



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: 7:00 pm

Thursday: 12:00 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. 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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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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APR 1 to APR 6

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| TUESDAY – APR 1 Ferial | 7:00 p.m. | Special Intention of Lisa Reitzel – Burns Family |
| WEDNESDAY– APR 2 Ferial | 8:30 a.m. | + David Eckert & John Lauer – Mitzie Eckert |
| THURSDAY– APR 3 Ferial | 12:00 p.m. | Cancelled |
| FRIDAY– APR 4 Ferial | 8:30 a.m. | + Albert & Pauline Dias – Miriam Jayasundera |
| SATURDAY– APR 5 Vigil | 7:00 p.m. | + Barbara Schmuck – Kathie Mulhall & Family |
| SUNDAY– APR 6 5 th Sunday of Lent | 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | + Alex Behr – Bayer Family Living & deceased members of our parish |

| <div>Parish Finance Report Week of</div> <div>OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH</div> | | March 16, 2025 | March 23, 2025 |
|---|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Sunday Envelope Collection | \$ 6,312.25 | \$ 2,585.05 |
| | Sunday Loose Collection | \$ 453.55 | \$ 460.85 |
| | E-transfer | \$ 262.00 | \$ 212.00 |
| | PAG/ Direct Deposit | \$ 2,823.46 | \$ 2,823.46 |
| | Other (Building fund, funerals, missals, Votives...) | \$ 524.85 | \$ 524.85 |
| | TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION | \$ 10,376.11 | \$ 6,606.16 |
| | Budgeted | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 6,500.00 |
| | Net Income /Loss | \$ 3,876.11 | \$ 106.16 |

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...

| Mar. 31 | Apr. 1 | Apr. 2 | Apr. 3 | Apr. 4 | Apr. 5 |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Rev. Piotr Jurzyk | Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis | Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M. | Grandparents & the Elderly | Rev. Patras Samuel Masih | Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I. |

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

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love.

The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree.

Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father. First, we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died.

Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being. The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love. (Loyola Press).

WHY@Breakfast ONLINE PRESENTATION – You are invited to a special online presentation, **PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN THE JUBILEE YEAR: A View from Rome**, with Fr. Alex Yeung, LC, STL, PhD, as our speaker. Fr. Alex Yeung, a graduate from UW, is now a professor at Regina Apostolorum Pontifical Athanaeum in Rome. As a priest stationed in Rome, he will share insights about how the Jubilee Year is going in and around Rome. The online presentation will be held on April 5th, 2025, from 9:30 AM to 11 AM. For more information and free registration, see <http://whyatbreakfast.com>.

SENIOR INFORMATION FAIR: Saturday April 5, 1 to 4 pm, at St. Louis Parish Gym, 77 Willow St., Waterloo.

This is a free event sponsored by St. Louis Ministry to the Elderly and St. Louis CWL. Learn about services in the community to help seniors live their best life. Professionals will share their knowledge and information about what is available.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Thursday, June 12th at 7pm.** and enrollment for the Sacrament will take place

during the 11 a.m. **Sunday Mass on April 27th.** 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 was sent through the schools last week giving the details of the sacramental preparation program that will begin on Sunday, April 27th, following the 11am. Mass. There will be a total of four sessions and one practice 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, stop by the sacristy after Mass to pick up the registration form.



St. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

During the month of February, we helped 32 families and 10 singles with emergency food support in our cupboard. In January, we received \$1,475 in donations from parishioners and \$303 in memorial donations, for a total of \$1,778. These funds are vital in helping us continue supporting those in need in our community. We appreciate your support and generosity! Thank you.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2025 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

*please
join us*

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. April 13, 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

Mar 9, 2025, funds \$247.00

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.

Mass of Chrism

Monday, April 14th, at 2:00 pm.

All are welcome to join the Diocesan Mass of Chrism, during which His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will bless the Oils of the sick and catechumens, and consecrate the Sacred Chrism.



EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTE:

During the Holy Time of Easter, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes to be placed in the church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. Forms are available at the church entrances if you wish to make such a tribute. The floral tribute sheets will be placed in the sanctuary in a gift-wrapped box. Those loved ones named will be remembered at all the Masses during the Easter season.

PLEASE NOTE MASS: Thursday April 3 Mass at 12:00 pm will be cancelled. Will resume the following will.

Laetare Sunday *This weekend we celebrate Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a latin word meaning to "rejoice" similar to the third Sunday of Advent when we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. It comes from the opening antiphon of Mass, "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love here. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast."*

It is a reminder that just before we celebrate the Passiontide of Christ, we are nearing the great celebration of Easter.



The Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist will take place on Sunday, May 4th.

For those enrolled in the Sacrament, preparation sessions will take place on the following dates, downstairs in the parish hall, immediately following Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Session 3 – Sunday, April 6th

Session 4 – Sunday, April 27th



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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