



### **Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish**

We extend you a warm welcome to  
St. Joseph parish.

We pray that you feel at home.  
Please introduce yourself and  
Consider becoming a member of  
Our family of faith.

### **Prayer Intentions**

There will be **no Masses** on **Tuesday, September 6** and **Wednesday, September 7** as **Fr. Robert** will be attending the **Diocese of Hamilton's Priest Seminar**.

### **Thursday, September 8, 2022 \*\*Note time Change**

**7:00pm Intentions of the Idzik Family**

### **Friday, September 9, 2022**

**8:30am Intentions of Mary Lou Mason**

### **Saturday, September 10, 2022**

**5:00pm Ben Rider – Friends in Christ Prayer Group**

**Lino Pigozzo – Peter & Carol Landoni**

**Evelyn Goetz – Paul & Cathy Goetz**

### **Sunday September 11, 2022**

**9:00am Intentions of the Parish**

**11:00am Special Intentions**

### **Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

September 5	Rev. Marko Stefanec
September 6	Rev. Joseph Akanbi
September 7	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate
September 8	Rev. Charles Jordan
September 9	Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.
September 10	Rev. Archange Kebe

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 4, 2022**

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

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### **Prayer to Start the School Year**

God of wisdom and might,  
we praise you for the wonder of our being,  
for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin  
a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.  
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds  
as they search for understanding;  
and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## **From the Pastor's Desk**



In 2010, auto manufacturers recalled a staggering 20 million car in the US for various defects. The thought of such a large number of defective cars on the road is startling enough. Yet, what is more disturbing is the apathy of some owners. In one instance, the executive director of the Centre for Auto Safety warned owners, "It is free repair. Get it done. It may save your life." Despite the risk to their own lives, 30% never responded.

Likewise, many ignore God's 'recall notice' to the entire human race. Unlike a defect found in automobiles, the moral defect of the human race is not the Heavenly Maker's fault. God made everything very "good" (Genesis 1:31), but our sins ruined it. God's offer to us is simple, "*repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.*" (Acts 3:19) God offers not just a free repair of the human heart but a replacement heart. "*A new heart I will give you and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*" (Ezekiel 36:26) Though the offer costs us nothing, it cost God the life of God's only Son Jesus. "[Jesus] himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds [we] have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24)

Summer is over, now is the time to start anew. Unlike many car owners, let us not ignore The Lord's 'recall notice' any longer. The free and permanent remedy offered by our Heavenly Maker for our spiritual defect(s) will save our life. For a new start, let us ask God for a new heart. It is free! Jesus already paid the price!

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Let us follow the **F.R.O.G** principle: **For** ever, **Rely**. **On**, **God**.

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** Church sign: Free trip to heaven. Details inside.

## September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am

### Catholic Women's League General Meeting

We invite all CWL members to come to a General Meeting on **Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m.** in the Parish Hall. We will provide coffee/tea and a light snack.

We will be presenting financial statements from January 2020 up to August 31, 2022 to provide you with complete transparency of all financial activity during this timeframe.

We would also like to update our records with respect to CWL pins. A list of all CWL members who are deserving of years of service pin awards will be available at this meeting.

With respect to the Maple Leaf Service Pin, we ask that any previous recipients let us know as it is our wish to duly recognize any member's service to our League who meet the following criteria:

- is an active member for a minimum length of service of 7 to 10 years
- has performed specific outstanding League service on a one-time basis or over several years

and who may have been inadvertently overlooked. Please let Judy Daniel, CWL President, if you would like to recommend anyone for this honour.

An agenda for this meeting will be on display one week prior to this meeting in the Narthex at our CWL table.

### Please Mark Your Calendars

After a two-year hiatus, St. Joseph's Parish Fall Bazaar is returning and will be co-hosted by The Catholic Women's League of Canada and The Knights of Columbus. The date is **Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>**. The place is **St. Joseph's Parish, Fergus** and the times are **10:00am to 2:00pm**. We are pleased to announce that Sherie Bowen has volunteered to take on the role of Lead for our upcoming fall bazaar. Along with other duties, Sherie is responsible for the recruitment and coordination of all volunteers. While Sherie will be reaching out to as many people as possible with previous experience, she invites anyone interested in helping out to contact her via email at [psbowen@wightman.ca](mailto:psbowen@wightman.ca) or meet her in person in the Narthex after Mass. Everyone is encouraged to consider volunteering, helping to sell raffle tickets (all cash prizes), donating new items and Canadian Tire money for the Silent Auction and Toonie Tables and inviting family and friends to support this fundraising initiative.



### Knights of Columbus Sunday Breakfasts Return in September

Please re-join us on **Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>** for our Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. The cost is \$10.00 per person and all children under 12 eat for free. All are welcome and encouraged to come to enjoy breakfast and fellowship - coffee and toast are free if you're not up for our full breakfast of scrambled eggs, peameal bacon and sausage, hash brown patties, toast, juice and coffee. Through your support we make donations to the youth groups who help us put the breakfasts on and to other community charities. We look forward to welcoming you back in September!



### Attention All Knitters

All babies baptized at our parish receive a handmade knitted shawl which the maker always says a blessing for the receiver during the making. We have been blessed to have Anne Cornelisse looking after the supply of these shawls for sometime, but we have been advised that she and her husband have decided to downsize and are moving. It is time to pass the responsibility for this Ministry to someone else. The pattern is simple and Anne has passed on supplies, pattern etc. The Church reimburses the knitter for the cost of supplies. If you might be interested in learning more, please contact the office at 519-843-2006

### Memorial for the Unborn

The **Memorial for the Unborn** will take place on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 1 pm at the Garden of Grace (Basilica of Our Lady, 28 Norfolk St, Guelph). All are welcome to attend a time of prayer and remembrance for unborn children whose lives have been ended through abortion. Prayer will be led by Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Matthew Ustrzycki. To RSVP please contact Guelph & Area Right to life by calling 519-836-6311 or email [info@guelphforlife.com](mailto:info@guelphforlife.com).

