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Thanksgiving

For wealth and plenty in the land,

For faith in God's sustaining hand,

For every blessing great and small

We thank the giver of it all.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 13TH

Tuesday, October 14, 7:05 pm +Bill Strauss; Deanna Nimmo <i>No one will have any other desire in heaven than what God wills; and the desire of one will be the desire of all; and the desire of all and of each one will also be the desire of God. – St. Anselm</i>
Wednesday, October 15, 6:30 pm +Bill Dixon; Theresa & Wes Grosz 7:00 pm St. John's Bible Presentation <i>Do you suppose that because we cannot hear God that God is silent? God speaks clearly to the heart when we beg God from our hearts to do so. – St. Teresa of Jesus</i>
Thursday, October 16, 12:05 am +John Basler; Knights of Columbus 8192 <i>Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing but live otherwise. – St. Charles Borromeo</i>
Friday, October 17, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>Let us do all things with the conviction that God dwells in us. – St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>
Saturday, October 18, 5:00 pm +Angela Leach; Laura Kindrat +Maurice Downey; Jeannette Downey & Family
Sunday, October 19, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Laity Sunday, World Mission Sunday 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR October 18/19

First Reading: Ex 17:8-13
 Second Reading: 2 Tm 3:14-4:2
 Gospel Reading: Lk 18:1-8

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Oct 13	Rev. Tom Moisan Thanksgiving Day
Tues., Oct 14	Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
Wed., Oct 15	Congregation of the Holy Cross, C.S.C.
Thu., Oct 16	St. Marguerite D'Youville, Religious World Food Day
Fri., Oct 17	Rev. Mark Sullivan
Sat., Oct 18	Rev. David Wilhelm

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	7:35 p.m. C.W.L. General Meeting – Library
WED	7:00 p.m. St. John's Bible Presentation – Hall
THU	6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.
FRI	7:00 p.m. Youth Group

MINISTRIES for October 18/19

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Judy Furlong, Tim Baillargeon
9am	Ken Gallipeau, Pat Ditner, Carol Kieswetter

Hospitality

5pm	Kieran & Geoff Kelly
9am	Sharon & Mike Noel, Adrian Miltenburg

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Connie Kaster	Kevin Dupuis
9am	Paul Shutsa	Iris Miltenburg

Altar Servers

9am Xander, Isabelle, Hannah

Children's Liturgy

Oct 19 Linda Bruder, Anna Jakeman

Sign Ministry

Oct 14 Ray Denomme

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For collaboration between different religious traditions – Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Corn Niblets and
Canned Meat (Ham, Turkey or Chicken)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank you for all the graces and blessings you have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year. This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

Join us for St. Teresa's Feast Day on Wednesday, October 15th beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by the St. John's Bible Presentation and a reception. Come celebrate our Feast Day with us and don't forget to check out the books in our library on St. Teresa of Avila.

R.C.I.A., the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is a process of learning about the Catholic Faith. We invite those interested in discerning about the Catholic Faith and/or joining the Catholic community to contact me, Iris or the Parish Office.

A Pilgrimage to Spain is being arranged in 2027. Please consider joining us. More information will be following shortly.

Fr. Peter Meyer

You are invited to celebrate our **PARISH FEAST DAY** this week on **Wednesday, October 15th**. Mass will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by a **ST. JOHN'S BIBLE PRESENTATION** at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars and join us in the evening for Mass, the presentation and a reception afterwards.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH VOLUNTEER

APPRECIATION on **Sunday, November 2nd** at the St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall from 1 – 3 p.m. All volunteers are welcome to come and join us. Volunteers from: Coffee Sunday, Choir, Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, Prayer Shawl Program, Altar Servers, Finance Committee, Sacristans, Money Counters, Parish

Pastoral Council, Children's Liturgy, Sacramental Preparation for First Communion, Confirmation and R.C.I.A., Gardening Committee, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Commentators, Christmas Pageant organizers, Hospitality Ministers, Decorating Committee, Youth Group Committee, Funeral Ministry, Sign Ministry and Garden Party Committee. We very much appreciate your volunteering of time and talent and would like for you to come and enjoy our reception.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, October 24, 2025** here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall. 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, after weekend Masses or at the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tuesday to Thursday) 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.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Fish Fry on **October 23rd and 24th**. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event. Thank you.

Our **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DRIVE** is from **Tuesday, September 30th until Wednesday, October 15th**. We can have a significant impact on our area to make it hunger-free. Please consider once again donating to our Thanksgiving Day Food Drive.

Looking to serve your parish and community with purpose? Representatives from our Knights of Columbus Council will be available during the **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** on **Sunday, October 26th** offering free registrations to join the Knights of Columbus. As an online member, discover how you can become part of a brotherhood rooted in faith, charity, and fellowship. **After Mass, stay for Coffee Sunday, hosted by the Council.** Please join us.

AN INVITATION TO ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH - On **Sunday, October 26th** you are invited to learn more about the Catholic Women's League (CWL) council here at St. Teresa during our Membership Drive! We invite all women ages 16 and up to consider joining us where you can feel the strength of faith, love, friendship, and service that binds us together as Catholic women. Current members will be available to answer any questions you may have while you enjoy Coffee Sunday with the parish!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR TINY HOMES: men's jeans, men's and women's t-shirts, running shoes, sweatshirts, hoodies, track pants, rain and spring jackets, sleeping bags, tents and umbrellas. Please place items in the containers in the cloakroom.

VOLUNTEER AT BARNSWALLOW PLACE – Volunteers help fulfill our community's purpose of 'Cultivating Happiness in Everyday Life.' When you give your gift of

time, you are contributing to making someone's day better. Join us and we will strive to provide you with a meaningful experience that makes use of your unique talents and supports your personal growth. Requirements will include a vulnerable sector police check along with some time invested in orientation of policies and procedures. TB testing is only required for those wishing to spend more than 150 hours annually at the home. Call or email us at 519-669-5777 ext. 1008 or paula.osborne@siennaliving.ca for an application form or set up a time to visit. Thank you!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – From **September 24th to November 2nd, 2025** we invite you to join with over a million volunteers across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. You are encouraged to get involved by Prayer and Fasting for an end to abortion, as well as attending a Peaceful Vigil outside of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener for an allocated hour between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week. We encourage volunteers to consider Adopting an Hour a week, which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign and this would greatly help in filling all the hours. You can either sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by emailing Evy at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or calling 519-970-0822. It is very important that you sign up BEFORE coming to the vigil site as this prevents one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site.

Woolwich counselling is offering workshops this fall. **ANXIETY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP: CHANGING THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, AND BEHAVIOURS FOR A BETTER MOOD WORKSHOP**, in-person adult workshop, on **Tuesday, October 21st** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The fee is \$10.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WHO ARE ANXIOUS WORKSHOP, virtual parenting workshop on Wednesday, October 29th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The fee is \$10.

EMOTION EXPLORERS GROUP, in-person group, ages 5-8 on **Thursdays, October 30th – November 27th** from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The fee is \$150.

To register, please visit <https://woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events/>. Further subsidies available if needed.

A **JUBILEE CELEBRATION** will be held on **Sunday, October 26, 2025** at 2:00 p.m. in St. Mary Church, Kitchener. Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will preside the Jubilee Mass. All parishioners of our Waterloo Deanery are invited to the celebration of this special Mass.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for October 4/5:	\$ 2,883.20
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