

**Knotting & Quilting are Back!!  
Starting January 10th  
9:30 am – 11:30 am**

If you can tie a knot, you can knot with us, making quilts for the missions. Every Wednesday morning during the winter months. Great social time.

**News from the CWL**

Catholic Women's' League fees are now due. This year the registration is \$35.00 for the year. Fees can be placed in an envelope in the collection basket or given to Judi Langford  
Please be sure to include your name. If you would like to join or would like further information, please call Judi at 519 501 4763.

Family Foundation Institute presents  
**Steadfast Hope -**

**Men of Faith Conference 2024**

Sat, January 20, 2024 8:00 am to 3:30 pm  
All Saints Parish, Strathroy  
\$40/individual, \$25/student

We are inviting all men to join us on a transformative journey of faith at the 2024 Men of Faith Conference.

Discover the path to living your faith in the world today through the inspiring words of Bishop Scott McCaig, CC. As he shares insights, you'll learn how recognizing Jesus Christ as our firm foundation leads to a hope that shines brightly for the world to see.

To register: <https://famfi.ca/view/events/entry/9175/>

**Next Coffee Sunday is  
January 14th.**

After Mass, come down and visit with your fellow parishioners,

2024 envelopes are ready to be picked up at the back of the church

**The Men's club** is looking for indoor storage for the trailer that stores the outdoor nativity set. It does not take up much space. If you have space in your barn or shed and would be willing to store the trailer, please talk with Ron Brander 519-390-1211

**THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY – SALVATION STORY MADE CLEAR** - offered at St. Louis Parish in Waterloo (53 Allen St. E) starting in mid January 2024.

The Bible Timeline® Study Program is a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how 14 of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives the keys to understand the amazing story woven through Scripture. Unique colour-coded chart, helps to learn about the people, places, and events of the Bible and reveals the remarkable story of our Faith. Offered either on Monday nights at 7:30 PM starting Jan. 15th, 2024 OR on Sundays at 12:30 PM (till 1:40 PM with substantial snacks provided.) starting on Jan .14th 2024. (No sessions on long weekends etc.) 12 sessions during Winter/Spring 2024 & 12 sessions during the Fall of 2024. Contact St. Louis parish office (519-743-4101 or [stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com)) to sign up. Course if free. Free materials provided, or workbook for all 24 sessions can be purchased.



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*Sunday, January 7, 2024  
Epiphany of the Lord*

Pastor:

Reverend Bob Love  
Secretary: Sherry Reitzel

Office Hours

9 am - 11:30 am  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Mass Times

Tuesday—7:00 p.m.  
Wed-Friday 8:30 am  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
*Rosary - 30 min before Mass*

Confession

Saturday 4-5 pm  
*Or upon request*

Marriage

*Please contact the parish  
at least six months in advance.*

Baptism

*Contact the office at least four  
month in advance  
Request forms at back of the  
church*

Holy Family Catholic School

Principal: Mark Modolo.  
519-662-1734



## MASS SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY January 9

7:00 pm  
+ Carole Reitzel  
Req. Pat & Judy Langford

### WEDNESDAY January 10

8:30 am  
+ Eileen Plouffe  
Req. Moe Plouffe

### THURSDAY January 11

8:30 am  
+ Judith Kroetsch  
Req. Estate

### FRIDAY January 12

8:30 am  
+ William Clark  
Req. Patricia Clark

### SATURDAY January 13

5:00 pm  
+ Katarina & Mato Stipic  
Req. P&B Stefanac

## WEEKLY OFFERING

*December 25, 2023*

**Sunday Offering: \$ 5,131.00**  
**Building fund: \$ 550.00**  
**Christmas: \$ 10,499.00**  
**New Year's: \$ 1,161.00**

*Thank you for your generosity*

## Prayer Network

To request special prayers contact:  
Marcella 519 - 662-2962  
Sharon 519 - 634-8401

If you would like to join the prayer chain please contact Sharon Diebold.

## News from the Diocese of Hamilton

### **Save the Date: The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass!**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Registration will be available online in December at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

### **Sunday of the Word of God**

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>.

### **Smart Steps**

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? This program is designed to offer practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. Sessions are held at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). DATE: Saturday, March 9, 2024. Register on line at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

## **Vocation Seeds:**

Epiphany - January 7, 2024

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

## **Vocations Prayer Week of January 8**

Rev. David Reilander  
Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)  
Rev. Franjo Sprajc  
Rev. Matthew Durham  
Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas

**ALPHA 2024:** Join us Thursday evenings, February 22 to May 2 at St. Mark's Parish Hall, 55 Driftwood Drive.

Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. Plan to join us – all are welcome! To learn more, contact Denise Case at [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com).

## Lives of the Saints

*St Peter Thomas (1305-1366)*

*Feast Day January 8*

Peter Thomas was born into a poor peasant family in the southern Périgord region in France. His piety and skill as a teacher attracted the attention of the Carmelite prior of Bergérac, who invited him to join the Carmelite community there at age twenty-one. He taught in various houses of study until he was sent to University in Paris for advanced scholarship. While his studies were still in progress he was elected by the Order as its procurator general to the Papal Court at Avignon in 1345.

Peter Thomas proved to be a brilliant diplomat, all the while committed to an austere, simple and prayerful life of a Carmelite friar. He was known to have a disarming humility that enabled him to converse with peasants, soldiers and sailors just as easily as high government officials. After being made Bishop of Patti and Lipari in 1354, he was entrusted with many papal missions to promote peace and unity with the Eastern Churches. He held positions of Papal Legate for the East, Archbishop of Crete and Latin Patriarch of Constantinople, all the while working for peace and unity between churches of East and West. His work ended in 1366 when he died of a fever at Famagosta on Cyprus, where his body was then buried in the Carmelite church there.

St Peter Thomas lived as a devout Carmelite and was a diplomatic healer and reconciler, reminding us that finding common ground and bringing reconciliation are always possible with God's help.

*St Adrian of Canterbury (d. 710)*

*Feast day January 9*

Feeling called to the monastic life, Adrian left his native North Africa and joined the Benedictines in Italy. Renowned for his scholarship and holiness, he was elected abbot of his monastery and later nominated archbishop of Canterbury. Out of humility he declined the appointment to archbishop, but volunteered to go to England as a missionary. He endured various trials and even imprisonment on his journey to Canterbury, since he was taken for a spy. Once in England, he was appointed abbot of the monastery of Sts Peter and Paul where he lived for 39 years, actively involved in preaching and education. He died in 710.