



## MASSES OF THE WEEK

**Monday, December 4** – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. ó Alexius Arines, Brian Sheehy, Intentions of Julie McDonald

**Tuesday, December 5** – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Stuart Crease, Intentions of Sister Christine, Intentions of Paul Motz

**Wednesday, December 6** – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Kay Aguanno

**Thursday, December 7** – Feast: St. Ambrose

7:00p.m. – Lisa Mulhall, Dorothy Hicks, Intentions of the Family & Friends of Massimo Marcone

**Friday, December 8** – Feast: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30a.m. – Celestina Cabling, Helena & Felix Orel, Marija Mohor Kus

**Saturday, December 9** – Ferial

5:15p.m. ó Deceased Members of the Seifred Family, Alice Ballerscheff, Judit Muranyi

**Sunday, December 10** – Second Sunday of Advent

9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

### **Stewardship of Treasure:**

*Thank you for your gift of \$8,287.63 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.*

*+We offer our prayers and congratulations to John DiLello and Marie Shureb on the recent celebration of their marriage.*

## PARISH NEWS

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you for your donation of \$2,123.00 to the World Mission Sunday Collection.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS CAKES**

Each year the Knights of Columbus sell an assortment of delicious Christmas Cakes and Cookies, in support of various local charities. A table will be set-up at the main entrance of the Church to sell these goodies during the first 3 weeks of December after each Mass.

### ***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "PREPARE THE WAY"***

*Next to the annual celebration of Easter, the memorial of Christ's birth is most cherished by Christians throughout the world. The feast of Christmas celebrates the gift of God's love revealed in the great mystery of the Incarnation. God's eternal Word taking human flesh and dwelling among us. A wonderful array of cultural and family customs lead us to the Christmas feast and gives shape to our annual celebration. Advent wreaths and Jesse trees, collections of food and gifts for the poor, the sending of Christmas cards and letters and the making or purchasing of special gifts for loved ones, marks our Advent days of preparation. During the twelve days of Christmas, families gather around lighted trees with sparkling ornaments to exchange gifts. Family and friends come together to share stories and to partake of the many special foods lovingly prepared for the festival. As the Christmas season unfolds we find time for rest and recreation with one another. In all of these ways we strengthen the bonds that knit us together as people in whom God has chosen to dwell.*

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST**

Join us after Mass next Sunday for breakfast in the church hall following the 9a.m. & 11a.m. Masses. Free will offering.

### **5:15P.M. FAMILY CHRISTMAS MASS**

If you have a child in JK to Grade 4 who would like to play a role in our Christmas Pageant please sign up at the online link: <http://bit.ly/2zYldTH> or if you have a child in grade 5 to 8 who would be interested in reading the scriptures, we would also ask that you indicate that role on the online form or email [coolpageant@gmail.com](mailto:coolpageant@gmail.com) with your son or daughter's name, age and if they have played a role in the past.

Rehearsals: Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> following the 11a.m. Mass for 45 minutes (no angels need to attend); Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> . everyone to attend; December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1p.m-2:30-p.m. all attend, costumes will be distributed and tried on this day.

### **ADVENT CONCERT**

John Miller & Friends will perform a concert in our Church Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7p.m. Plan to attend as we listen to seasonal traditional and contemporary music in a prayerful way.

**TIPS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS**

- plan ahead by holding a family meeting to decide what the group really wants to do and who is going to do what
- if you need a symbol for giving in addition to Jesus and the Wise Men learn about St. Nicholas
- avoid debt - refuse to be pressured by advertising to overspend
- avoid stress . give to yourself . don't assume things have to be the same as they've been
- draw names rather than everyone giving something to everyone else in your giving circle . set a ceiling for each recipient . give children one thing they really want rather than many gifts
- give appropriate gifts . know the recipient and give what they need not what you want to buy
- celebrate Advent for four weeks before Christmas

**ADVENT 2018**

Each year parishioners have been generous in supporting the Drop-In-Centre and Michael House Pregnancy Centre. Due to the celebration of Christmas the day after the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent we will be collecting donations on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 10<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup> allowing delivery of goods for distribution before Christmas. During the four Sundays of Advent the children will be invited to donate towards CHALICE and their Christmas Smiles Campaign to feed the hungry children.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

- Memberships of \$25 are now due. Your membership envelope is in your box of church envelopes or use a plain envelope marked CWL.
- Please nominate yourself or someone else for the different positions on our executive as elections will be in January. Forms and eligible members are posted on the bulletin boards.
- Our December 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting will begin with Mass at 6:30p.m. and our guest speaker will be Teresa Hartnett who will present a reflection %God's Grace Filled Presence+. Please bring appetizers (finger foods) for the meeting as well as collecting items for Women in Crisis . listed on blue paper on bulletin boards.

**2018 CHURCH ENVELOPES**

These will be available on the weekend of December 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>. We are very grateful for the generosity of our parishioners. You may also apply for our deft program where your donations are given automatically from your bank account. Please do not ask for envelopes if you have no intention of using them. Last year over 150 people never picked up their envelopes and this is an unnecessary expense for the parish.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Our Conference needs two or three volunteers to help one Monday morning a month, usually the third Monday, to handle the counting and tabulation of funds from the monthly collection. Some cash handling/banking experience would be helpful. Training on procedures will be given/ time commitment is approx. 2 hours. Call Andrew Epler at 519-763-7662.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI REFLECTION**

We will be holding a spiritual reflection by Dr. Robin Fishburn entitled, %St. Francis of Assisi . A Spiritual Travel Log+ in the Newstead Room of the Parish Hall on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30p.m. The talk will include a travel log, photos and commentary to trace St. Francis's spiritual development. Please call the Parish Office to register by December 1<sup>st</sup> at 519-824-3951.

**OTHER NEWS****INTERNAL AUDITORS**

The Diocese of Hamilton is looking for part-time Auditors to perform financial and administrative reviews of our parishes and cemeteries. The hours of work will vary depending on the number of reviews and the complexity of the reviews. On average an auditor can expect to work between 7 and 15 days per year. Remuneration will depend on the number of audits performed. Professional designation in accounting is required and strong communication and presentation skills with the ability to comfortably communicate at all levels. If interested submit a resume to [careers@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:careers@hamiltondiocese.com) by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**FOSTER PARENTS**

Family and Children's Services of Guelph & Wellington are in need of foster parents. See the poster on the bulletin board and for more information call 519-824-2410.

**ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL "O HOLY MARY"**

Join us Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King Hamilton featuring our Diocesan Choir and the Spanish Choir of St. Michael Parish Oakville.

**SUNDAY SMILE:**

*Mike & Kelly took their children to a matinee at a movie theatre. The projector flickered and kept jumping to the amusement of the audience. Finally their son William loudly complained, "Dad's got the remote control again!"*