

Mass Intentions – October 19 th – 25 th			
Date/Time	Feast Day	Intention	Requested By
Monday 19 th 9:00 AM	Ferial	• +Natasha Prilesnik	•Angela Prele
Tuesday 20 th 9:00 AM	Ferial	• +Fr. Pat Aielle, C.R.	•Anne Pritchard
Wednesday 21 st 9:00 AM	Ferial	• +Pauline Schumacher	• Terry & Kelly Strome
Thursday 22 nd 9:00 AM	Ferial	• +Jim Gilhuly	•Molly Worden
Friday 23 rd 9:00 AM	Ferial	• +Ildebrando Silveira	•Maria Silveira
Saturday 24 th 5:00 PM	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	• +Patty Gee • Int. Peter Klambauer • Dec’d Members of Arnold and Wilkins Family	• St. Francis Choir • Lucille & Cathy Vanzielegghem • Julie Wilkins
Sunday 25 th 9:00 AM		• For Parishioners of St. Francis	
11:00 AM		• Int. Terrianne Moulton	• St. Francis Choir

Diocesan Prayer Calendar
Mon. October 19th: **Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel**
Tues. October 20th: **Rev. Wilson Andrade, C.S.C.**
Wed. October 21st: **Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, C.Ss.R.**
Thu. October 22nd: **+Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.**
Fri. October 23rd: **Rev. Luc. Payette**
Sat. October 24th: **Rev. Emmanuel Ralte, C.S.C.**

Stewardship Report
October 10th/11th
Envelope & Loose \$2,753.00
Automatic Withdrawal \$1,328.75
Total Collection Last Week \$4,081.75
2026 Total Collection \$210,285.85
2026 Budget \$315,999.75
Thank you for your generosity!

What’s Happening this Week?
Monday
Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 1:15 pm & 2:30 pm
OEA (H) 7:00 pm
Wednesday
Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm
Sunday
Children’s Liturgy @ 9am Mass
Confirmation Session #2 12:30 pm

SPECIAL THINGS HAPPENING IN OCTOBER
Celebrating St. Francis of Assisi
🕯️ **MONDAY MASS at 9:00 AM**
• Adoration begins at 8:00 AM
Join us for Mass on Monday — a special addition for the month of October!

🕯️ **SATURDAY CONFESSIONS** - Please note the new Saturday confession time for October.
• Confessions begin at **3:45 PM**

Special Step on the Journey of Faith

This weekend, at the 9 AM Mass, our student Confirmandi will take an important step on their journey of faith as they present themselves to our parish community as candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation!
We invite our parish family to pray for these young people in prayer as they continue preparing to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord strengthen their faith, deepen their love for Christ, and guide them as they prepare to receive this beautiful sacrament.

Baptisms Next Weekend
October 25th
Next weekend, at 11 am Mass, Ederson Manjivar and Cortez Aylagas will be welcomed into our faith family and church community through the Sacrament of Baptism. All are invited to witness this joyous event and celebrate with the children and their families.

Confirmation Session #2
A reminder to all those students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, that the second preparation session is next Sunday, October 25th at 12:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Lei Ann at the parish office: 519-745-7301.

Mark your Calendars
Our upcoming **Christmas Bazaar** is scheduled to take place on **Saturday November 14th** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. See bulletin insert this week for more details!

Thanksgiving Food Drive – Thank You!

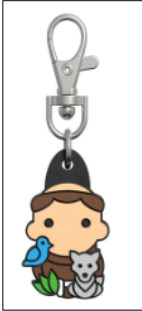
Thank you to everyone who so generously supported our Thanksgiving Food Drive! Together, our parish family donated **325 pounds of food to the House of Friendship**, helping to provide nourishment and hope to those in need in our community.
What a beautiful way to put our faith into action and share our blessings with others! Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Every contribution makes a difference!

Christmas Bazaar Request!
DRAW PRIZES are needed for the main raffle in our Christmas Bazaar. Our Bazaar Committee is looking for new raffle prizes for our main draw that are a value of \$100.00 or higher. Gift cards and other donations that can be combined into a larger prize are also appreciated. If you or your business have anything to donate, please contact the church office or Linda Carmichael at carmichaellinda7@gmail.com or (519) 742-0656. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Preparing for World Mission Sunday
“One in Christ, united in mission”
Today the whole Catholic world keeps the 100th World Mission Sunday. The psalm sings, “Tell his glory among the nations” (Ps 96). Pope Leo XIV reminds us that no baptized person is exempt from mission, and that if unity is the condition of mission, love is its essence. A second collection is taken up today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your gift, joined to those of Catholics everywhere, supports seminarians, catechists, chapels, healthcare, and the poor in young Churches. Pray also for new missionary vocations. Father, make us one in Christ, united in mission. Amen.

Tiny Saints Keychain of St. Francis Available!

In celebration of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, we are selling Tiny Saint Keychains of St. Francis of Assisi! These 1-inch, rubber-constructed collectible charms feature a lobster claw hook that easily clips onto keychains, backpacks, or lanyard. Get your souvenir of this jubilee year while they're available! The cost is \$10.00 each. If you'd like to purchase any, please contact the Parish Office: 519-745-7301.



Around Town

WAITING FOR ADVENT @ St. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH - You are invited to prepare for the Advent Season by joining us for four consecutive Tuesday evenings (October 20-November 10) @ 7:30 PM, following the 7PM Mass, in the Parish Life Centre as we Wait in Hope, Wait for Peace, Wait with Joy and Wait in Love. Each evening will include a short presentation, quiet reflection, and Conversation in the Spirit - an opportunity to listen, reflect, and share as we prepare our hearts for Christ. Come and make space for Advent.

St. Mark C.W.L. - warmly invites ALL WOMEN to a special presentation, **Wednesday, Nov. 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall (55 Driftwood Drive).** Join us for an informative evening with **Andrea Gilker**, Detective Constable Intimate Partner Violence-High Risk and Early Intervention Team. Topics will include: **Human Trafficking** (recognizing the situations, responding appropriately, and understanding its impact on our communities) and **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)** (warning signs, available supports, and appropriate response strategies). There will be an opportunity to make a free-will donation to

benefit the Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region.

Fish Fry - The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 - is hosting a **FISH FRY** on Friday, October 23, 2026 here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take-out will be from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Purchase your tickets at the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tuesday to Friday), or call 519-669-3387. The cost is Adults \$22.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$16.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free. Take-out is \$22.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to support the parish.

St. Agnes Education Cafe: It is easy to see the growing presence of evil today. War, crime, the growth in “us versus them”, attacks on religious institutions, the family & the sacredness of human life. The bible refers to the devil by many names: the Accuser, the Scatterer & the father of lies, who seeks to deceive & divide us. We need not be afraid! Jesus' Resurrection brought victory over evil. With prayer & participation in the Sacraments, we are equipped for the spiritual battles in life. Attend **“The Many Faces of Evil ~ Wounded by Sin, Saved by the Sacraments” with Fr. Michael King. Sunday October 18th 2-3:30pm, St. Agnes, Waterloo.**

Blessed Sacrament Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale - Sat. Nov. 7th: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Handmade crafts, unique holiday gifts, seasonal decorations and holiday decor handcrafted by our talented vendors. Wonderful Christmas Baked goods, cookies, holiday loaves and festive treats. Free admission. Join us for a festive Day of holiday cheer, community fellowship and seasonal shopping.

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- LORD'S DAY MASSES**
Saturday at 5:00 pm
Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am
- WEEKDAY MASSES**
Tuesday – Friday at 9:00 am
- KERALA ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS**
Celebrated by Fr. Stephen Gilbert
Sunday at 5:30 p.m.
- RECONCILIATION**
Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 pm
or by appointment.
- PRAYER NETWORK**
Call parish office to request prayers
- FUNERALS, BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES**
Please call the parish office.

- OUR PARISH TEAM —
- Pastor:** Fr. Stephen Gilbert (sgilbert@hamiltondiocese.com)
 - Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez (pfernandez@hamiltondiocese.com)
 - Pastoral Minister:** Lei Ann Wade (lawade@hamiltondiocese.com)
 - Music Ministry:** Mrs. Terrianne Moulton
 - Admin. Assistant:** Mrs. Amanda Michaels
 - Building Manager:** Mr. Lazaro Escobar
 - Asst. Building Mgr.:** Mr. Gary Howell

PARISH OFFICE
Monday – Friday
8:30 am – noon & 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

“We are a Christ-centered faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace.”

October 18th, 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Shine like stars in the world, holding fast to the word of life”.

-Philippians 2:15-16

