



St. Agnes Catholic Parish

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2026



Focus: Repentance and Action

God is just and merciful. True faith is shown by actions, not words alone. Those who turn back to God and follow His ways find life. Examine whether your actions match your words. Be willing to change course when you have made wrong choices. Choose one area where you have delayed doing what is right. Take one concrete step today to follow through.

NEWS & EVENTS at ST. AGNES PARISH

Where everyone is welcome - join after Mass next Sunday morning for coffee and fellowship!

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. - Romans 12:3

OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION: The experience of peace and reconciliation comes when people are very honest and compassionate with one another, when they are vulnerable and open about their mistakes and weaknesses. The seed that falls into broken ground bears much fruit. So perhaps it is wise to begin to shift our thinking. We want to move away from emulating successfulness and begin to dream about a life of fruitfulness.

- Henri Nouwen

CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT takes place next weekend at all masses.

POINSETTIA SALES RETURN THIS YEAR!



Mark the dates in your Christmas planner to support St. Agnes Parish with your purchase of Christmas poinsettias again this year!

Orders/Sales will commence on October 17th and finish on November 8th. Flowers will arrive for the first week of December. Watch the bulletin for further details on pricing, dates and times.

FAITH SHARING AT ST. AGNES: Do you have an interest in beginning, or being a part of, a faith sharing group or prayer group at St. Agnes? A Moms/Dads & Tots group? A couple's faith-sharing group? A men's or women's group? Bring your ideas to Fr. Jeff and ask more about how that can happen!

BECOMING CATHOLIC: Have you, a friend or a relative, thought of becoming Catholic? Are you interested in enriching your faith? Or helping as a prayer partner? The **Rite of Christian Initiation – RCIA**, may be right for you. If you are interested, please call or email the office for more information.

HOLY HOURS and additional CONFESSION opportunity:

At St. Agnes Parish, we offer two opportunities for you to come and spend time in adoration: on Thursdays and Fridays from 6 – 7pm, we have Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction. The Thursday evening Holy Hour also has public Rosary and prayer and the added opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Friday evenings, Holy Hour is a silent hour of adoration with no incense, especially good for those who have respiratory sensitivities. Both hours are followed by Mass at 7pm. We still have our usual confessions times on Saturday at 9:30 until 10:15am and 3:30 until 4:15pm.

CURSILLO: The Cursillo experience invites people to reflect on their faith, to pray, share with others and recognize the call each of us received in Baptism: to be missionary disciples and joyful witnesses of Christ to others. Consider this opportunity to seek a deeper relationship with the Lord, a renewed purpose in your faith journey or fellowship with other Catholics striving to live the Gospel, Cursillo may be a grace-filled path for you. For information on upcoming women's Cursillo October 15-18, 2026. Please contact marg.weber@sympatico.ca or 416-427-7102 Men's weekend 2027 TBD.



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Support for the Carmel of St. Joseph

Since 1952, the Committee for the Carmelite Nuns has hosted an annual campaign in support of the Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery. Those who donate a minimum of \$250 per couple are invited to attend a special Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger at Holy Family Croatian Roman Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St. Kitchener) on Monday October 26, 2026 at 5pm, followed by a sit-down dinner in the reception hall. Your contribution is eligible for a full tax receipt and can be mailed to Carmel of St. Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., RR1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0 or 'Donate Now' at www.thecarmel.ca to RSVP with names of attendees.

RSVP required by Oct 13, 2026. For information: carmelitecommittee@gmail.com

ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFE

Small Talks on Big Topics

The Many Faces of Evil

Wounded by Sin~Saved by the Sacraments

Presented by: Fr. Michael King, St. Ambrose Parish

About the Event

“Be alert, be on watch! Your enemy the Devil, roams around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Be firm in your faith and resist him..” (1Peter 5:8-9)

We need not look far to see the growing presence of evil around us fuelled by pride, greed, a hunger for power & pleasure, while we replace the truth of God for lies. Raging wars & violent crime, attacks on religious institutions, the divisive “us versus them” mentality, plus attacks on the family & sacredness of human life. This dysfunction in the world has existed from the beginning. **Sometimes blatant, often subtle ~ evil exists.** It lures us to fall into the common snares of the Devil. The bible refers to him by many names: the Accuser, the Scatterer, the Evil one & the father of lies...as he seeks to deceive us, & in our humanity we so easily fall. We may feel weary, wonder where God is, or question our faith ~ all tactics of that dark spirit.

We must remain strong in our faith, knowing we are never alone - God is always with us: Jesus teaches us in the Gospel, the Holy Spirit guides us & our Blessed Mother intercedes. Christ's resurrection brought victory over all evil. He came bringing peace, teaching love, forgiveness & hope, promising us that evil would not prevail, & saving us from sin. Through the gift of our faith, with prayer & frequent participation in the Sacraments, we are well equipped to face down temptation & win the spiritual battles that will inevitably arise.

**We need not be afraid. We have Christ's many promises: “Do not fear, only believe.”
“I am the Way, the Truth & the Life.” “I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

Sunday October 18th, 2:00-3:30pm

St. Agnes Church, Waterloo

St. Agnes Parish CWL



Our CWL is having our

Homemade Apple Pie Fundraiser

again this fall!

Delicious, freshly baked pies
will be available after Masses on
the weekend of **October 16 & 17.**

Pre-order is available starting the weekend of
October 3 & 4 after all Masses.

This event is our major fundraiser!



Prices are \$25 for a large pie
and \$10 for a small pie.

A limited number of smaller pies
are offered for those who want to
enjoy a taste if you have
a small household.

You can also place your order by emailing:

stagnescwlpresident@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP IS BAAACK!!!



St. Agnes Youth Group

upcoming events

All are welcome

Open to youth in grades 6-10.

September

- KICK OFF meeting for 2026-2027 School Year!
- September 27. Special time: 3pm - 6pm in parish hall
- Pizza provided and opportunity to help bake a special dessert!
- Activities, discussion, prayer, planning for the year
- Reflection Topic: The Eucharist

October

- October 25. Regular Meeting time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Reflection Topic: The Greatest Commandment
- Group Jeopardy Competition

November

- November 29. Regular Meeting time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Reflection Topic: Lives of the Saints
- Movie Night! Join us for a great movie about a famous Saint
- Popcorn and other snacks provided

RSVP to: knolan@rogers.com

Join Fr. Jeff on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Centre **Sept 29, October 6 and 13 at 7pm**, to explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist in a presentation entitled:



Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from

its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation!

USHERS NEEDED!

Help Us at the 5PM Mass!



We need a few extra hands to help with the collection.

Please see one of our regular ushers or talk to Fr. Jeff if you can assist.



ST. AGNES PARISH has agreed to sponsor **October 24th** as our day to take part in this campaign by keeping vigil at Freeport Hospital from 8am – 6pm. At LEAST 2 people are needed to sign up for each hour. At the entrance of the church, you will **see Adopt-a-Day sign up** sheets on the table. Please consider signing up for one or more hours on October 24th.

Vigil Location: Outside Freeport Hospital
3570 King Street East, Kitchener, Ontario

Contact: Evy at 40DaysKw@gmail.com or 519-598-1588
www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collection for the **NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA:**

This weekend, our parish joins Catholics from coast to coast in supporting the shared mission of the Church in Canada. Your gift strengthens the mission of our diocese and, together with the gifts of Catholics across the country, supports work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone. Through this collection, we help the Church proclaim the Gospel, support families and communities, promote respect for human life and the dignity of every human person, accompany migrants and refugees, and provide catechetical resources for Catholics throughout Canada. What begins as a gift in our parish becomes part of the shared mission of the Church across the country. Please give prayerfully and generously.



**National Day
of Truth and
Reconciliation**
30th September

We pray for the healing of relationships between the Indigenous nations and all citizens of Canada; that dialogue and collaboration with the Indigenous nations of Canada will lead to genuine reconciliation and healing of past injustices.

KW LIFE CHAIN

Memorial Day

*We mourn the loss of up to 4.5 million children aborted in
Canada since 1970*

Sunday October 4, 2026 2-3pm

**Speakers' Corners King Street East and 2 Benton St.
Street Hold a Sign in Silent Prayer**

**We remember the millions of lives lost to abortion and the
effects on their parents, families and the nation**

**Call Archangels Sacramentals 519.746.5433 or
archsacramentals@gmail.com**

***Unborn babies are Human Beings in Need of Protection
Join US to help Effect Change***



Mass Schedule

Mondays – **no Mass**

Holy Hour: Thursdays at **6pm**

Reconciliation: Thursdays from 6 – 6:45pm; Saturdays at **9:30 – 10am; 3:30 – 4:15pm;** or by appointment

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS for September 27 – October 4

SUNDAY	9am	†Holy Souls in Purgatory	Margaret Boland
	11am	†Sharon Fotheringham	Doug & Marg Weber
	7pm	Pro Populo	
TUESDAY	9am	†Shirley Waurechen	Len & Anne Strauss
WEDNESDAY	9am	†Patricia Laurette	Marilynne Feeney
THURSDAY	7pm	Fr. Jeff, all Priests & Seminarians End to religious persecutions	Friends of the Pallottines Sylvia
FRIDAY	7pm	†Frank & Fluorina Polych	
SATURDAY	9am	†Mary Frankovic	Nancy Frankovic
	5pm	†Thomas Murawsky	Gisele & Family
SUNDAY	9am	†Anna Dinh Van	Nguyen Family
	11am	†Anna Van Dinh	Nguyen Family
	7pm	Pro Populo	

Thank you for supporting St. Agnes Parish!

PREFERRED METHOD: CONSIDER MAKING YOUR OFFERING THROUGH CANADA HELPS: This option allows you to make a secure donation directly to St. Agnes Parish on this webpage 119110450RR0101-st-agnes-parish/ [CharityProfile](#) | [Donate Online](#)



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HELPS
QR CODE**



E-transfers can be made to St. Agnes Parish at any time at stagneswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com

Please put your first AND last name in the memo line or we cannot create a tax receipt.

If you are e-transferring for another purpose [i.e., mass stipend or spaghetti dinner, for example] please include that in your message on your e-transfer.

BEQUESTS and MEMORIAL DONATIONS to St. Agnes Parish: Information [HERE](#).

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