

6th ANNUAL MAYOR'S AGE-FRIENDLY FORUM: Join City of Waterloo Mayor Dave Jaworsky and the Age-friendly Waterloo Multi-Agency Committee as they explore the benefits of life-long learning. Learn about community educational programs through presentations and at pop-up booths hosted by local educators, the City of Waterloo and the Waterloo Public Library staff and leaders. Hear more about a new intercultural and intergenerational learning bridge program and share in the discussions about learning and diversity. Friday, November 24, 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the ballroom, Luther Village on the Park, 139 Father David Bauer Dr., Waterloo. Everyone is invited to this free event but please register before November 15 as spaces are limited. Ample free parking. Refreshments will be provided. Pre-register at waterloo.ca/agefriendly or 519-747-8558.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND BAKE SALE at St. Teresa's Parish, 44 Leonard St., Kitchener in our church hall on Saturday, November 25 after the 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, November 26 after the 10 a.m. Mass. 50/50 draw, bake table, raffle table, new/gently used table, and silent auction. Will be serving a lunch of sausage and sauerkraut, fried onions on a bun, hot dogs, ham and eggs, beverages and desserts. Sponsored by St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League. For more information call 519 743 4525.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA (ELMIRA) CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING DINNER is on Friday, December 1 at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. Tickets can be ordered (until November 29) through the parish office Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 519-669-3387. Ticket prices are adults \$16.00; children 6-12 years \$8.00 and children 5 & under are free. Those who have purchased take-out tickets can pick up their meals at 5:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity to purchase tickets on gift baskets! Don't miss out on this delicious Christmas dinner. Funds raised for this event will go towards the building maintenance project.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION (CWLF) is accepting applications for its initial Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic women. The program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. For more information about the CWLF, the Leadership Program, and to complete an application form, visit <http://cwlfcanada.ca>.



Catholic Women's League Membership Form (For women of the parish ages 16+)

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

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 \$25.00, place it in an envelope marked "CWL" and place it in the collection basket by November 30.

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)



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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 November 12 to 18, 2017

Monday..... 8:30 a.m. Margaret & John Engler – Kathy & Bill Steffler & Family

Tuesday **Luther Village**..... 10:00 a.m. Adrien Rousseau – Family

7:00 p.m. Bob Ervin – Waterloo Catholic Administrators Association

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Deceased members of Kumalo Family – Jane & Thandi Kumalo

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Donovan Norris-Lue – Eng Siew Tan & Family

Friday 8:30 a.m. Tesfamariam Desta – Lemlem Tesfamariam

Saturday 7:00 p.m. Bruce Fricker – Marie & Eldon Garrett

Offertory collection for Sunday, November 5, 2017: \$5,625.00

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

ADVENT RETREAT FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

Children in Grades 1-3 are warmly invited to four Monday evenings away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations to listen to scripture, to pray and to sing. Together we will consider some of the Messianic prophecies and infancy narratives, and we will contemplate "Who is this Jesus we celebrate?" The retreat follows the method of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, an approach to faith formation that seeks to answer the child's silent request "Help me come closer to God by myself." Children who have attended previously will delve deeper into scripture and be shown new passages. We will meet in the parish office from 6:30-7:45 p.m. on November 27, December 4, 11 and 18. To inquire further or to register please contact Paula (lourdescatechist@rogers.com).

ADVENT EMAILS FOR STUDENTS IN JUNIOR GRADES

Students in grades 4-6 are invited to join an Advent "Who (or what) am I?" email group. Each day of Advent you will receive an email with a riddle describing something or someone found in one of the accounts in the Bible of the time surrounding Christ's birth. Each person or thing in scripture helps us to draw closer to the mystery of God who became human like us. You can spend the day trying to figure out who or what the riddle means. The answer will be sent the following morning along with a new riddle to puzzle out. If you would like to receive these emails throughout Advent, please have a parent or guardian send Paula an email at lourdescatechist@rogers.com before Sunday, December 3, the first Sunday of Advent!



MILK BAG UPDATE: At this time, Our Lady of Lourdes School has a sufficient supply of milk bags for their milk bag project of weaving sleeping mats for less fortunate people all over the world. Your contribution of milk bags is very much appreciated, however, until further notice, please do not bring your milk bags to the church.

LET'S TALK: On November 25, the Family Ministry Office and the Office of Youth Ministry will be hosting a day long workshop focusing on young people and mental health. The morning will consist of a speaker from Canadian Mental Health Association and the afternoon will consist of safeTALK training for suicide awareness and alertness. All are welcome to attend. The cost of the day is \$40.00 and this includes the workshop, safeTALK training, and lunch. Spaces for this workshop are limited! For more information regarding this day please contact Christina Mines in the Office of Youth ministry: 905-528-7988 ext. 2239.

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

Edward Prostebby November 3, 2017
Raymond Beaudry..... November 6, 2017
Betty Germann November 7, 2017

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING REMINDER: We are having our next youth group meeting on Thursday, November 16, starting with Mass at 7:00 p.m. We will then head to the church hall at 7:30 p.m. for prayers, activities and discussions. All high school youth are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Jocelyn Hoang at jocelynmhoang@gmail.com.



Living Scripture

Students from grades one to eight are invited to proclaim the Word of God through movement on Christmas Eve **beginning promptly at 5:00 p.m.** Holy Mass will begin immediately following the children's proclamation. Parent volunteers are most welcome and needed! To register, please fill out and drop off a form available at the church entrances or email Paula at lourdescatechist@rogers.com. Deadline to register for the Living Scripture is **Monday, December 4 at 12 noon.**

THREE LIVING SCRIPTURE REHEARSALS

Tuesdays, December 5, 12 & 19 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Children and parent volunteers are asked to meet in the church hall on the above dates in preparation for the rehearsal that will take place in the church.

"Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words."
—attributed to St. Francis of Assisi



Ladies of the parish, on November 29th, "come with bells on" as our Catholic Women's League hosts the annual potluck supper.

All ladies are invited to a lovely evening starting at 6:00 p.m.
Please bring your favourite dish or yummy dessert.

There will be fun activities, a raffle draw, and some traditional happenings as well, such as a sing-a-long with Sister Barbara at the piano and Father Ted's bell game

We look forward to seeing you at this enjoyable event!!!