

CWL

The CWL is hosting an Advent retreat on Thursday, November 30th. Sr. Barbara Paleczny will be our retreat leader. The topic is "The many ways to pray." The retreat will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner, followed by the retreat. Cost for retreat and dinner is \$20 EVERYONE IS INVITED. Call Judi Langford 519 501 4763 if you would like further information. Sign up sheets at the side entrance.

Family Foundations Institute:

Gift and Grit Marriage Conference
Saturday, November 4, 2023
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saint André Bessette Catholic Secondary School, London \$100/couple before Wed, November 1, 2023
Guest speakers: Andrew and Sarah Swafford

This year's conference revolves around the theme "Gift and Grit." We believe that within every marriage, there are unique gifts and strengths waiting to be discovered. Additionally, we recognize the importance of resilience and "grit" in navigating the ups and downs that come with a committed relationship. Through inspiring talks and interactive Q&A, we aim to help couples unearth their gifts and cultivate the resilience needed to overcome obstacles.
To register go to: www.famfi.ca

The next coffee Sunday is Sunday, October 8th.

Please join us for coffee, tea and drinks for the kids. Plus there is always a snack.
Visit with fellow parishioners, get to know those in your community.

Carmel of St. Joseph- St. Agatha

Mass in honour of the 150th anniversary of the birth of St. Thérèse (1873-2023)
Celebrated on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at the Carmelite Monastery, in St. Agatha
Eucharistic Adoration: 6:00 p.m.
Mass: 7:00 p.m.
Please write to the Sisters if you plan to attend: saintagatha@thecarmel.ca.
Ph No 519-884-6700



Thanksgiving food drive - next weekend
October 7 & 8

Please bring your non perishable food item to Mass with you.



Holy Family Roman Catholic Church (1883)

329 Huron Street, New Hamburg, ON N3A 1K3 ~ 519 662-1744
holyfamily@rogers.com • www.holyfamilynewhamburg.com

Sunday, October 1, 2023
The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

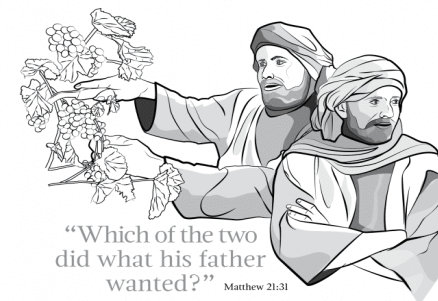
Please contact the parish
at least six months in advance.

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



Matthew 21: 28-32
The tax collectors and the prostitutes are going
Into the kingdom of heaven ahead of you.

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY October 3

7:00 pm
+ Pasquale Paciello
Req. Giovanna Paciello

WEDNESDAY October 4

8:30 am
For the Van Heeswyk family

THURSDAY October 5

8:30 am
For the Van Boekel family

FRIDAY October 6

8:30 am
+ Stan & Irene Gross
Req. Jackie Gross

SATURDAY October 7

5:00pm
+ Judith Kroetsch
Req. Estate

WEEKLY OFFERING

September 24, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$ 1,250.00
Needs of the Canadian church : \$ 151.30

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

Adult Faith Formation through VLCFF
The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. The Diocese of Hamilton is also pleased to offer a special certification program in Youth Ministry and Catechesis. Three and five-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com.

Did You Know...

Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We are in desperate need of more volunteers to support the demand of enrollment for the 2023-2024 pastoral year. If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com for training and more information. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

Smart Steps – Supporting Step-Families

This is a one-day workshop designed to assist all parents and step-parents who are adjusting to blended family life. Sessions will be held at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. Time: 9:15a.m. - 3:30p.m., Price: \$50 per person, Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023. Register on line: hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Vocation Seeds:

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 1, 2023
The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon, religious or consecrated virgin. Are you being invited? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Vocations Prayer Week of October 2

Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.
Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.
Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)
Rev. Robert Love
Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski

Lives of the Saints

St Francis of Assisi (1181 - 1226)
Feast day October 4

Francis was the son of a prosperous cloth merchant in Assisi. When his father objected to having his goods sold without his consent to pay for the restoration of a church, the bishop commanded Francis to repay the money. He did. He also renounced his father and gave back everything he had ever been given, even his garments. He began a life of perfect evangelical poverty, living by begging and even then only accepting the worst food that people had to give. He preached to all the love of God and the love of the created world; because, having renounced everything, he celebrated everything he received, or saw, or heard, as a gift. A rich man sold everything and joined him in living next to a leper colony; a canon from a neighbouring church gave up his position and joined them also. They looked into the Gospel and saw the story of the rich young man whom Jesus told to sell everything; they saw Jesus telling his disciples to take nothing with them on their journey; they saw Jesus saying that his followers must also carry his cross. And on that basis they founded an order. Francis went to Rome himself and persuaded the Pope to sanction it, though it must have seemed at once impractical and subversive to set thousands of men (however holy) wandering penniless round the towns and villages of Europe.

Because Francis was wearing an old brown garment begged from a peasant, tied round the middle with string, that became the Franciscan habit. Ten years later 5,000 men were wearing it; a hundred years later Dante was buried in it because it was more glorious than cloth of gold.

There is too much to say about Francis to fit here. He tried to convert the Muslims, or at least to attain martyrdom in doing so. He started the practice of setting up a crib in church to celebrate the Nativity.

Francis died in 1226, having started a revolution. The Franciscans endure to this day.