

Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

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A Thanksgiving Prayer

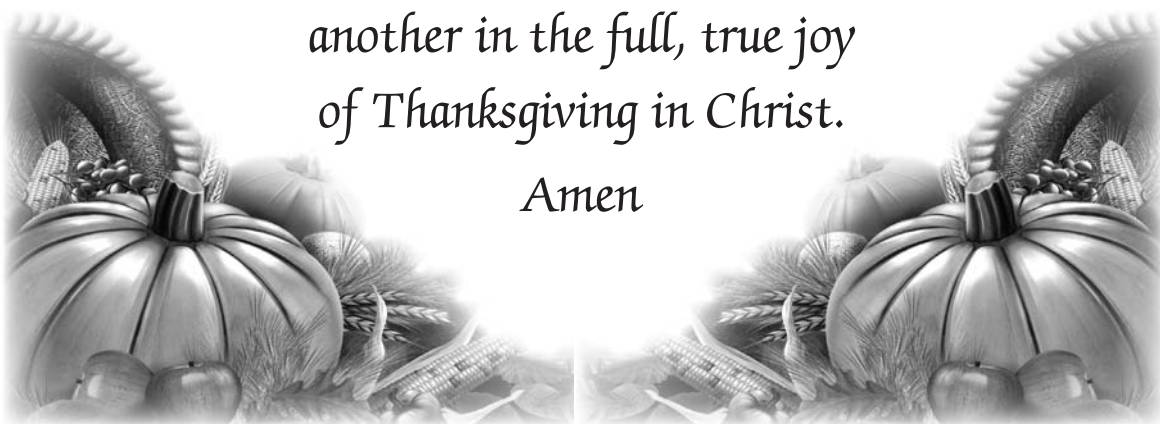
Heavenly Creator,

In this season of gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle
with hunger and want.

Be with them in the dark of night,
when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.
And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one
another in the full, true joy
of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Oct 25 to Oct 30

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+ Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	+Hans Gollek – Maria & Bill Smit & Family
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	+ Pilbean & Bleskie Family – Family
Friday	8:30 a.m.	+ Frank Macario – Ed & Evelyn Sanchez
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	+ Joe Stumpf – Stumpf Family
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Special intention

Offertory Collection for Sunday, Oct 9 & Oct 16, 2022: \$9,333.65
(Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.)

Monthly Budget Review as of Oct 16, 2022

Cumulative financial objective – 42 weeks @ \$7,500	\$315,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$126,944.93
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$106,012.91
Over (under) objective	-\$82,042.16

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

YOUTH GROUP: Are you interested in participating in our FFF junior youth group (grade 4-8) or our senior high school youth group? The next meeting will be on **Friday, October 28th**. For planning purposes, please RSVP your attendance by Wednesday, October 26th to Tiffany Scott (grade 4-8) at tscott1201@rogers.com and to Marta (high school) at mbfukasawa@gmail.com

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES:

519 Community Collective and Waterloo Region Food Bank depends on the support and the generosity of the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for their grocery needs to help the needy of our area. Will start on **Thanksgiving weekend (Oct. 8-9), and will continue until END of October**, you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the church and place them in the sanctuary. Food banks supply low at this time, and your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your kindness to those in need.



**'FORMED' PROGRAM FOR
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
PARISHIONERS:**



'FORMED' is a Catholic Online Resource that is presented by Augustine Institute. It is like a **Catholic Netflix** and yet it is much more than that. It is a collection of materials for study, entertainment, spiritual growth, and nourishment. It contains material for study, watching, listening, or reading.

OUR PARISH HAS PURCHASED A PARISH WIDE SUBSCRIPTION. This means each family, everyone in the parish has access to all these resources. To sign up you go to <https://formed.org/> and sign up. Remember to enter our parish postal code N2L 1N5. If you need assistance figuring out how to access or are uncertain about resources, the link: <https://help.formed.org> has all you need. Once you are registered you use the app or web browser to access the resources.

In 2015 Lighthouse Catholic Media merged with the Augustinian Institute, so many of the lighthouse resources are available through 'FORMED'. EACH WEEK there is a video available with a brief teaching for the upcoming Sunday Mass Readings. There are sections for Sacramental preparation, Bible Study, current topics and youth resources. Under the movies there are sub-sections for movies, documentaries, apologetics, and youth. The audio section contains talks, audio dramas and audio books. The book section contains nonfiction, fiction, and youth resources.

As our parish has purchased a parish wide subscription, that means each family and individual in the parish has access to all of these resources.

THANKSGIVING DINNERS: Big thank you to all those we were able to sponsor our shut-in parishioners with a thanksgiving dinner and all the driver volunteers, your support is always so greatly appreciated.

please
join us



Our Lady of Lourdes Café

Open Next
on **Sunday, Nov 13, 2022**
after 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Mass in the parish hall.

MENU: Coffee, tea \$1
Cake & desserts \$2

BAKERS ARE NEEDED AND VOLUNTEERS

Sales from Oct 9, 2022, were \$219.00
All proceeds from OLOL Café will go to support parish committees.
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.

SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP will meet in the church hall every Tuesday from 1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. for progressive Euchre followed by refreshments. Doors open at 1:15 p.m. All Lourdes seniors are welcome. Enter through the tunnel door.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

We would like to send Christmas shoe boxes to poor children with Canadian Food for Children. If you have empty shoeboxes, leftover Halloween candy, small toys (no batteries please), paper, crayons, markers, rosaries, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks. Please bring your filled shoe boxes to Mary's altar from **Nov 1 – Nov 21** to send in time for Christmas. Many thanks for anything you can donate.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

- Oct 24 Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.
- Oct 25 Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.
- Oct 26 Consecrated Men and Women
- Oct 27 Rev. Lawrence Parent
- Oct 28 Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
- Oct 29 Rev. Roland Voisin



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.



TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS AND HOUSEHOLD CLUTTER!!! The spring FUNdrive at our parish raised \$3,100.00 for

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Thank you for your support.

We are now having our second pick-up.

Be part of our team by contributing items that you no longer need.

Date: Saturday November 12, 2022

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Drop off Sites:

1. Our Lady of Lourdes Church - 173 Lourdes St, Waterloo (back parking lot)
2. Lackner Woods Public School - 151 Zeller Dr, Kitchener

Items Being Collected:

- Clothing and soft household items, shoes etc. (placed in green in garbage bags)
- Household Items (in medium sized manageable boxes with breakables wrapped in paper)
- Items of value that can be sold on Marketplace (as identified by donors)

If you have any questions,

please contact Maureen Innes at maureeninnes@hotmail.com



IN PREPARATION OF BISHOP CROSBY'S 25TH

Anniversary of Ordination as a Bishop we are invited to participate in a "spiritual bouquet" for the bishop's anniversary. We are asked to participate by offering rosaries, morning offerings, acts of charity, acts of mercy, and Holy Communion, please contact the parish office with your information or **sign-up sheets** are available at the back of the church.



NOVEMBER 5/6 – COFFEE WEEKEND

On the weekend of November 5/6, you are invited to our first coffee weekend since before the summer. Plan to attend – there will be a lot going on! You will have an opportunity to learn about various volunteer opportunities and parish groups in the parish. Parishioners will be available to answer all your questions about . . .

- the music ministry (choirs at the 9 and 11 Sunday Masses, funeral choir, serving as cantor at Mass)
- the St. Vincent de Paul Society
- children's Liturgy of the Word (at 9 and 11 Sunday Masses)
- hospitality ministry (parish coffee Sundays, funeral luncheons, ushers)
- prayer shawl ministry
- Fabulous Faith Finders (grades 4-8 youth group)
- High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)
- Altar Servers, lector, Eucharist minister, beechwood manor volunteer
- and, just for the ladies, you will be able to speak with members of the Catholic Women's League to learn about the CWL's mission and membership advantages.
- Hospitality, drivers, Café volunteers, special events set up, clean up



Please prayerfully consider how you can share your time and talents with the parish. Many volunteer positions have a minimal time commitment. Volunteering is very rewarding and the satisfaction that you get from helping out is well worth the effort! So, enjoy some refreshments and be open to the Spirit and the possibility of volunteering.

LOL 2ND PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER:



LOL Social club is hosting by popular demand our second ever parish dinner. Mark your calendars. **Sunday, November 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.** in our parish hall. Cost per ticket is \$40.

Included a gourmet dinner, wine & dessert. Please contact Patrycja at the parish office to purchase your tickets at 519-886-0342 or email at lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com or stop by the parish office to reserve your table of 8. Everyone's welcome. Tickets are limited.



70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARMELITE SISTERS IN WATERLOO REGION

The Committee for the Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to attend a special Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger at St. Mary's Catholic Church on **This Monday** October 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. and each supporter will be given dinner prepared by Tiny House Takeout. Donations of \$250 per couple (eligible for a full tax receipt) can be mailed to Carmel of St. Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., RR1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0. Reservations: Jane Malleck 519-748-1225

Catholic Women's League Membership Form



(For women of the parish ages 16+)

It's time to JOIN or RENEW your Catholic Women's League (CWL) Membership.

Our Next event Christmas Potluck Nov 29, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Catholic women today possess immense potential to serve church, community, and the world. The unique strength of Catholic women is the faith that binds us together. We pray for each other, care for the less fortunate, and support our parish and community. Our monthly events are informative, prayerful, and fun-loving.

Please PRINT the information required below, and along with the membership fee of **\$35.00**, place it in an envelope marked "CWL" and place it in the collection basket by December 30th.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(if you wish to receive notifications of upcoming events)

Payment (please check one): cash _____ cheque _____ (payable to the Our Lady of Lourdes CWL)

STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION? Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

THE POPE'S OCTOBER INTENTIONS FOR 2022

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.





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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