

28th SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time



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Focus: *God's invitation to joy.*

God welcomes everyone to His feast. He provides comfort, strength, and hope. We must accept His invitation with ready hearts. We must trust God in both plenty and in need, responding to His call with faith and living in a way that shows we are ready. This week, welcome someone who feels left out.

"Invite to the feast, whomever you can find."

- Matthew 22:9

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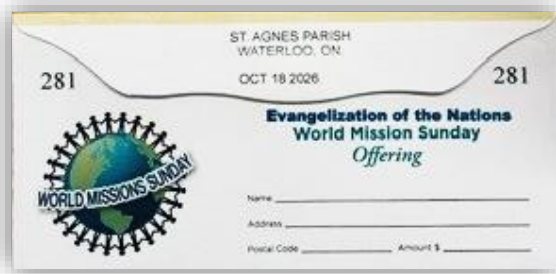
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USE YOUR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY ENVELOPE IN THE COLLECTION



Next 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

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

NEWS & EVENTS at ST. AGNES PARISH



*Come to Mass on Thanksgiving Day,
October 12th at 9am. Everyone is welcome!*

*Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the
righteous be shaken.*

- Psalm 55:22

LIVE IN A NEW WAY: Take your worries and convert them into prayer. Take your fear and connect it with God's fear. Take your depression and see it in the presence of God's dying on the cross. Bring it to the Presence who has suffered all and lived it all. You will discover that in the presence of Jesus you can live beyond pain and joy, sadness and gladness. When you pray, you connect your life with God's life. You live in a new way.

- 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 – at this moment, ***we still need at least one more prayer partner.*** 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.

FIRST COMMUNION ENROLLMENT AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND.

Join Fr. Jeff for the **last session** of **PRESENCE** in the Parish Centre **October 13 at 7pm**, to explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist.

CANADIAN ROSARY BRIGADE: Rosary makers wish to invite members of our Parish to join us in leading the making of rosaries in our Catholic schools. We are visiting two schools in early November and could really use a few more hands to help us help the students make their own rosary. Please contact Marilynne for more information canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com.



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.

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 at 3570 King Street East, Kitchener.



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:

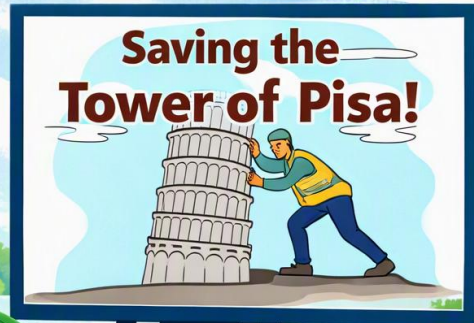
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Men's Social Hour

Join us on

**Monday, October 26th
at 1pm**



CONFERENCE ROOM – enter by back doors

Please call John Vogan at 226-978-4013 for more information.

St. Agnes Youth Group

upcoming events

All are welcome

Open to youth in grades 6-10.

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

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

October: A Month of Prayer for Vocations

For more information, visit hamiltondiocese.com/vocations.

Gratitude and discernment: For vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life: that gratitude for God's goodness may inspire generous responses to his call, and that our communities may encourage those discerning with prayer and understanding, let us pray to the Lord.

MEN DISCERNMENT GROUP Fr. John Ha, our Vocations Director, 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

OPEN HOUSE: Bishop Farrell Library & Archives The Bishop Farrell Library & Archives invites you to an Open House, Oct. 17th from 2:00pm–5:00pm and Oct. 18th from 10:00am–2:00pm. We are located at 698 King St. West, on the beautiful grounds of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Join us to view The Saint John's Bible, learn about our services, and pick up a few good books! Open to All!

Mass Schedule

Mondays – **no Mass**; Tuesday & Wednesday **9am**; Thursday & Friday: **7pm**; Saturday **9am**.

Lord's Day Masses: Saturday **5pm**; Sunday **9am, 11am & 7pm**

Holy Hours: Thursdays at **6pm**; Fridays (without incense) at **6pm**

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

Plan to come to Mass on Thanksgiving Day – Monday, October 12th at 9am;

And on All Soul's Day – Monday, November 2nd at 7pm.

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Tuesday: Our Lady of Fatima *by Sylvia*

Wednesday: †Brenda McKenna *by John McKenna*

Thursday: Olivia Josephine & Franz Joseph *by Abuela Sylvia*; †Ed Girodat *by Grant & Janet Ertel*

Friday: †Genowefa Zielinska *by the Family*

Saturday: †Doris Sonnemann *by Lamers Family*

Lord's Day Masses: Saturday (5pm) †Manuel Brito – *Freire Family*; **Sunday (9am)** †Anna Van Dinh – *Chien Dinh*; **(11am)** †Joseph Nguyen – *Nguyen Family* **(7pm)** Pro Populo

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PREFERRED METHOD: CONSIDER MAKING YOUR OFFERING THROUGH CANADA

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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](#).