

St. Joseph's Parish

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DEACON: Rev. Mr. Trevor Klein

SECRETARY: Mrs. Lori Cipparrone

CUSTODIAN: Mr. Kevin Shea

SACRISTANS: Brigitte Quinke & Catherine Cyr.

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



Seeds of Faith

O Sacred Gardener
and heavenly Father
I thank you, O Lord, for planting
the seeds of faith in my heart

I thank you, O Lord, for watering
Your gift of the seeds of faith
with the life-giving waters
of Your Most Holy Spirit

I thank you, O Lord, for pruning me
from the challenges of life
and carefully fertilizing me
with Your many graces.

May my roots be strengthened
with the nutrients of daily prayers
O Jesus, may the seeds of faith
bloom where they are planted

May my seeds of faith blossom
into the fruit of eternal life
in Your most sacred garden
in heaven for ever and ever
Amen

Fr. Robert Héту
October 24, 2023
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Let us remember that love lives through sacrifice and is nourished by giving." ~ St. Maximillian Kolbe

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL

An Army brat was boasting about his father to a Navy brat. "My dad is an engineer. He can do everything. Do you know the Alps?" "Yes," said the Navy brat. "My dad built them." Then the naval kid spoke: "And do you know the Dead Sea?" "Yes." "It's my dad who's killed it!"



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 October 31, 2023

7:00pm Deceased members of Pietropaolo & Derenzo Families – Damiano Pietropaolo
Fr. Terry Sehl – Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

ALL SAINTS' DAY

8:30am Intentions of Al Evans - Knights of Columbus
Deceased members of the Vollick & Bieman Families – Ron & Audry Vollick
7:00pm Intentions of Fr. Ken Miskiewicz – Grace Robinson

Thursday, November 2, 2023

ALL SOULS' DAY

8:30am Marietta Maniezzo – Maria Cinera Emideo
Intentions of Jack Clerkin

Friday, November 3, 2023

8:30am Ed Reidy – The Reidy Family
Margaret Shaw – Jim & Peggy Sheehy

Saturday, November 4, 2023

5:00pm Stasia Brohman – The Family
Fr. Terry Sehl – Terri Wellstead
Dr. John Kominar – Hilda & Eldon Richard
Tarra Myers – Roger & Carol Drum
John & Sharon Armstrong – Don & Barbara Cassidy

Sunday, November 5, 2023

9:00am Intentions of Westley Krentz – Tove Schmidt
Sharon Armstrong – Ted & Marlene Buczek
11:00am Intentions of the Parish

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 29, 2023

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind." Live in that love in the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life. Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Offerings

Your contributions for October 22, 2023:

Regular Offerings	\$1,808.80
World Mission Sunday	\$1,125.00
St. Mary/St. Joseph Cemetery Fund	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 305.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,560.90

All Saints Day

On November 1st, the Feast of All Saints, there will be two Masses held – 8:30am and 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Mass Intention Scheduling

There will be a change to the way in which we book Mass Intentions to better reflect the Diocese's recommendations. The price of Mass Intentions will remain \$10 each. Mass Intentions will be booked with the following limitations:

- Saturday Mass 4 Mass Intentions
- Tuesday 4 Mass Intentions
- Sunday 1 Mass Intention only
- Wednesday-Friday 1 Mass Intention each

We will begin implementing these rules, and as of January 1, 2024 this will be our standard of booking procedure. All Mass intentions already requested will be honoured as booked.

Ministry of the Word Formation

A reminder that the rescheduled date for the Minister of the Word Formation Workshop is **December 16** in the Parish Hall. Check in at 9:30am, the workshop will run from 10am to 2pm with lunch provided. If you have not already signed up but would like to attend, please contact Lori at the Office at 519-843-2006.



Last Call To Get Your Portrait Done!

Universal Portrait Studios will be returning to our Parish to allow those parishioners who were not able to make an appointment earlier this month to do so now. They will be here on November 14th and 15th. To book an appointment call 1-888-769-7339. Appointments maybe limited, so please contact them soon. As we said before, we would love to see your beautiful, smiling faces in the new directory!!

Educational Fund

Interested in starting an Educational Fund for your children to fund post-secondary opportunities? If your answer is yes but you believe that you cannot afford it the Canada Learning Bond is for you. If your net income is \$53,359.00 or less and you have children born since 2004, you can qualify for free government money to set up a fund for your child(ren). For more details, email: socialjusticeclbquelp@gmail.com or leave your contact information with the Parish Office and a volunteer from St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council Social Justice Committee will contact you, explain the details and assist you with your application.

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Make Note of these Events on Your December Calendars!

We wanted to make you aware of a few events that will be taking place in December that you may want to mark on your calendars:

Elora Singers performance of **Handel's Messiah** will take place at St. Joseph Church on **December 2nd**. Tickets are available online at elorasingers.ca or through their box office in Elora. Tickets are not available through the Church.

CWL Fergus-Elora Christmas Dinner is booked for **December 5th**. More details to come soon!

John Miller & Friends will be joining us once again for an evening of Christmas/Advent music on **December 13th**. Posters with full details will be posted soon!

Men & Women 55+ Christmas Potluck will take place in the Parish on **December 14** at 12:00pm. CWL will contribute soup and buns. Please bring a small dessert to share if you can. RSVP to Barbara Cassidy at 519-843-2088.

Upcoming Parish Events

October	Rosary before Weekday Masses 8:10am
October 25	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting 4pm
October 28	CWL General Meeting CANCELLED
November 1	Fergus Prays the Rosary – 6:00pm
November 4	Baptismal Prep Class 9am to 11am
November 4	St. Joseph Parish Bazaar 10am – 2pm
November 5	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
November 24	CWL – PD Day Camp
November 25	CWL General Meeting & Christmas Card making for seniors in Long Term Care and Retirement Homes 10am

St. Joseph's Parish, Fergus Catholic Women's League News



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BAZAAR hosted by the CWL Saturday, November 4th 10am - 2pm

At this time we are collecting new items for the Silent Auction and Toonie Table at the Bazaar. Please drop off your donations at the Church office by November 2nd. Your support is greatly appreciated!

CALLING ALL BAKERS or BAKING TABLE DONATIONS

The date of our Parish Bazaar is fast approaching, all baked items donated for our bake table should be dropped off on Friday November 3, between the hours of 9am-11am or early on the morning of Saturday November 4, 2023. Please attach to your baked goods ingredients used due to Public Health requirements. Boxes will be available after all masses this weekend if you would like to take one. Thank-you for your support!

PD Day Camp - November 24 8:30-4

Spots are still available for our PD day camp on November 24th!
Call Sue Beatty at 519-856-4501 for more information.

Registration packages are available at the Church.

THANK-YOU to everyone who donated materials for our PD Day Camp!

CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING on NOVEMBER 25 @ 10:00 - We will be making Christmas cards at our next meeting on November 25th at 10:00. There will be no cost. The cards that are made will be delivered to seniors in retirement or long term care homes during the Christmas holidays. All Ladies of the Parish and St. Mary Parish, Elora are welcome to join in!

DONATIONS - As CWL members, your voice is important and we would like to hear from you about what donations we should consider making. If you have suggestions about which organizations need financial support from the CWL, please let us know! Email Sue Beatty at sbeatty14@gmail.com

Men and Women 55+ CHRISTMAS POTLUCK - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 @ 12:00 in the Parish Hall! The CWL will supply soup and buns. Please bring a small dessert to share, if you can. Please call Barbara at 519-843-2088 to help us know how many people to expect.

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