

St. Joseph's Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Parish Secretary will be available
Mon - Thurs 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fridays from 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

All week 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the chapel all day

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK

If you know of a parishioner sick at home or in hospital, please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. Please speak with with Deacon Trevor Klein after Sunday Masses before setting date for Baptism. There are no baptisms during Lent.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We encourage everyone who regularly attends St. Joseph's to become a registered member. Please fill out a registration form found at the main door and deposit it in the collection basket.

Sunday offering envelopes are available on request.

Please inform the parish office of any changes of address or telephone number.

PRIESTHOOD/RELIGIOUS LIFE

If you think God may be calling you to the vocation of Priesthood or Religious Life, please feel free to speak with Fr. Robert Héту or contact our Diocesan Vocation Director at 1-905-528-7988.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Diocese of Hamilton requires one year notice before a marriage date can be set.
A Marriage Preparation Weekend is also required.

From the Pastor's Desk
Fr. Robert Héту



A big 'thank you' to all the parishioners who are actively involved in our various parish ministries, which impact the lives of many people. Special thanks to those parishioners who sacrificially and regularly make their financial contribution to our parish by tithing.

Who is a steward? A steward is somebody's manager. We are all stewards of God because, as Psalm 24 reminds us, God is the sole owner of everything we have: "*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.*" (Ps 24:1). St. Peter reminds us of our duty of stewardship: "*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*" (1 Peter 4:10). The New Testament refers to our stewardship to God eighty-seven times. St. Paul claims that he is the steward of Christ's Gospel. The good stewards never forget that God is the source of all they possess and that all their possessions are given to them in trust.

There are three areas of stewardship: time, talents, and treasure. Accepting the Biblical model of returning 10% of the "*first fruits*" to the Lord, we attempt to utilize at least 10% of our 'time' for prayer, reflection, and works of mercy and ministry. Our 'talents' are to be used to glorify God by using them wherever they are needed, in our parish or in our community. Our 'treasure,' taken from our earnings, is offered as tithing for the maintenance of our parish buildings, for praise and worship, for outreach activities in the community and for opportunities of evangelization.

The early Christians offered thanks to God by helping others through the Church: "*They would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.*" (Acts 2:45). So, let us resolve as the new pastoral year begins to make pledges to give faithfully, lovingly, and sacrificially, our time, talents and treasure (money) to our parish community and thus thank God for God's continued and abundant blessings.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"It is the Holy Spirit's job to convict, God's job to judge and my job to love." ~ Billy Graham

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL

At school they were learning how God created everything, including human beings. Johnny was especially intent when the teacher told him how Eve was created from one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday September 19, 2023

7:00pm Deceased parents of Michael & Julie Reidy The Reidy Family

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

8:30am Intentions of the Nunes Family – Maria Nunes

Thursday, September 21, 2023

8:30am Antonio Teixeira – Maria Nunes

Friday, September 22, 2023

8:30am Fr. Mark Beard – Tove Schmidt

Saturday, September 23, 2023

5:00pm Intentions of Pamela Horricks – Mary Koechl
Lorne & Joan Schumacher – Cam Schumacher
Bernice Fitzmaurice – Margaret & Lee Thorne

Sunday September 24, 2023

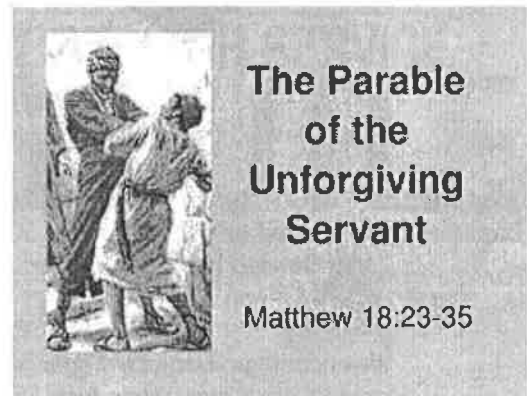
9:00am Eric Giesel – Ann Giesel

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 17, 2023

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



**The Parable
of the
Unforgiving
Servant**

Matthew 18:23-35

Parish Offerings

Your Contributions for September 10, 2023:

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,821.95
Building Fund	\$ 40.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Minister of the Word Formation Workshop

A reminder that we are holding a Minister of the Word Workshop at St. Joseph (Fergus) Parish on Saturday, September 23rd from 9am to 3pm. Lunch is provided. Registration deadline has been **extended to Monday September 18th**. This workshop is intended for new and experienced Lectors. If this date does not work for you, please check the Diocese website for additional dates at other locations.

Last Marian Day of 2023

The next and final Marian Day of 2023 is coming up on October 7th at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph. Join Thomas Cardinal Collins for Confessions at 9am, Mass at 10am, Lunch at noon (bring your own lunch – tea and coffee provided), Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis at 1pm and Marian Day closes with Benediction at 2pm. Following the Rosary Procession of the final Marian Day, you are invited to the Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven) Tea. Tickets are \$25.00pp and advance registration is necessary. To register call the Basilica at 519-824-3951



Join Us to Pray the Rosary on Wednesday Evenings

Every Wednesday at 6:00pm, a small group of parishioners gather at the Church to pray the Rosary. They are praying for peace in our homes, towns, provinces, nation and the world, entrusting the chaos, discord and the world's evils to the Holy Mother of God, believing that she will triumph over these ills with her Immaculate Heart. If you would like to participate, simply come to the Church on Wednesday evening, entering through the front door. If praying the Rosary is new to you, do not be deterred; it is quite simple and you will learn by doing it. Also, there are many good resources to assist you. For more information call 519-787-0443.

Morning Rosary for the Month of October

During the month of October, parishioners will join together at 8:10am, just before the 8:30am Mass to pray the Rosary. All are welcomed to join them.



September CWL General Meeting

Our General Meeting will be held on **Saturday September 30, 2023** in the Church Hall at 10:00am. All ladies are welcome! Come and hear about new projects that we will be working on! We welcome your ideas about our activities and issues that concern Catholic women today!

What's Happening!

Be sure to check out the Catholic Women's League Newsletter enclosed with this week's bulletin!

Life Chain Sunday

Join thousands across Canada to make a public, prayerful and peaceful stand for life. Guelph & Area Right to Life will be hosting Life Chain in four locations. Plan to join us at the location nearest you!

Sunday, October 1, 2023

- 1-2 pm, Guelph: Stone Rd at Edinburgh Rd S
- 2-3 pm, Rockwood: Main St between Alma St and Cobblestone Pl at Waterside Park
- 4-5 pm, Fergus: Hwy 6/Tower St at Belsyde Ave
- 4:30-5:30 pm, Elora: Colborne St at Geddes St (MacDonald Square)

Centre Wellington Fire Dept. Open House

Our local Fire Department is inviting everyone to come and meet your Fire Rescue Fighters on Saturday, October 14th from 11am to 2pm at the Elora Fire Station (72 Wellington County Road 7). Food trucks and activities will take place on site, with a special performance by the Fergus Pipe Band at 1pm. There will also be displays by community partners such as O.P.P., Crime Stoppers, Guelph Wellington Paramedic and more. Great family event!

Upcoming Parish Events

September 23	Minister of the Word Workshop 9:30am-3:00pm. Registration is required.
September 27	St. Vincent De Paul Society Meeting 4pm
September 30	Baptismal Prep Class 9-11am
September 30	CWL General Meeting, 10am
October 1	Groves Fundraiser featuring the Windjammers 7:00pm
October 8	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
October 9	Thanksgiving – Office Closed
October 14	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

St. Joseph's Parish Catholic Women's League

September 17, 2023

Dear Catholic Women's League Members and St. Joseph Parishioners,

As president of our league, I would like to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you! If you have been thinking about finding out more about our League, now is a great time to come to a gathering to see if you would like to join! As we embark on this new season together, I am happy to share some events that await us in the coming months! Thank you for your support in our past projects! Together we can make a difference!

Sue Beatty, President

1. CWL GATHERING

Our gathering will be held on **Saturday, September 30, 2023**, in the Church Hall at 10:00. All Ladies are welcome! Come and hear about new projects that we will be working on! We welcome your ideas about our activities and issues that concern Catholic women today! September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour those children who did not return home, and the Survivors of residential schools, their family and communities. Orange Shirt Day also takes place on September 30th. We show our support by wearing orange to raise awareness of the impact of residential schools and to honour the Survivors. Albums from our parish archives will be on display at this meeting.

2. CWL PD DAY CAMP - ADVENT THEME

We are planning to offer a PD day camp, for students in **Kindergarten to Gr. 5**, in the Church Hall on **Friday, November 24th from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm**. We will be presenting fun activities including arts and crafts, outdoor play, stories, a tour of the Church, and indoor games. There is no cost for the camp; however, donations are appreciated. Students are asked to bring lunch, and a snack will be provided. Our theme will be ADVENT! Registration packages will be available at the Church and at the St. Joseph's School Open House. They need to be returned to the Church by **November 10, 2023**. We have **15 spaces available**.

3. PD DAY CAMP MATERIALS

In order to prepare for our PD day camp, we would greatly appreciate donations of the following materials:

- Crayons and markers
- Tape and glue
- Stickers - Christmas theme
- Puzzles for 4-10 year olds (new or used)
- Games such as Snakes and Ladders, Connect Four, Uno, Bingo (new or used)
- Children's books with Advent theme

These items can be left by the CWL table in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity!.

4. ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - September 19, 2023 @ 5:30

Visit the CWL table at the Open House to pick up a registration package for the PD Day Camp or buy some raffle tickets! Our CWL has provided the school with a \$250 donation to be used at the Principal's discretion for items that students may need, but are lacking.

4. COFFEE SUNDAY hosted by the CWL - After Masses October 22, 2023

Coffee Sunday is an opportunity for our church family to come together, connect, and share in the simple joys of life. It's a time to build and strengthen relationships, to catch up with old friends, and to welcome newcomers into our community. Please join us!

5. ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BAZAAR hosted by the CWL - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

St Joseph's Catholic Women's League Fall Annual Bazaar will be held on November 4, 2023 from 10:00am to 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. We are so fortunate and blessed here at St Joseph Parish to have very active volunteers and parishioners who help make all things possible at the Parish. Your help keeps the Parish a vital and inviting place of community and worship. Please consider donating to our Silent Auction, Toonie Table, and closer to the event, the Bake Table. Please remember you do not have to be a member of the Catholic Women's League to volunteer or donate. This is your Parish event! If you are new to the Parish, it's a great way to meet fellow parishioners. It's a great opportunity for students to earn some volunteer hours. Please come out and meet your fellow parishioners and let's make this a successful event, and don't forget to pick up your raffle tickets after all the masses before they are all gone. All cash prizes! \$5 per ticket.

Please call Sherie Bowen (Lead Convenor) @ 226-203-1653 if you would like to volunteer, or make a donation. Your help and contributions are greatly appreciated.

6. CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS DINNER - TUESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2023

Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas dinner celebration! More information will be available soon.

**7. CELEBRATION OF THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH - March 14, 2024 @ 5:00**

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby will be celebrating a Mass at St. Joseph's Parish to commemorate this milestone. A catered dinner will follow. Please mark your calendars!

8. CWL 100th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE COOKBOOK

CWL members are asked to submit a favourite recipe that your mother made and share a story about why it was your favourite! Please leave your submissions in the box marked "recipes" on the CWL table in the narthex.

9. CWL 100th ANNIVERSARY - SHARE YOUR MEMORIES ABOUT PAST CWL ACTIVITIES

A few of our executive members are collecting memories from CWL members. Thus far they have heard about members meeting in each other's homes, as the church did not have a hall. The Melville Church Hall was rented in order to hold a bazaar. Ladies would gather one afternoon a week and work on items for the bazaar sewing table. Other ladies would meet at a home to peel apples for the bazaar. On occasion, they catered parish weddings holding the reception at the Steel Workers' Hall. Ladies throughout the years worked together to support the parish and each other.

THESE ARE ONLY A FEW MEMORIES AND WE ASK THAT MEMBERS TO THINK BACK ON WHAT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT TO THEM OVER THE YEARS AND SUBMIT THESE MEMORIES IN PREPARATION OF A BOOKLET TO BE ASSEMBLED TO CELEBRATE THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
Please contact Barbara Cassidy at 519-843-2088 for more information or to share a memory.

10. LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Save the date for Life Chain Sunday on October 1, 2023. Join thousands across Canada to make a public, prayerful, and peaceful stand for life. Locations in Guelph, Rockwood, Fergus, and Elora. Plan to join us at the location nearest you!

For additional information about Life Chain, visit guelphforlife.com/life-chain

ST. JOSEPH'S FERGUS CWL

PO DAY

CAMP

ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS, GAMES, STORIES

Enroll your child for the CWL PD day camp where faith, fun, and friendship come together! We can't wait to welcome you to our church! We will be presenting fun activities including arts and crafts, outdoor play, stories, a tour of the Church, and indoor games. Bring a lunch - a snack will be provided. Our theme will be ADVENT!



Friday, Nov. 24
8:30 - 4:00



St. Joseph's
Parish Hall



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REGISTRATION AT THE CHURCH
BY NOVEMBER 10, 2023

