

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – NOVEMBER 24, 2019

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 26th	
9:00 a.m.	A.I.D.
Wednesday, November 27th	
10:15 a.m.	A.I.D.
@Heritage River	
Thursday, November 28th	
6:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory (Louise & Mike Bilodeau)
Friday, November 29th	
9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Orval Crawford on his 80 th Birthday (Jim & Pamela McDaniel)
Saturday, November 30th	
5:00 p.m.	+Joseph Mantler (Frances Mantler & Family)
Sunday, December 1st First Sunday of Advent	
St. Martin's	+Adam Kaminski
9:00 a.m.	(Ron & Carol Nelemans)
St. Mary's	+Nancy Kennedy
11:00 a.m.	(Rosemary & Darcy Saunders)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR OFFERINGS:

St. Mary's, November 16th & 17th:

60 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,414.00
Loose	104.15
2 Building Maintenance	<u>505.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,023.15

St. Martin's November 17th:

10 Weekly Offerings	\$ 340.00
Loose	18.00
4 Building Maintenance	<u>155.00</u>
	\$ 513.00

Your continual support and generosity are much appreciated!

CHRISTMAS CARDS:

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Cards before and after all weekend Masses at the back of the church. Come support the Knights' work in our Church and community by purchasing these beautiful cards.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

These are definitely exciting times in the diocese of Hamilton with the Capital Campaign currently going on in different parishes of the diocese. Thanks to the leadership initiative of His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, and according to him, the campaign "has the potential to be transformative for your parish community, as we have already seen with many of our pilot wave parishes."

Recall that the wave started with up to 15 parishes spread across the diocese participating in the pilot wave back in the summer months. These Campaigns recorded a huge success while the first phase of the Campaign is currently ongoing with up to thirty parishes participating in the first wave around the diocese.

Please, note that the second wave will also begin in January 2020, where our parish of St. Mary's and St. Martin's will be participating. We have already started preparations for this Campaign in our parish with meetings both at the diocesan level and as a parish community. This important campaign will involve all parishioners in the coming months as all ideas and suggestions are welcome towards launching a successful Campaign in our parish.

As pastor, I would need your assistance and co-operations as we all join hands as a parish community in the coming months with the Campaign preparations and eventual kick-off.

Let us all come together in "One Heart and One Soul" like the early Christians did (Acts 2:44-47) and make the Capital Campaign in the diocese and our dear parish a huge success and may the good Lord continue to bless our efforts and our parish community today and always, Amen!

CWL 100TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR-LONG DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE WELLINGTON FOOD BANK:

A sincere and humble thank you from the CWL to all those parishioners who contributed toilet paper to the Food Bank over the last 4 weeks. St. Mary's parishioners donated an extraordinary **more than 600 single rolls** of toilet paper!

In consultation with the Food Bank, we would humbly ask that **December's contributions** go

towards their **Christmas Hamper Program** to enable food bank users to have special items over the Christmas holidays. These items include, but are not limited to:

- Jam, syrup, marshmallows, cookies
- Cake mix, pancake mix, muffin mix
- Canned nuts, sweets
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Table decorations, napkins
- Any other non-perishable item/foodstuff to help create a special Christmas meal

Donations can be left in the bin in the vestibule to be delivered to the CW Sportsplex on December 11th by our volunteers, in time for the Food Bank Christmas Market. Thank you for your generosity!

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS:

All are invited to open the Advent Season with a Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent Sunday at the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, on Sunday December 1st at 7:00 p.m.** In the midst of the season's hustle and bustle, this service, which combines music and Sacred Scripture, is a wonderful way to prayerfully enter into Advent. Seasonal refreshments will follow the service. You are very welcome and please bring a friend or two.

WARMTH & COMFORT COLLECTION:

St. Vincent de Paul Society with the help of and the help of the Knights of Columbus, will once again this year be collecting **hats, mittens and socks** to be handed out to needy families at Christmastime. If you would like to contribute warm winter gear in any size, please leave donations in the marked box in the front vestibule. Your generosity at this time of year is greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL FOOD BANK DINNER THANKS:

On the **third Friday of each month**, Parishes in Elora and Fergus take turns providing a dinner for people who use the Centre Wellington Food Bank in Fergus. The dinner is held at St. James Anglican Church in Fergus, with 60-70 people attending. On

Friday, November 15, 2019, a group of St. Mary parishioners had the blessing of preparing and serving this meal. About 53 people (singles, couples, and small families) were served and enjoyed a great meal with good comradery. A special thank you to all those who prepared and served this meal with such love and joy.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FOR SALE:

Religious articles will be for sale at the back of the church after all the weekend Masses November 23rd/24th and 30th as well as December 7th/8th and 14th/15th. If there is something you are looking for that is not on display, please let Anne Crawford know. All proceeds to St. Mary's church.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS:

Let us remember all our beloved who passed away during the year: Terry Conroy, Cathy Robinson, Father Charles Schefter, Gwyneth Walser, Betty Davison, Antonio Marien, Helen Wilson, Rev. Mark Njoku and Beatrice Onyeanauna

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Nov 25	Scripture Study Group each Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Mary's rectory meeting room. All welcome.
Nov 26	K of C Meeting – St. Joseph's, Fergus following the 7:00 p.m. Mass
Nov 27	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – St. Joseph's, Fergus following the 8:30 a.m. Mass
Dec 1	Advent Parish Social – In the rectory meeting room immediately following 11am Mass. All welcome.
Dec 1	K of C December Breakfast – St. Joseph's parish hall
Dec 2	CWL Christmas get-together for all members of St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and St. Martin's CWL. Elora Legion. 6:00 p.m. social, dinner at 6:30 p.m.