

GALAXY OF GIFTS – a fundraiser for Lutherwood Foundation – Saturday, November 26, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Luther Village on the Park (the Great Hall), 141 Father David Bauer Dr. Over 35 vendors, free admission, door prizes, bbq.

EUTHANASIA EDUCATION PRESENTATION: The Basilica of Our Lady CWL invites everyone to a euthanasia education presentation, a 1-hour DVD “Euthanasia Deception” followed by Q & A, coffee and sweets. November 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Church basement in Guelph. Why should you attend? Because it’s a matter of life and death, maybe yours or mine. Because the Canadian press is providing a very slanted non-Christian view of the issues involved. Because killing is not health care. Because we are concerned about the future we are leaving for our children and grandchildren. Because Canadian society has already begun to evaluate human life based on criteria of future (not past) contribution, expectations, cost, etc. Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, has volunteered to attend for the Q & A and to provide background information. We will have letters for signature that are greatly needed for one particular euthanasia-related battle that is upcoming. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

SHARING FAIR: A UNIQUE GIFT SALE THAT MAKES A WORLD OF A DIFFERENCE. This is a project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd worldwide. The sale of handcrafted goods gives honour and dignified employment to women in developing countries, thus providing food and other necessities for the families. 100% of the profits are returned to the village in which the goods were made where a \$2 purchase will provide a meal for a family. Goods are received from 18 countries. A variety of these unique high quality items will be available for purchase at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 148 Madison Ave. S., Kitchener on Saturday, November 26 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. & Sunday November 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 1p.m., and at Our Lady of Guadalupe and St John Parish, 85 Strange St., Kitchener on Saturday, December 3 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. & Sunday, December 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VOCATION SEEDS: “By your endurance you will gain your souls.” Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call. If you feel God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

EUCHRE CARD PARTY: Come one come all to the progressive euchre card party being hosted by the Campus Ministry Fundraising Committee at St. Jerome’s University on Friday, November 25. Starting at 7 p.m. this will be a great opportunity to come together as a community, to show off your card skills or learn a new game. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students with all proceeds going to the chapel renovations! To reserve your ticket please contact Martha Fauteux at mfauteux@uwaterloo.ca or 519-884-8111, ext. 28215.

2016–2017 LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE AT ST. JEROME’S UNIVERSITY: Join us on Friday, November 18, when David Mulrone, President of the University of St. Michael’s College, will explore how China’s rise is reverberating across Canada. Mr. Muloney will draw on three decades of diplomatic experience, including as ambassador to the People’s Republic of China from 2009 to 2012, as he suggests ways that Canada should engage China at the level of values, and in terms of our policy choices. Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome’s University. 7:30p.m. (doors open at 6:45p.m.) Free of charge, free parking, wheelchair accessible, refreshments served.



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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 November 13 to 19, 2016

- Monday..... 8:30 a.m.....Dawn Marie Jones – Nevelle & Naomi de’Rozario
 Tuesday 7:00 a.m.....Bruno Preiss – Janice & Bob McKay
 Wednesday 8:30 a.m.....Adeline Dunn – Barbara Dunn
 Thursday 7:00 p.m.....George Sehl – Kathleen Sehl
 Friday 8:30 a.m.....Luke Santi – John & Marj McElroy
 Saturday..... 7:00 p.m.....Robert Joseph Thomas; Souls in Purgatory

Offertory collection for Sunday, November 6, 2016: \$6,505.00

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

Living Scripture



Once again this year, students from grades one to eight are invited to proclaim the Word of God through movement at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Parent volunteers are most welcome and needed! Registration forms are available at the church entrances for those who wish to become involved. Deadline to register for the Living Scripture is **Monday, December 5 at 12 noon.**

THREE LIVING SCRIPTURE REHEARSALS

Tuesdays, December 6, 13 & 20 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

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE: Desire an encounter with Christ? Is music a passion of yours and a way you enter into prayer? Then come on Friday, November 25 to a time of adoration, praise and worship, with award winning Christian music artist, Chris Bray. Join us at St. Michael High School, 240 Oakdale Ave, Stratford, ON from 7-11 p.m. There will be games, snacks and fun. If you have any questions text or call Ginie Charlesworth at 519-801-2010 or visit www.stratfordfop.com

Advent Retreat for Primary Students

Children in Grades 1-3 are warmly invited to four Thursday 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 6:30-7:30 p.m. on December 1, 8, 15 and 22. To inquire further or to register please contact Paula (lourdescatechist@rogers.com).



Christmas Tree

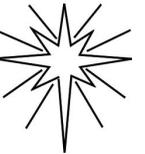
Do you have an evergreen tree on your property that you are planning to have removed? At Christmas the church will need a tree approximately 6.5 metres (21 feet) tall for our “Tree of Life”. Please call the parish office.

HEALING MASS FOR THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A CHILD: Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with such grief, is planned at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for Sunday, November 27 at 4 p.m. Anyone who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including those that have lost a child prior to birth or who have had a still birth, are invited to this Mass celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby. Registration is preferred, but not necessary, as it will assist us in knowing how many spaces to reserve and to ensure we have enough of the small memento each family will receive. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com.



Thank you to all who came out to the first ever Lourdes Parish Games Afternoon! We had fun playing board games, Twister, euchre, and especially Fr. Ted’s homemade bells guessing game! (Was it better to win and receive a Jubilee bell, or lose and get a Halloween treat?) Look for a second PGA in the dead of winter, and bring a friend!

Ladies of the parish - save the date! The CWL Christmas potluck is on November 30! Watch the bulletin for more details to come!



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. Catholic women today possess immense potential to serve Church, community and the world at large. The unique strength of Catholic women is the faith that binds us together and brings Christ to the world. We pray for each other, care for the less fortunate, and support our parish and community as women of action. Our monthly events are informative, prayerful and fun. 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): cheque _____ cash _____