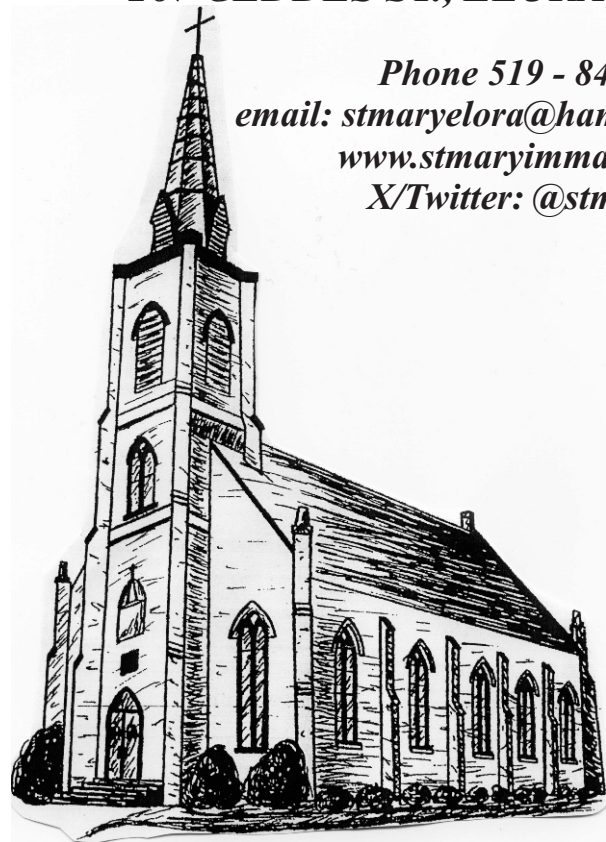


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am*
Sunday 11:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:15-4:45 pm
Sunday 8:30 - 8:45 am*
First Thursday of the Month 6:40 - 7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday 9:00 am
On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, Mass is celebrated at Wellington Terrace LTC and the last Wednesday of the month at Heritage River Retirement Residence, both at 10:30 am, instead of 9:00am at St. Mary's

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

The first Thursday of each month, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

* Celebrated at St. Martin of Tours in Drayton

The Sacrament of Baptism Parents are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible after the birth of their baby. Adults seeking Baptism for themselves are also encouraged to contact us.

Ministry to the Sick If you or a family member is in hospital and in need of sacramental ministry, please contact the parish office.

The Sacrament of Matrimony Those seeking marriage should contact the parish office before booking a reception venue. Weddings are normally celebrated in a parish where either the bride or the groom resides.

Memorial Donations Please remember your parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

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THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME – SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

<i>The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
Saturday, September 28th	
5:00 p.m.	+Diane & Oscar Bloch (Feil Family)
Sunday, September 29th	
St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	+Jim Dodge (Jim & Diane Robertson)
Monday <i>St. Jerome (M)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	For the Rybka Family
Tuesday <i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus (M)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Anna Starczala (Koechl Family)
Wednesday <i>The Holy Guardian Angels (M)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Dotie Kilgallen (Marie & Brian Kilgallen)
Thursday	
9:00 a.m.	+Ted Kilgallen (Marie & Brian Kilgallen)
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction
6:40 - 7:00 p.m.	Confessions
Friday <i>St. Francis of Assisi (M)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Diane Figliuzzi (Colleen & Steve Cudney)
<i>The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
Saturday, October 6th	
5:00 p.m.	+Jack McFadden (Walser Family)
Sunday, October 7th	
St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.	+Regent Charlebois (A Niece)
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo

BIBLE STUDY - LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

Our study of the Letter to the Ephesians continues this Monday at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Please join us. This week we will be looking at Ephesians chapter 2. You may find it easier to follow along if you bring your own Bible.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 Bishop Crosby has designated October as the diocesan month of prayer for vocations. It is good for us to pray for young people so that they may hear and respond to the vocation to be saints and to pursue holiness in the way God calls them to do so (whether in holy matrimony, holy orders, religious life, etc.). Throughout the diocese a prayer for vocations will be offered at the end of Sunday Mass. This is different from the prayer we offer for seminarians. To simplify things, we will omit the prayer before Mass and pray the more general prayer at the end. During October the prayers of the faithful will also be crafted to reflect the focus on vocations. It is possible that our usual petitions for the sick and deceased may be omitted one or more Sundays. Be assured that this is only a temporary change. Finally, please pray the Rosary for vocations. There will be a public praying of the Rosary in St. Mary's Church at 11:00 a.m. over the course of three Saturdays: the 12th, 19th, and the 26th. On Tuesday, October 22nd the 9:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in St. Martin's Church for the anniversary of the dedication of the church, with the Rosary following. Yours in Christ,
 Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

YOUR OFFERINGS:

**St. Mary's,
September 21st and 22nd:**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,068.00
Loose	264.00
Evangelization of the Nations	25.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	200.00
Building Maintenance	725.00
Total:	\$ 3,282.00

**St. Martin's,
September 22nd:**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 330.00
Loose	30.00
Total:	\$ 360.00

Your support and generosity are very much appreciated!

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH

Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. You are also encouraged to pray for vocations throughout the month. Moreover, if you know someone who you think should consider a particular vocation, such as marriage, priesthood or consecrated virginity lived in the world, be sure to tell that person. Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us! For more information on vocations, see www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Relationship experts remind us that quantity and quality time matter in relationships. Take a moment to assess your relationship: how much time are you spending together and are you considering how you connect during those times. You might share a movie, family time and chores, but be sure there are times when you talk directly to each other, share your joys and sorrows, discuss your plans as a couple. Staying connected takes effort but ensures a strong and everlasting love. (From: Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal of this program is that young people will join us for opportunities for formation as Catholic leaders and then go back to their respective communities to turn their learning into practice. Registration for this program closes October 25th and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/frassati2024>

**HEARTACHE TO HEALING
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time since your loss. **A monthly**

informal drop-in support is available at St. Michael Parish on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. **The 6- week Program - theory and sharing**, runs Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from October 16th to November 20th at St. Michael, Waterloo. Registration is required for this program by contacting 519-884-9311 email parish@stmichaelw.ca.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

St. Mary's CWL is excited to host an **Advent Day of Recollection**. Join us in prayer, music, reflection and a talk by special guest, His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins. Mark your calendars now for the First Sunday of Advent, December 1st at 2:00 p.m. All welcome. Details to follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Each Saturday	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m.
Each Monday (Except Oct 14)	Bible Study – St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. All welcome
October 5	Last Diocesan Marian Day of 2024 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph. 9:00 a.m. till noon with Regina Caeli Tea to follow
October 5	Blessing of Animals – All pets welcome to come receive a blessing in honour of the Feast of St. Francis Outside St. Mary's Church – 2:00 p.m.
October 6	Knights of Columbus Charity breakfast – 10:00 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Hall
October 6	Life Chain – One hour of silent public prayer and peaceful stand for life. 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., McDonald Square, Elora
October 19	Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive – 10:00 a.m. till noon, St. Joseph's parking lot.
December 1	Advent Day of Recollection with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins – From 2:00 p.m.
December 3	St. Mary's and St. Joseph's CWL Christmas get together


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