



Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome to St. Joseph's Parish.
We pray that you feel at home.
Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith.

Mass Times & Intentions

Monday, March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph

7:00 pm **Josef Krekel** – Elisabeth Krekel

Tuesday, March 20

7:00 pm **Randy Fauteux**

Intentions of Shirley Strifler

Wednesday, March 21

8:30 am **Intention of Mary Koechl** – Rick Koechl

Thursday, March 22

8:30 am **Frank Rovers** – Bob & Bonnie Koechl

Friday, March 23

8:30 am **Anaka Family & Leeza Pierson** – Catherine Cyr

Saturday, March 24

5:00 pm **Frank Rovers** – Pam Horricks

Gordon Taverner

Living and Deceased members of Packer & Woode Families

Sunday, March 25

9:00 am **Mass for the People**

11:00 am **Special Intention**

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

March 19	Rev. Francesco Cucchi
March 20	Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
March 21	Legionaries of Christ L.C.
March 22	Rev. David Wilhelm
March 23	Rev. Scott Whitfield
March 24	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki, D.D.

Parish Offerings:

Your contributions for March 10 & 11, 2018

Regular Offerings \$3,257.65

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 18, 2018

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the Earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will “lay down their lives for their friends”. If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or permanent deacon for His Church, call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext 2246 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



March 17 – 23, 2018

The candles at the **Shrine of St. Joseph** burn for the repose of the souls of **Josef Krekel and Katie Campbell**.

Thursday Club March Potluck

Signs are beginning to appear that we will soon have Spring in full swing!!As we are coming close to the end of the Lent season our next Pot Luck Luncheon will be on March 22 at noon in the Parish Hall.It was decided not have a speaker this month . It will be a social gathering accompanied by Irish Music in the background. So please come and enjoy the friendship and camaraderie of your fellow parishioners while enjoying a delicious meal! Please remember to bring your place setting, silverware and favorite dish! For more information, contact Marie at 226-486-1019.

Schedule for Holy Week

Please make note of the following Schedule for Easter:

Holy Thursday	7:00 pm Mass
Good Friday	11:00am Liturgy
	3:00pm Liturgy
Holy Saturday	8:00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9:00am Mass
	11:00am Mass

There will be no morning Masses on Holy Thursday or Good Friday, and no 5pm Mass Holy Saturday.

Extra Confession Times During Holy Week

In order to allow everyone an opportunity to get to Confession before Easter, Fr. Ken has added the following extra opportunities during Holy Week:

Tues. March 27 th	7:30 – 8:30 pm
Wed. March 28 th	7:30 – 8:30 pm
Thurs. March 29 th	9:00 – 10:00 am

As there is no Mass at 8:30 am on Good Friday, and no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday, the regularly scheduled times for Confession will not be available.

Date Change

Lenten Penance Celebration

Fr. Gordian and Fr. Ken will be holding a Lenten Penance Celebration at St. Mary Immaculate Church in Elora on Thursday, March 22 at 7pm. Everyone is welcomed!



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Once again, the Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Fish Fry from 4:00 to 6:30 on Good Friday (March 30th) at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Fergus. **This year we will be offering an option of baked fish** as well as the traditional deep fried fish. Fish and Chip dinners will be \$10.00 for one piece of fish and \$14.00 for two pieces of fish; pop or bottled water will be \$1.00 each. One piece of fish only will be \$6.00 and one order of fries only will be \$4.00. Juice, coffee and tea are included with a dinner. Take out will be available. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Young people 14 or over who are interested in volunteering to help set up, bus tables etc. please contact Don Cassidy at 519-843-2088.



Looking for all Camp Brebeuf Alumni

Visit cambrebeuf.ca and share your Camp Brebeuf story before midnight on April 15th, 2018 to be entered to win a Broil King Signet 70 BBQ. For more details call 519-856-4671.

Looking for a Summer Camp for the Kids?

If you are already thinking about summer camp for your kids, why not have a look at Camp Brebeuf? It has been run by the Catholic Youth Organization of Hamilton since 1941. They strive to provide a camping experience for every camper regardless of their background or ability. Their goal is for all campers to have a positive, fund outdoor experience that allows them to grown in their connection with God. Visit cambrebeuf.ca for more information on the various programs available and how to book.

There`s more to St. Patrick than Shamrocks & Snakes

Follow Saint Patrick on his dramatic journey through hardship and loss to mercy and forgiveness. His story will come to life in Augustine Institute Radio Theatre's audio drama featuring award-winning actors, and cinematic sound and music - available in its entirety on FORMED! (Currently free to parishioners of St. Joseph Church, Fergus)

From The Catholic Cemeteries

Families are reminded that all winter decorations are to be removed from graves by April 1st to assist with the Spring clean-up. Any wreaths on stands or other winter decorations left on graves after this date will be removed and discarded. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Divine Mercy Novena – Starts on Good Friday

From 1931 to 1938 Our Lord revealed the secrets of his great mercy to St. Faustina. He designated the first Sunday after Easter as the Feast of the Divine Mercy of God. In preparation for this Feast, He asked that the Chaplet of Divine Mercy be used as a Novena, to begin on Good Friday which asks for prayers each of the nine days for a different group of souls in order to immerse them in the sea of God`s Mercy! It is most appropriate to say the Chaplet at 3pm. Confession during the Lenten or Easter Seasons, along with attendance at Mass and receiving Communion on Mercy Sunday (April 8) are required. Our Lord promised to the souls who follow these requests a complete remission of sin and punishment!

Copies of the Novena were distributed last year but if you require a new copy you can google Divine Mercy Novena Prayers or contact the Church office at 519-843-2006. Extra copies of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are also available at the Church.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be said in the presence of the sick and dying. Jesus said “When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior ...”

Upcoming Events at St. Joseph Parish

March 19, 26	Prayer Gathering, 9:00 am Adoration Chapel
March 19, 26	Bridge Club, Marian Room, 1:15 pm
March 19	Mass at 7pm – Feast of St. Joseph
March 21	Stations of the Cross, 7pm
March 22	Lenten Penance Celebration, 7pm Elora
March 27	Confessions, 7:30 to 8:30 pm
March 27	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
March 28	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 9:00 am
March 28	Confessions, 7:30 to 8:30 pm
March 29	Confessions, 9:00 to 10:00 am
March 30	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, 4pm to 6:30pm
April 4	Caressant Care Mass, 11:00 am
April 6	St. Joseph School Mass, 9:30 am