



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

MASS TIMES

Lord's Day

Saturday: 7:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Saturday: 6:40 pm

Weekday Mass

Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 am

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 pm

Holy Rosary: Wednesday & Friday: 8:10 am

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. 2.

Church door collections - last Sunday of each month.

Food donation bin - back of the Church.



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

Organist: Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@gmail.com
Organist: Ms. Carolyn Snyder Milke csnydermilke@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed

Tuesday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 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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FEB 18 to FEB 23

TUESDAY – FEB 18 Ferial	7:00 p.m.	+ Lorna Kurera – Nimimi Kurera Weerasinghe	
WEDNESDAY– FEB 19 Ferial	8:30 a.m.	+Greg Hill – Joan Cassidy	
THURSDAY– FEB 20 Ferial	7:00 p.m.	+ Paul Breen – George & Donna Breen	
FRIDAY– FEB 21 Ferial	8:30 a.m.	+ Rohan Jayasundera – Miriam Jayasundera	
SATURDAY– FEB 22 Vigil	7:00 p.m.	+Theresa Manion – Cecilia & Brad Caesar	
SUNDAY– FEB 23 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Tom Mulhern – Mary & Gerry Mulhern Living & deceased members of our parish	
<div><div>Parish Finance Report Week of</div><div></div></div>		<i>Feb 2, 2025</i>	<i>Feb 9, 2025</i>
	<i>Sunday Envelope Collection</i>	<i>\$ 2140.00</i>	<i>\$ 1250.00</i>
	<i>Sunday Loose Collection</i>	<i>\$ 214.80</i>	<i>\$ 317.80</i>
	<i>E-transfer</i>	<i>\$ 407.00</i>	<i>\$ 912.00</i>
	<i>PAG/ Direct Deposit</i>	<i>\$ 3,037.50</i>	<i>\$ 3,037.50</i>
	<i><u>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 5,798.80</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 5,516.80</u></i>
	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>
	<i>Net Income /Loss</i>	<i>\$ -701.20</i>	<i>\$ -983.20</i>



Time change for Thursday Mass Beginning on March 6, Mass on Thursday will be celebrated at 12 noon and there will be no evening Thursday Mass. Following Mass on Thursdays, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the church will remain open for private prayer until 3 pm. At that time, either Benediction will be celebrated or the Eucharist reposed.

2024 TAX RECEIPTS are now available at the back of the Church. They will be there until March 2, 2025. After this date they will be mailed out. Please pick up your tax receipt to save us the cost of postage. Thank you for your continuing support.

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.



Diocesan Prayer Calendar – This week let us pray for...

Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Feb. 19	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 22
Rev. Paul Edmondstone	Rev. Fernard Pierre	Discalced Carmelite Sisters, O.C.D.	Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek	Rev. Msgr Edward Sheridan	Very Rev. David Wynen

Prayer for Vocations... God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen



please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. March 9, 2025

Where: Parish Hall

Time: 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

MENU: Coffee, tea \$1 and Cake & desserts \$2
BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Feb 9, 2025, funds \$206.00

All proceeds from OLOL Café support our parish ministries

Please be a part of something extraordinary.

Please call the parish office if you can help as we hope to have the Café open 2nd Sunday of the Month.

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew's gospel, that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article “you” whereas Matthew uses “they” or “those.” There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness. The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God. (*Loyola Press*).

ST. LOUIS PARISH All are invited to attend a Senior Information Fair on Saturday, April 5, 2025, 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. Admission and refreshments are free. Sponsored by St. Louis Ministry to the Elderly and St. Louis Catholic Women's League For information contact StLouisSeniorFair2025@gmail.com or Cecilia, 519-572-5435

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH CWL is hosting a Card Party. Tickets are now available for our annual card party on Wednesday, April 30th in the Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$20 per person. Plan to join us. Hosted by our CWL. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.



DID YOU KNOW... OLOL Cafe Sunday funds have been supporting Parish Ministries since 2023. The ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are most grateful to have received **\$990.00** to support the purchase of yarn allowing them to create over 800 beautiful shawls, lap blankets and Baptism blankets to provide warmth and comfort to those in need. Shawls are available (at no cost) to anyone in the Parish; however, donations are appreciated. For further information please call Margaret Perrotta (519) 886-8258.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST.

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 4th at 2pm.** and enrollment for the Sacrament will take place during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. **Sunday Mass on March 2nd.** The enrollment at this Mass will be your child's registration for the Sacrament.

If your child is attending one of the two parish schools, Our Lady of Lourdes or Holy Rosary, a letter will be sent through the schools this week giving the details of the sacramental preparation program that will begin on Sunday, March 16th, following the 9am. Mass. There will be a total of four sessions that your child will be expected to attend. If you have a child not attending one of the parish schools, you may contact the parish office to receive the information.



The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, March 7, 2025**, at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Take-out will be at 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Purchase your tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928 or at the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tuesday to Friday) or call 519-669-3387. Cost is Adults \$20.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take-out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

THE POPE'S FEBRUARY INTENTIONS FOR 2025

**For vocations to the priesthood
and religious life**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious





Thinking of buying or selling? I can HELP! I have a team of professionals who will make the process go as smooth as possible. I have been a member of Our Lady of Lourdes church for 25 yrs and would love the opportunity to help my fellow parishioners with their real estate needs.

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