



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

MASS TIMES

Lord's Day

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Saturday: 4:40 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 12:00 p.m.

Holy Rosary: Wednesday & Friday: 8:40 a.m.

Confession Times

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sacraments

For baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, marriages, please contact parish office.

Anointing of the Sick / Hospital Visitation

If you or someone you know is in need and requesting anointing or pastoral visit, please contact our parish office or see Father after Mass. If the person is in the Hospital and it's an emergency, please have the hospital contact the priest on call.

St. Vincent de Paul

For assistance with groceries and other needs, please call 519-886-0342 ext. 610. Church door collections - last Sunday of each month.

Food donation bin - back of the Church.

Donations by E-transfer can be sent to:

ssvp.olol.conference@gmail.com. To receive a tax receipt, please put your address in the Notes section.



Welcome New Members

Welcome! We're glad you want to join our parish! Please fill out a form from the church lobby or website, drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

Offertory Envelopes / Pre-Authorized Debit

To receive an annual tax receipt for your donations you are encouraged to use offertory envelopes and/or to enroll in our monthly debit plan. Offertory envelopes can be requested by filling out a parish registration form, or if you are already registered, simply call the office to request a box. Debit plan enrollment forms are available in the church lobby.

PARISH TEAM

Pastor: Fr. Stephen Murrin

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brucecameron57@gmail.com

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed

Tuesday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Parish Bequests

Keep your love for your parish alive.

Remember **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish** in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.



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APR 28 to MAY 3

TUESDAY – APR 28 Ferial, Easter IV	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention Luke Misek & Chelsea Savelle – Belford Family
WEDNESDAY– APR 29 Ferial, Easter IV	9:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls – Belford
THURSDAY– APR 30 Ferial, Easter IV	12:00 p.m.	+Mate Granic – Angela Granic
FRIDAY– MAY 1 St. Joseph the Worker, Memorial	9:00 a.m.	+George Latchana – Maureen Schaus
SATURDAY– MAY 2 St. Athanasius, Memorial 5 th Sunday of Easter	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	First Saturday Devotion Mass +Jerry Brienza – Carlo & Margaret Perrotta
SUNDAY– MAY 3 5 th Sunday of Easter	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Kathleen Von Aragon – Jerry & Christa Fischer Living & deceased members of our parish

<i>Parish Finance Report Week of</i>		<i>Mar 29, 2026</i>	<i>Apr 6, 2026</i>
	<i>Sunday Envelope Collection</i>	<i>\$ 2,730.00</i>	<i>\$ 3,647.00</i>
	<i>Sunday Loose Collection</i>	<i>\$694.00</i>	<i>\$2,246.75</i>
	<i>E-transfer</i>	<i>\$ 1,402.00</i>	<i>\$ 885.00</i>
	<i>PAG/ Direct Deposit</i>	<i>\$ 2,668.15</i>	<i>\$ 2,668.15</i>
	<i>Other (Building fund, funerals, flowers missals, Votives...) total donation divided by 2 weeks</i>	<i>\$735.00</i>	<i>\$1075.45</i>
	<i><u>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 8,229.15</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 10,542.35</u></i>
	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>
	<i>Net Income /Loss</i>	<i>\$1,729.15</i>	<i>\$4,042.35</i>
	<i>Easter Collection</i>		<i>7,937.00</i>

E-TRANSFER

If you would like to send your donation via E-Transfer, please use the following email account: lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and our community.



This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the

Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

MARIE OF THE INCARNATION is the founder of the Ursuline Sisters in Canada and is a powerful example of trust in God. She took vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience and began to live as a sister. In 1627. Marie read Teresa of Avila's autobiography and was profoundly inspired by the great Spanish mystic. Marie longed to travel to the New World and spread the Christian faith there. Marie founded the first Ursuline Monastery in Quebec in 1642. She spent the remainder of her life working to educate all the women—French and native Canadians—in Quebec. As a prolific writer, penning over 20,000 letters in her lifetime, she wrote powerfully on trust in God's providence, which had worked such powerful good in her own life. Marie died on April 30, 1672 and was canonized by Pope Francis on April 2, 2014.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

OFFICE HOURS

The office will have modified hours while Patrycja is on vacation.

Regular office hours resume on May 1.

Monday, April 20 Closed

Tuesday, Apr 21 Regular hours

Wed, Apr 22 10:00 am. to 12:00 pm. & 1:00 pm. to 3pm

Thurs, Apr 23 10:00 am. to 12:00 pm. & 1:00 pm. to 3pm

Friday, Apr 24 10:00 am. to 12:00 pm.

Monday, Apr 27 Closed

Tuesday, Apr 28 10:00 am. to 12:00 pm. & 1:00 pm. to 3pm

Wed, Apr 29 10:00 am. to 12:00 pm. & 1:00 pm. to 3pm

Thurs, Apr 30 10:00 am. to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm. to 3pm



ST. JOSEPH has two feast days on the liturgical calendar.

The first is March 19th, Joseph, the Husband of Mary; and the second is May 1st, Joseph, the Worker. Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph had probably died before Jesus entered public

ministry. To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955.

ST. ATHANASIUS was a bishop and doctor of the church. He is called the "Father of Orthodoxy," the "Pillar of the Church" and "Champion of Christ's Divinity." Athanasius became one of the most dedicated opponents of the heresy of Arianism. Much of his life was a testimony to the divinity of Jesus Christ.

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

On May 1st, International Workers' Day is celebrated in many countries. This can be a day to recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

Please join us to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Catholic education at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School (55 Roslin Ave S) on Wednesday May 6, 2026, at 5:00-7:30pm. There will be a cash BBQ, special guests and school tours with school memorabilia displays.

SSVP - HELP NEEDED! We're reaching out to ask for support for a family in our community whose washing machine has recently broken beyond repair. Their unit was over 10 years old, and they are unable to replace it at this time.

If you have a washing machine, you're able to donate, please call our phone line at **519-886-0342** and press 2 to leave a message. Your help would make a meaningful difference for this family. Thank-you!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER – UPDATE

In the past month, the St. Vincent de Paul Society assisted 36 people through the food cupboard, including 5 individuals and 31 families in our community. We are thankful for the \$917.00 received through the generosity of our parishioners, which allows us to continue supporting those experiencing hardship.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Our Lady of Lourdes School for their food drive donation of 396 lbs., and to Holy Rosary School for their generous contribution of 429 lbs. These donations are a tremendous help to our efforts and are sincerely appreciated.

As a reminder, donation boxes are placed at the back of the church on the last Sunday of each month.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and compassion for those in need.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



The next session will take place on **Sunday, May 3**, immediately following Mass downstairs in the parish hall.

All are invited to attend a Senior Information Fair on Saturday, April 18, 2026, drop-in from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Louis Gym, 77 Willow St., Waterloo (a barrier-free environment).

This is a great opportunity to meet over 30 professionals from many areas impacting seniors' lives to ask questions about what is available to help. Admission and refreshments are free. Sponsored by St. Louis Ministry to the Elderly and St. Louis Catholic Women's League. For information contact StLouisSeniorFair@outlook.com or Cecilia, 519-572-5435



*Happy
Mother's
Day*



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,
Invites you for Lunch in honour of
Mother's Day Lunch,
Sunday, May 10 at 12:00 p.m.

Bring your whole family
(Tickets are limited)

For more information and to purchase tickets:

please call Patrycja at 519-886-0342 ext.101 or send an email

lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

Ticket price \$20 each.

Includes hot lunch served buffet style.

Roast beef with horseradish, scalloped potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, cake, coffee, and tea

Tickets are on Sale Now !!!!

After Mass on Apr 12. Or purchase at the parish office

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