

27th SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time



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Focus: *Faithful Stewardship bears good fruit.*

God cares for His people like a vineyard, calling us to live with justice, faith, gratitude, and love. Notice the gifts that God has entrusted to you and use them to serve others and build His kingdom. Do one act of kindness or mercy this week and offer it to God in gratitude. Go and bear fruit that will last!

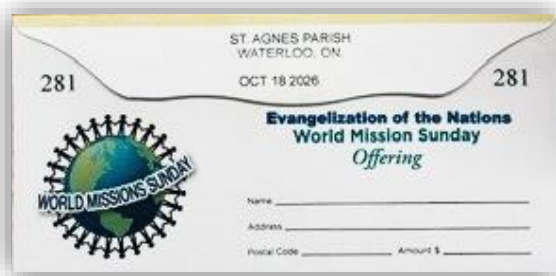
“The kingdom of God will be given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

- Matthew 21:43

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Bookkeeper: Mrs. Kathy Bader

Permanent Deacon: Rev. Mr. Ed MacIntosh
Parish Secretary: Mrs. Deb MacIntosh

USE YOUR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY ENVELOPE IN THE SECOND COLLECTION



on
Sunday, October 18
“One in Christ, united in mission.”

October 2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, October 18, the Church celebrates the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday. On this day, Catholics throughout the world come together in unity to pray for the Church’s missionary work. During Mass, there is a special second collection, with proceeds going to the Pontifical Mission Societies, directly sustaining over 1,000 mission territories in areas where the Church faces its greatest challenges. The Church is missionary by her very nature, and every baptized person has a part to play in this mission through prayer, witness, service and generosity.

For this significant anniversary, Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme “*One in Christ, united in mission.*” In his message for World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father offers the Church a beautiful reflection on what it means to be united in Christ and to share together in the proclamation of the Gospel.

Over the years, I have witnessed firsthand the generosity and missionary spirit of our Catholic faithful—through their prayers, their financial support, and their willingness to become personally involved in the mission of the Church. I am deeply grateful for this spirit of generosity, which continues to make a real difference in the lives of people and communities around the world.

I warmly encourage the faithful in the Diocese to reflect on the Holy Father's message, to participate in World Mission Sunday, to give generously, and to offer their prayers and support for the Church's missionary work.

May God bless all those who serve as missionaries for the Church, and may He strengthen us all in our shared mission to proclaim the Gospel.

Sincerely in Christ,

† *Joseph Dabrowski*, CSMA

Most Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.
Bishop of Hamilton



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NEWS & EVENTS at ST. AGNES PARISH

Where everyone is welcome!

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

- Psalm 100: 4

THE PRUNING HANDS OF GOD: Gratitude is not a simple emotion or an obvious attitude. It is a difficult discipline in which I constantly reclaim my whole past as the concrete way God has led me to this moment and is sending me into the future. It is hard precisely because it challenges me to face my painful moments – experiences of rejection and abandonment, feelings of loss and failure – and gradually to discover in them the pruning hands of God purifying my heart for deeper love, stronger hope, and broader faith.

- Henri Nouwen

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. Go to EVENTS for pricing and sizes.

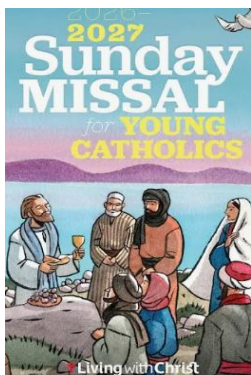


BECOMING CATHOLIC – CAN YOU BE A PRAYER PARTNER? Have you, a friend or a relative, thought of becoming Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation – RCIA, may be right for you. We also need to gather our **Prayer Partners** for this year. Would you be able to accompany one of our candidates in prayer as they take this journey? If you are interested, please call or email the office with your inquiry and for more information.

Plan to come to Mass on All Soul's Day!
Monday, November 2nd at 7pm

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.



2026-2027 CHILDREN'S MISSAL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT A COST OF \$10.

A wonderful tool to help youth prepare for and learn about Mass. These need to be pre-ordered as there are a limited number available. Simply e-mail the office and request your copy office@saintagnescatholicchurch.org

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

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 **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.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

October: A Month of Prayer for Vocations

For more information, visit hamiltondiocese.com/vocations.

Prayer and the Rosary: For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life: that, through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, young people may grow in friendship with Jesus and hear his invitation in prayer, let us pray to the Lord.

Fr. John Ha, our Vocations Director, invites all the faithful in the Diocese of Hamilton to pray for vocations throughout October. As children of God, let us pray for those discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, consecrated life, and marriage. May they have the courage to listen to God's voice and respond with generous hearts.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP Fr. John Ha invites all young men in the Diocese of Hamilton to join the **Priesthood Discernment Group**. Come for prayer, fellowship, and conversation as we explore God's call together. Whether you are just beginning to ask questions or have been considering the priesthood for some time, you are welcome. Feel free to invite a friend who may be interested. You do not need to have all the answers—simply come with an open heart.

Meetings are at two locations:

- in **Hamilton** on Friday, November 6, 2026, at 6:00pm at the Chancery Office (700 King St W, Hamilton, ON L8P 1C7)
- and in **Kitchener-Waterloo** on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at **10:00am** at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church (80 University Ave W, Waterloo, ON N2L 3C7).

Sponsored by the **Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton**. Visit hamiltondiocese.com/vocations. For more information, contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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 October 4 – October 11

SUNDAY	9am	†Anna Dinh Van	Nguyen Family
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	7pm	Pro Populo	
TUESDAY	9am		
WEDNESDAY	9am	Deb MacIntosh	Choir Friends
THURSDAY	7pm	David & AnneMarie Turalija Priests & Religious of Hamilton Diocese	Zrinka Turalija Serra Club
FRIDAY	7pm	†Kinga & Mikolaj Caruk	Son
SATURDAY	9am	World Peace & Conversion of Sinners	Saturday Morning Rosary Group
	5pm	Pro Populo	
SUNDAY	9am	†Anna Van Dinh	Chien Dinh
	11am	†Anna Wachnicka	Family
	7pm	Bobbie & Michel Anderson	Roy & Diane

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](https://119110450RR0101-st-agnes-parish/CharityProfile/DonateOnline)



**CANADA
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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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