

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).

ADVENT NOVENA: This Advent novena of 6:30 a.m. Masses had been an annual tradition in K-W for 38 years. Please join us! Start a new tradition and bring your family and friends out this year. Each day a different celebrant along with musicians from across the twin cities come together in joyful praise and worship. Begins Friday, December 2 and ends Saturday, December 10. All Masses are at 6:30 a.m. except for Sunday, December 4. This Mass can be celebrated at your own parish or at St. Agnes at 9 or 11 a.m. Breakfast in the parish centre following the final Mass on December 10. For more information, contact Marg Weber at 519-747-5937 or marg.weber@sympatico.ca.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OF WATERLOO: Donors and friends of SHOW are invited to join us for a free recognition tea. Community leaders will speak, there will be door prizes, and you will see what's next for SHOW! Come celebrate the building of our new affordable housing apartment for older adults and seniors. See our drawings and enjoy hospitality with our board and local leaders. Sunday, November 27, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo.



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 _____



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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 November 20 to 26, 2016

- Monday..... 8:30 a.m.....Thomas Logel – Bernie & Wanda Logel
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.....Antonio Orlando – Niccoli Family
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.....Roland Diguier – Huguette Diguier & Family
Thursday 7:00 p.m.....Nester Biber – Bennett Biber
Friday 8:30 a.m.....Nicholas de'Rozario – Nevelle & Naomi de'Rozario
Saturday..... 7:00 p.m.....Mary Witzel; Richard Biber

Offertory collection for Sunday, November 13, 2016: \$4,855.25

[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

ADVENT EMAILS FOR CHILDREN IN JUNIOR GRADES: In Advent, we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ who was born in Bethlehem 2000 years ago, is born into our hearts today and who *will come again* in the fullness of time. What does scripture tell us about this? Children in grades 4-6 are invited to join a daily Advent email group to explore what this means. Each day you will receive an email with a scripture reference, a puzzle piece, and a question to ponder. On Christmas Day, a final email will arrive with a link to a video fitting all the puzzle pieces together to form an image of Parousia, the Kingdom of God complete. If you would like to receive these emails throughout Advent, please have a parent or guardian contact Paula at lourdscatechist@rogers.com before Sunday, November 27, the first Sunday of Advent!



Coffee Weekend & 2017 Envelope Pickup – December 3/4

On the weekend of December 3/4 we will be holding our final coffee weekend of 2016. We hope everyone will come down to the parish hall after Mass and enjoy some refreshments. Those who have not yet received their free 8x10 photo from participating in our photo directory will be able to pick it up at that time.

Coincidentally on that weekend, we will be distributing our parish offering envelopes for 2017. If you are not registered for envelopes please give this consideration. Members of our Parish Finance Council will be there to assist you as well as provide information about our pre-authorized giving (PAG) program. If you have yet to consider this method of giving, we encourage you to reflect on whether pre-authorized giving is a good option for you. The parish benefits from this method of giving by receiving regular, dependable contributions, by a reduction of paperwork, and in the ability to more effectively plan parish programs and activities. You benefit from the convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish and continuing to support the parish even when you are away. At the present time, 103 families have chosen PAG!



Catholic Women's League Christmas Potluck Supper

Many years ago the Star of Bethlehem led the Three Kings to the stable where Christ was born. This year, on November 30th, the Star will be once again be shining bright, this time on our parish hall as the Catholic Women's League hosts our annual potluck supper.



All ladies of the parish are invited to a "starry" evening starting at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your favourite dish or yummy dessert. There will be some fun activities, a raffle draw and some traditional happenings as well, such as a sing-a-long with Sister Barbara at the piano.

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

A Christmas Remembrance for Our Parish Shut-ins



It's cookie time again! We would like to deliver to all our shut-ins a can filled with a variety of homemade cookies. Since this is the season for baking, we are asking you to share some of your homemade cookies with them. How special it will be to them when they receive their tin of homemade Christmas cookies! Thank you for embracing the joy of this holy season by remembering those who would dearly love to be with us but, due to declining health, are unable to do so.

Watch upcoming bulletins for details!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: As we prepare for Christmas, our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society will be focusing on people in need within our parish area. If you know of any family or individual who requires assistance for Christmas, please phone the parish office.



THE FANTASTIC FAITH FINDERS YOUTH GROUP will be meeting on Friday, November 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the church hall. If you are in grades 5-8, and are available and interested in coming out, please RSVP to Tiffany Scott @ tscott1201@rogers.com. Come and enjoy an evening of faith, fun and friendship!!

VOCATION SEEDS: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” Can you lead others to make this request of our Lord and King? Give your life to Jesus and others are sure to hear, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” If you feel God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC: Please join the Waterloo Knights of Columbus on December 2 for an evening of Christmas music delivered by the 11:30 Mass choir of St Louis Church and John Miller. Tickets for the fish and chip dinner available at the door: one piece dinner \$10.00; two piece dinner \$12.00. 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. 6:00 p.m. start.

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.