

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL IS HOLDING KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION on Tuesday, February 7 from 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-6:45 p.m. The following are required for registration: Child's Roman Catholic baptismal certificate or one parent's RC baptismal certificate; proof of home address (driver's license, utility statement, purchase/rental/lease agreement); child's proof of age and legal name (birth certificate, passport, permanent resident card, Canadian citizenship). If you require additional information, please call the school at 519-886-4810 .

KW RIGHT TO LIFE: January 28, 1988 was the year Canada's abortion law was struck down leaving no protection for the preborn child up until delivery. There will be a candlelight prayer vigil in front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink) from 6-7 p.m. on Saturday January 28, 2017. We pray for the spiritual adoption of all preborn babies in danger of abortion. Call KW Right to Life 519.746.5433 for more information.

ENTRUST YOURSELF TO GOD'S MERCY! 33 Days to Merciful Love is a group retreat preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. This 6-week DVD program by Fr. Michael Gaitley will take place Saturdays at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, 56 Duke St. W., Kitchener, in the Lower Hall, beginning Saturday March 4. The retreat book can be ordered on the St. Mary's website or by paying at the parish office. To order on the website go to: <http://stmarysrccchurch.ca/> Click the "give online" button in the upper right hand corner and follow the instructions. When confirming the payment, please write in the comments box that this is to order the 33 Days to Merciful Love retreat book. The cost of the book is \$25. Order Deadline is February 3. Those wishing to go deeper and order the full participant packet with the book and "Retreat Companion" will need to order individually from the USA at <http://www.shopmercy.org/33-Days-to-Merciful-Love-Participant-Pack-with-Book/MLPSWB/itd/27240002/132/508/AHA> Orders from the USA will take longer. If you have any questions, contact Vicky at vmdvorak@gmail.com.

CHRIST IS ALIVE AND FULLY PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST! Join us as we delve into the "source and summit" of our faith with Fr. Robert Barron's DVD-based program – Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice and Real Presence. This spiritual study will give you a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity that you can receive at each and every Mass. The program begins Monday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Louis Parish (53 Allen St. East, Waterloo) There will be six sessions until March 27. The program is free but there is a cost for optional materials. To find out more, or to register, please contact Anna at St. Louis Parish office at 519-743-4101 or email stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: An information meeting regarding the Share Lent campaign will be held on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Church Hall, 85 Strange St., Kitchener. Everyone welcome.

VOCATION SEEDS: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or mking@hamiltondiocese.com, or visit www.hamiltonvocations.com.



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| PASTOR: | Rev. Edward (Ted) Hughes |
| ADMINISTRATOR: | Rev. Rafal Tomon |
| DEACON: | Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang |
| PARISH YOUTH CATECHIST: | Paula Rush |
| ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: | Bette Honsinger
Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. |
| SUNDAY MASSES: | Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community
Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I. |
| SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: | By appointment – please phone the parish office |
| SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION | Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon
Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. |
| SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: | By appointment – please phone the parish office |
| BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS: | Last Sunday of each month after all Masses |
| ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: | Church door collections – last Sunday of each month |

Announced Mass intentions for the week of January 22 to 28, 2017

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| Monday..... | 8:30 a.m. | Dawn Jones – Nevelle & Naomi de' Rozario |
| Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Don Downey – Dennis & Mary Fedy |
| Wednesday | 8:30 a.m. | Special intention of Roland Lobb – Iona, Rena & Rita |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Anne O'Mara – Mary & Gerry Mulhern |
| Friday | 8:30 a.m. | Special intention – Dorothy Rola |
| Saturday..... | 7:00 p.m. | Thomas Hughes; Mike Paesano |

Offertory collection for Sunday, January 15, 2017: \$5,786.20

[Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]



PLEASE SAVE YOUR MILK BAGS!

The families of Our Lady of Lourdes School request the assistance of the parish to participate in Project Milk Bag. For the next 2 months, we ask for you to help in the collection of the colourful outer milk bags. They should be clean and flattened. They can be dropped off in the vestibule of the church in the box provided.

CELEBRATING A YEAR WITH THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE: Join us on Tuesday, January 24, as St. Jerome's University welcomes two volumes of the Heritage Edition of the *Saint John's Bible*. From childhood, Donald Jackson, official calligrapher to Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II, dreamed of creating a handwritten, illuminated bible. An international team of calligraphers and artists created the original 1,165 page manuscript with its 160 major illuminations that reflect biblical themes of hospitality, conversion of life, and justice for God's people. Ecumenical Service in honour of Christian Unity Week at 4:30 p.m. followed. Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome's University. Free of charge, free parking, wheelchair accessible, refreshments served.

WATCH FOUND before Christmas. Please contact the parish office to claim.

FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING: The second of our meetings in preparation for the reception of the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be held Sunday, January 29 in the parish hall after the 9:00 a.m. This meeting, which will focus on your child's reception of the sacrament of First Reconciliation, is for parents **and** children.



HAPPY NEW YEAR FANTASTIC FAITH FINDERS! We will have our first meeting of the new year on Friday, January 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the church hall. We are looking forward to gathering again for some fun, faith and fellowship. Please contact Tiffany Scott if you have any questions at tscott1201@rogers.com.

PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM: Men interested in learning about the Permanent Diaconate Formation program in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend the information session on Sunday February 5 that will take place at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. The meeting will be held after 11:00 a.m. Mass. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Peter Gittens at diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com or by telephone at 905-528-7988, ext. 2258.

UPDATE ON OUR SPONSORED FAMILY: The planning committee of our Ecumenical Welcoming Partnership is happy to report that Shinga, Esperance and their children are doing well. Everyone is working hard at learning English. Dental work is almost completed. Children have all been outfitted with ice skates and helmets. Many volunteers are continuing to give support with banking, food preparation, grocery shopping, practising English, learning math, etc. All family members now have OHIP cards and SIN numbers. We anticipate that the Child Tax Benefit will soon arrive. We are at the 6 month of our 12 month sponsorship commitment with a goal of helping the family be as independent and self-sufficient as possible by the end of July. Thanks to everyone who has assisted with this ministry – and to those who are continuing!

We mourn those who have gone before us in death and continue with us in the Communion of Saints.

Mary Ann SchnarrJanuary 14, 2017

ENGAGED COUPLE BLESSING: On Sunday, February 12 at the 11 a.m. Mass we will be offering a blessing to all couples who are engaged to be married in our parish or elsewhere. Please join us. The celebration of your engagement is a wonderful opportunity to seek the support and prayers of the community of faith and to be a public sign of your commitment to one another. After Mass you are invited to join the parish community for refreshments in the parish hall. If you would like more information, please contact Bette at lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com or 519-886-0342.



*The CWL invites all members
to a savoury soup tasting night!!!*



On Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m., please join us as Sarah Smith, a nutritionist from Goodness Me, talks about healthy eating. After her presentation everyone will be able to taste our executive's wonderful homemade soups and take home delicious recipes. We look forward to seeing you. If you have any special soup recipes you would care to share please bring the printed recipe and we will copy and provide them to the membership that evening or email them the next day.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER? All you need to know to serve at Mass will be covered in just one session at Our Lady of Lourdes Church: Saturday, February 4 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. If you are in grade 4 or higher and would like to become an altar server, please sign up for training by contacting the parish office at 519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 IS THE MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE. This is the day when many Catholics participate in the tradition of having their throats blessed. To do this, the priest blesses two candles, generally by a prayer, and then holds each in a crossed position on the throat of the person being blessed. At the same time, the following blessing is given: "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." Why does the blessing of the throat take place on St. Blaise Day? St. Blaise, a physician and bishop, asked God to cure a child who was choking to death on a fish bone and the child's life was saved. Thus, St. Blaise is the patron saint of healthy throats. The blessing of throats will take place after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on February 3.