than live only by denying him. All the rewards that her tormentors offered her would rust, lose their beauty, or in some other way become a poor exchange for Catherine's honesty and integrity in following Jesus Christ. Saint Catherine of Alexandria is a Patron Saint of: Lawyers, Librarians, Philosophers, Students, Teachers. (From [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org))

*Thank you!*

Thank you to all who donated funds to our Out of the Cold / Sunday Community Supper program of St. Louis Parish. To date we have collected \$10,000.

Our enthusiastic volunteers have served just short of 100 meals in only three weeks of operation. We started on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> and we run until April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The word is out that we are here, we are open again and we are ready to build community, every Sunday evening. This year, our focus for Bishop Crosby's *The Spirit of Hope* campaign will be our Out of the Cold Program.

Your kindness and generosity has made it such that we can operate this program and not fear that we will run out of funds to support this valuable ministry. Thank you to our partners at SSVF for your continued support of our guests as well.

If you find that you wish to volunteer, contact Debbie Delattre or John Pendergast, 519-574-3384 [mrjohnmpendergast@gmail.com](mailto:mrjohnmpendergast@gmail.com)

**The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood**, a community of Contemplative Sisters, have been present in the Diocese of Hamilton since 1946. In addition to their ministry of prayer, they produce altar breads for many of our Parishes (including for St. Louis). You are welcome to contact them if you are interested in exploring a vocation to the Contemplative way of life. [www.pbsisters.ca](http://www.pbsisters.ca)

with Abner (2 Samuel 3:17), the elders of Israel anoint David as king. It is of note that David's role as ruler and commander of Israel is to be exercised in the light of his role as a shepherd who unites, guides, and protects. (From *Workbook for Lectors*)

# NOVEMBER 23, 2025 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**Saint Vincent De Paul Toy Drive** - Our St. Louis Conference of SVDP, will be setting up an Angel Tree in the lobby of the church to support our Knights of Columbus in their Toy drive for families in need this Christmas. We ask for your generosity by claiming an angel from the tree and purchasing a toy for a boy or girl whose age will be written on the angel. This year we have been asked to focus on children aged 10 to 14 as this is the area most in need. Please take an angel from Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> to Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. We ask that unwrapped gifts with the angel label attached, are brought to the church by Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> in order that they can be distributed to children before Christmas. Thank you for your generosity for our neighbours in need.



**Family Fun Christmas Bash** – Come and join the party Dec. 5 from 5:30 PM - 8 PM in the Large Hall. Each family will build a gingerbread nativity scene. We will listen to and sing some Christmas carols, we will play some Reindeer games, and we will share some pizza together. Plan on having a lot of fun! Please RSVP with Kelly Krause at the parish office or in the nursery. We need to know #'s for ordering pizza.



**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 warmly welcomes ALL ladies to our last General Meeting of 2025 on Wed., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning with Mass at 7 PM. Following Mass, we will install our new Executive for the 2026-2027 term. Please join us in welcoming these ladies in carrying on the mission of the league to serve God and Canada. In lieu of a guest speaker, we will have a Christmas celebration in the Large Hall with festive treats and carolling. Join us for a fun evening that will leave you in the Christmas spirit!



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.

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. 29<sup>th</sup>, after the 5 PM Mass. Our Lord will be Exposed and we will begin an hour of planned prayers. We need your voice.

**"Forgiving Each other ~ and Ourselves"**. We all sin. In that, we separate ourselves from God. Yet, in our human weakness, our loving & merciful God meets us in our sin & struggle. We may fight a spiritual battle within, resistant to forgive those who have offended us ~ *we may also struggle to forgive ourselves* ~ even after God has forgiven us. Join us for the **St. Agnes Education Cafe** for this timely Advent talk on Forgiveness & the Sacrament of Reconciliation, with Fr. Francisco Cruz, Pastor St. John's Parish, & Missionary of Mercy, appointed by Pope Francis. **Wed. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 - 8pm, St. Agnes Parish.**

**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.

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Thank you for your generous donations!



**Save the Date** - Friday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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.

**Heartache to Healing – Grief Support Group - Coping with Christmas** - Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year often reminds us of our loved ones who are no longer with us along with feelings of loss and sadness. We may begin to worry about our sense of belonging and how we are going to cope without our loved one. Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead. Wed., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 8:30 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM) at St. Michael Parish (Parish Centre – basement) – 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo. For more information and to register, please phone or email St. Michael's Parish office (519-884-9311 / [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)).



**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute** In our Gospel today, we have a number of people at the Cross with different relationships to Jesus. And the Gospel shows us that the ones who choose to turn to Jesus and ask him to be at the center of their lives are not the ones we might expect. Who would you be in today's Gospel? Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

**Mark Your Calendar! A Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year of Hope** will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, at 3 PM. It will also be the Mass of Thanksgiving offered for Bp. Douglas Crosby, OMI, 15-years of service as Bishop of Hamilton. Priests, Deacons and Parishioners are invited to join in this time of prayer! Thank you for this blessed moment.

## Social events at St. Louis Parish coming up:

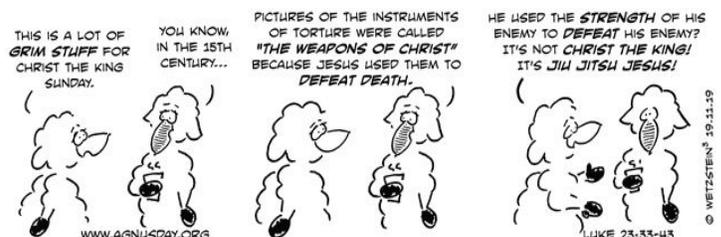
**Dec. 5** – 5:30- 8 PM - **Family Fun Christmas Bash** – see announcement.  
**Dec. 12** - 7 PM - **Concert of Songs of Advent and Christmas** – see announcement.

**Jan. 3** – 6 PM – **Epiphany Potluck, Carols and Games** – more info to come.

**Jan. 31** – 4:30 – 10 PM **Annual Potluck and Ceili Dance, and also Children Games** – More info to come. The decorating theme is "Fairy Tales". Wear a costume if you wish!

**Ceili planning meeting** will be on Sunday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:40 AM (during the Coffee Time) in the Large Hall.

**Ceili Dance decorations making session** – Please lend a hand in making simple decorations for the next ceili. Come on Sat., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 till noon in the Large Hall.



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