

# St. Louis Catholic Church

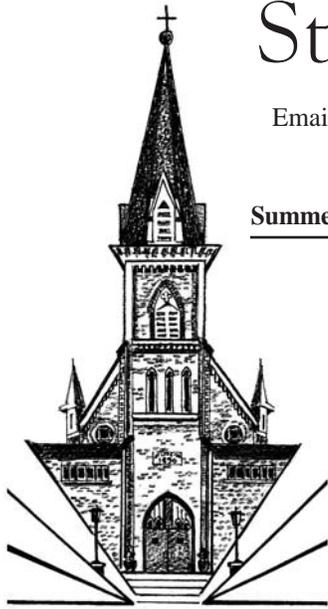
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**Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4 p.m.

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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

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.

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

### Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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# 2025 – YEAR OF JUBILEE – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

## MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

### **Monday, October 20 – St. Mary Margaret Alacoque, Virgin - No Mass**

9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery
7:30 PM	Bible Study – Acts 4/20	L. Hall

### **Tuesday, October 21**

9:00 AM	† Barbara & Mark Sr. Obermeyer – Mark Obermeyer	
	9:30 AM	Book Club
	12:15 PM	Fit Club
	6:30 PM	CWL Exec
		L. Hall

### **Wednesday, October 22**

9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Estrada Family – Estrada Family	
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball
	7:00 PM	Confirmation Class Prep
		Gym
		Nursery

### **Thursday, October 23**

9:00 AM	† Barbara & Mark Sr. Obermeyer – Mark Obermeyer	
	12:15 PM	Fit Club
		Gym

### **Friday, October 24**

9:00 AM	† Deceased Members of Estrada Family – Estrada Family	
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball
		Gym

### **Saturday, October 25**

	9 AM – 5 PM	Engaged Encounter
		L. Hall

### **Vigil of 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM	† Eamonn Halpin – Pat & Joan Forde
	† Walter & Kaye Hartman – Children
	† Joe Novak – Family
	† Sophie Lavigne – Janet & Grant Ertel

### **Sunday, October 26 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish	
	10:30 AM	Coffee Time
		L. Hall
11:30 AM	† Frank & Marie Butler – Butler Family	
	† Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family	
	† Angela Prost – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil	
	† Duncan Sutherland – Don & Lorraine Prior	
	12:30 PM	Lunch & Bible Study – Acts – 5/20
		L. Hall

#### **Reflection on the Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2**

Today's second reading connects obtaining wisdom with remaining faithful to God. Paul begins by giving two reasons for constant fidelity. First, he appeals to the credibility of the person who taught them the Good News. Second, he appeals to the authority of sacred Scripture, which imparts wisdom so that they can recognize the truth of the Good News. Paul emphasizes the authority of sacred Scripture since it is divinely inspired and provides important lessons that prepare a person to accept the gift of salvation offered through Jesus Christ.

It is important to recognize first the implications of Paul's statement that all Scripture is divinely inspired, including the laws. This is significant since Paul is often portrayed as dismissing the laws altogether with his emphasis on the importance of faith for being saved. With this in mind, Paul's list of the usefulness of Scripture comes into better focus. He gives four benefits of Scripture in this context: it is for (1) teaching; (2) refutation/apologetics; (3) correction; and (4) training in righteousness. It is easy to see how the laws fit with these benefits. Scripture is both an educational tool and a place for contemplating and encountering God. Paul states that Scripture equips us "for every good work." Thus, words (i.e., scripture) and deeds go hand in hand in remaining faithful.

At the end of the reading, Paul describes how to proclaim the Good News. First, persistence is key. Then, we are to "convince, rebuke, and encourage," being patient in our teaching. These are the attitudes

#### **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque -**

Saint of the Day for October 16 – (In 2025 this Optional Memorial is transferred to October 20 in the Proper Calendar for Canada) (July 22, 1647 – October 17, 1690)

Margaret Mary Alacoque was chosen by Christ to arouse the Church to a realization of the love of God symbolized by the heart of Jesus.



Her early years were marked by sickness and a painful home situation. "The heaviest of my crosses was that I could do nothing to lighten the cross my mother was suffering." After considering marriage for some time, Margaret Mary entered the Order of the Visitation nuns at the age of 24.

A Visitation nun was "not to be extraordinary except by being ordinary," but the young nun was not to enjoy this anonymity. A fellow novice termed Margaret Mary humble, simple, and frank, but above all, kind and patient under sharp criticism and correction. She could not meditate in the formal way expected, though she tried her best to give up her "prayer of simplicity." Slow, quiet, and clumsy, she was assigned to help an infirmarian who was a bundle of energy.

On December 21, 1674, three years a nun, Margaret Mary Alacoque received the first of her revelations. She felt "invested" with the presence of God, though always afraid of deceiving herself in such matters. The request of Christ was that his love for humankind be made evident through her.

During the next 13 months, Christ appeared to her at intervals. His human heart was to be the symbol of his divine-human love. By her own love Margaret Mary was to make up for the coldness and ingratitude of the world—by frequent and loving Holy Communion, especially on the first Friday of each month, and by an hour's vigil of prayer every Thursday night in memory of his agony and isolation in Gethsemane. He also asked that a feast of reparation be instituted.

Like all saints, Margaret Mary had to pay for her gift of holiness. Some of her own sisters were hostile. Theologians who were called in declared her visions delusions and suggested that she eat more heartily. Later, parents of children she taught called her an impostor, an unorthodox innovator. A new confessor, the Jesuit Claude de la Colombière, recognized her genuineness and supported her. Against her great resistance, Christ called her to be a sacrificial victim for the shortcomings of her own sisters, and to make this known.

After serving as novice mistress and assistant superior, Margaret Mary died at the age of 43, while being anointed. She said: "I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."

Reflection - Our scientific-materialistic age cannot "prove" private revelations. Theologians, if pressed, admit that we do not *have* to believe in them. But it is impossible to deny the message Margaret Mary heralded: that God loves us with a passionate love. Her insistence on reparation and prayer and the reminder of final judgment should be sufficient to ward off superstition and superficiality in devotion to the Sacred Heart while preserving its deep Christian meaning.

*(From Franciscanmedia.org)*

*This week we can also observe Optional Memorials of St. Hedwig, Religious on Oct. 20, St. John Paul II, Pope on Oct. 22, St. John of Capistrano, Priest on Oct. 23 and St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop on Oct. 24.*

we should adopt as we share the Good News. The wisdom found in Scripture will help us foster the correct attitude to be most effective in our evangelization. *(From Workbook for Lectors)*

# OCTOBER 19, 2025 – 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Louis Parish will once again be participating in the Christmas **Shoebbox Campaign**. Shoebboxes will be available at the back of the church along with pamphlets outlining the program and how to fill the box. These boxes are sent around the world to children who may never have received a gift in their lives. Filled boxes to be returned to the back of the church by the weekend of Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity.

**Workshops for Ministers of the Word** – Nov. 15 at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo, & Nov. 1 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington.  
**Workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – Nov. 22 at St Raphael Parish, Burlington.  
 For both register under [hamiltondiocese.com/events](http://hamiltondiocese.com/events)



On going – **Bible Study – The Book of Acts – The Spread of the Kingdom** by Jeff Cavins in 20 sessions. This Bible study is offered in parallel on Sundays at 12:30 PM – starting with provided 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, [stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com).



On going – **Book Club** – Our book is “*How to Share Your Faith with Anyone: A Practical Manual for Catholic Evangelization*”, by Terry Barber. Tuesdays after morning Mass for an hour. Contact parish office to register, or come & see.

**St. Louis Fit Club** – Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:15 – 1 PM at St. Louis Gym. Low-impact, mobility-oriented workout delivered by certified trainer and Globe and Mail fitness columnist Paul Landini. Free (donations accepted). Bring indoor shoes & exercise mat, if you have one.

**40 Days for Life Campaign** – Sep. 24 to Nov. 2, 2025 – You are invited to join in solidarity with hundreds of thousands people across North America who will be participating in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting to end abortion. You can sign up for an hour between 7 AM and 7 PM on line at [www.40DaysforLife.com/kitchener](http://www.40DaysforLife.com/kitchener), by calling or texting 519-970-0822, or emailing Ewelina at [40DaysKW@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysKW@gmail.com). The vigil takes place opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener. Parking - across the road, Schneider Park.

**Diocesan Vocations Month - October 2025** – Bp. Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. Each Sunday your parish will pray for vocations during Mass. You are also asked to pray for vocations throughout the month. If you know someone you think should consider a particular vocation, such as marriage, priesthood, consecrated life (religious life or consecrated virginity lived in the world) or the permanent diaconate, be sure to tell that person. For more info. about praying for vocations, visit: [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/). **Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us!**



**Waterloo Deanery Jubilee Year Celebration** will be held on Sun., Oct. 26, at 2 PM in St. Mary Church, Kitchener with Bp. Wayne Lobsinger. All parishioners of our Waterloo Deanery are invited, especially deacons, all Parish staff and volunteers, representatives of our Catholic schools and other institutions and communities. All priests are welcome to concelebrate the Mass.

**Frassati Leadership Program** - Calling all those in Grade 10! Are you looking to grow in your faith and to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? The Frassati Leadership Program may be for you. Join us as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. Registration for this year's cohort closes on Oct. 24th! For more info. or to register visit [hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/)

**When Life Changes - Part 1** – Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese offers a six-week grief program for your support. Part 1 of the program will be on Wednesdays from Nov. 5 to Dec. 10, 7- 8:30 PM at the Chancery Office (700 King St. W., Hamilton). Register at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under upcoming events for When Life Changes: Grief Relief (Part 1) or call 905-528-7988 X 2249.

**It's All About the Kids** - Rogers TV in support of Waterloo Knights of Columbus **Annual Toy Drive** presents Waterloo Regional Police Chorus with Special Guests: The Mantini Sisters - Live Sat., Nov. 15 @ 2 PM at Waterloo Mennonite Brethren Church, 245 Lexington Rd. Followed by Fish & Chip Dinner @ Knights of Columbus Hall, 145 Dearborn Place Wat.. Tickets per person: \$30 show only, or \$40 with dinner. Contact 519-884-2060 or [manager@waterlooknightsofcolumbus.com](mailto:manager@waterlooknightsofcolumbus.com), [rbrt\\_brown@rogers.com](mailto:rbrt_brown@rogers.com).

**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. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child through death. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the Church of Our Lady Basilica in Guelph from 9 AM to 4 PM on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> (lunch included). Registration required. You can register on [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under upcoming events (look for the retreat title or date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 X 2249.

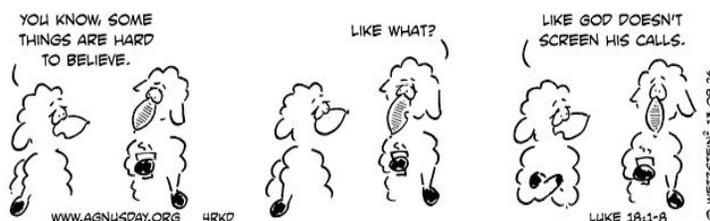
**Jubilee Year Heroes of Hope** for October in the Diocese of Hamilton are “**those who promote human life and dignity!**” This includes multiple “ministries of care” for the poor, sick, homeless, migrant workers, those with mental health issues, support to the Indigenous through the Reconciliation Fund and international development programs worldwide! In our parishes, this includes St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Women's League of Canada and Knights of Columbus. Through these organizations and many other local groups, HOPE is constantly renewed and faith shared with those in need. Compassionate care ministries remind each one of their dignity and that they are loved by God!



**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute** - Some of the most meaningful moments in our lives are the fruit of honest, persevering prayer. Even if we quit sometimes and come back and begin again – that's still persevering. And especially in the matter of one's vocation in life, at the end of the day, it's a question of perseverance, and at the end of the day perseverance is a question of faith. Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

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