

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, 8:30 a.m., December 26**+Angus Cybulski, .. *Florence Cybulski***Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. December 27****For the People****Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. December 28**+Dorothy Oddy, *Don & Arlene Soehner***Thursday, 8:30 a.m. December 29****NO MASS****Friday, 8:30 a.m. December 30****NO MASS****Saturday, 5:00 p.m., December 31**Gloria Wideman, *Mary Collins***Sunday, January 1 10:00 a.m.****Living & Deceased Members of Our Parish****HOSPITALS AND PRIVACY LAWS:**

Hospital privacy laws, hospitals do not notify us when our parishioners are admitted. If someone in your family is admitted to hospital and you want the Parish Office to know, please call and tell us. Many hospitals, Catholic or not, have a priest assigned to visit the Catholic patients and bring them Communion, but the family must tell the admittance office of their wish for a clergy visit.

PRAYER NETWORK

A reminder to all that our prayer network will pray for your intentions. Please call the parish office, 519-743-4525 or Pam, 519-576-9610 with your prayer requests.

**HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR****Please Pray for:**

Monday, December 26 - Msgr. Vincent Kerr
 Tuesday, December 27 - Fr. Kevin Cull
 Wednesday, December 28 - Discalced Carmelite Nuns (O.C.D.)
 Thursday, December 29 - Fr. Edward Hughes
 Friday, December 30 - Fr. Daniel Miehm
 Saturday, December 31 - Fr. Mark Morley

MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER 31/JANUARY 1**Eucharistic Ministers****5pm:** Joan Wismer**10am:** Francis Weiss, Marilyn Scherrer, Eleanor Fields**Lectors****5pm** (1 & P) Rosemary MacNeil, (2) Marie Miller, (P) Sue WeberBell**10am** (R) Claire Rouleau, (P) Joanna Macgillivry,**Altar Servers****5pm****9am****11am**

2011 CURCH CONTRIBUTION Just a gentle reminder. This year Christmas Day and New Year's Day each fall on Sundays. Whereas most years these fall on two separate weekdays and each has its own collection as well as the Sunday offering, this year however there is only one collection each weekend. It would be of great benefit to the parish if you are in the custom of using an envelope for Christmas and the following Sunday, you might wish to consider increasing your offerings for Christmas and for New Year's Day this year.

With tougher rules from CRA, 2011 contributions must be received in 2011. If you miss Christmas but still wish to make an offering for 2011, the deadline to have your 2011 envelope(s) into the parish is Tuesday, December 27th., Noon Beginning January 1st, please only use the new yellow envelopes, not the 2011 white envelopes. Many people have new envelopes numbers for 2012. Last year, so that all could retain their existing numbers over 150 boxes of new envelopes were thrown out which cost the parish a considerable amount. God bless you and thank you for your great love of our parish. Fr. Tom

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS:**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Jan 24, 2012 Twilight Retreat with special guest speaker Bishop Crosby. Get your dinner tickets early by contacting Jane at 519-744-8330.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:**Our Christmas card to you**

May this season find your body well, your spirit fulfilled, your mind at peace. May 2012 bring promise of joy, months of happiness and a year of great health. May the light of the sun warm your days and the shadow of the moon direct your way. May the stars show the sparkle of your eye and may your smile be as large as the sky. May each morning bring the dawn of opportunity and each evening the comfort of success. May time be on your side and may you find the time for all that's yours to give, to receive, to know and to believe. May you find yourself in a world with friends, with people who care. May the love you find, be so excellent and fair.

Composed by Mark Bulbrook 1956-2005

BINGO will be held **Saturday, December 31st at 12:30 p.m. Matinee Bingo and Saturday, January 14th at 9:30 p.m. Late Night Bingo** at the Charities Bingo Hall, 510



Krug Street, Kitchener. To assist with this fund raiser, please call the office.

Children's Liturgy: The decision has been made to suspend the Children's Liturgy Program at St. Teresa of Avila. Parish support for this program proved to be minimal. An attempt will be made in September 2012 to restart the program. Thank you to everyone who played a part in this ministry over the years.

Announcement from the Vocation Office As Vocation Director for the Diocese of Hamilton, I am inspired by the generosity of heart and goodness of our 16 seminarians. A majority of the seminarians and I will be on pilgrimage to the International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin next June. I am confident that this will be a wonderful opportunity to build fraternity among the men who are attending one of three seminaries and to deepen our reverence for the gift of the Holy Eucharist. We will be staying at the National Seminary in Maynooth during the Congress. The following is a projected breakdown of our costs for the pilgrimage: Flight: \$1,000, Accommodations and Meals: \$750 (\$75 per day), Rail Pass: \$150, Congress Registration: \$130.00.

Of the approximately \$2,000 cost for each participant, I am hopeful that a good portion of this will be covered by donations. Since a number of the seminarians have limited financial resources, I would appreciate any support you can offer to assist in defraying the cost. Please know that a tax receipt will be issued for any donations received. Cheques may be payable to the "Catholic Diocesan Account" indicating on the cheque that the donation is in support of the "seminarian pilgrimage" and may be addressed to: Vocation Office, Diocese of Hamilton, 700 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 1C7. Please know that I appreciate the prayers and encouragement that you offer to the seminarians. Assisting them on pilgrimage is a wonderful way for us to express our care and support.

WOMEN OF GRACE: This Lenten season journey with us and grow in holiness. Explore a powerful way to discover the spiritual tools God gave you to fulfill your mission in the world today. Some of the answers to the questions you will learn are, "Why did God make you a woman? Why did God send me here at this time and place? How do I know what spiritual gifts I have and how do I use them? How does the Mother of God help to change my life?" Starting Wednesday, January 4 to March 28, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the boardroom at Blessed Sacrament Church. Class size is limited; please register early by calling Yvonne 519-570-9029.

Prayer Vigil - Thursday, JANUARY 5th, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; in front of Freeport Hospital, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

"Come away for a few hours of prayer".... **Praying With the Sisters of St. Joseph:** All interested women are invited to join **the Sisters of St. Joseph at the Motherhouse at 574**

Northcliffe Avenue, Hamilton, on Saturday, January 14th from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The day will include Mass, a short talk on prayer, time for reflection and prayer and lunch. Suggested contribution is \$20. Please call 905-528-0138 to register by January 8th."

St. David Grade 8 Student and Parent Information Night: Thursday, January 12, 2012 - Cafeteria, 6:30 pm – 8:15pm. Any students planning to attend grade 9 at St. David's in September 2012 and who live within the St. David boundary are invited to attend. Come with your parents and see all of the wonderful programs and facilities that we offer

Kitchener Knights of Columbus Annual Trip Draw Don't miss it! This year's prizes are as follows: - 1st Prize: 15-day luxury coach tour of Ireland - 2nd Prize: Alaskan Cruise - 3rd & 4th Prizes: Trips to Las Vegas with \$500 spending cash. There are also five prizes of \$1,000, five of \$500, and ten of \$100. Tickets are \$100 each. The draw will be held **January 17, 2012** at 9.00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall. To purchase tickets please call or e-mail Brian Hughes at 519-578-3401 or hughesbrian@hotmail.com.

BISHOP DOUGLAS CROSBY OMI will be the celebrant and guest speaker, Wednesday, January 18, 2012, for the KW Serra Club at their **Annual Religious Life Appreciation Banquet**. Mass and dinner will be held at "Conestoga Place" (former Kitchener Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall 110 Manitou Drive, Kitchener). All parishioners are invited to join us. Tickets must be purchased before **Monday, January 9, 2012**. Cost of dinner is \$35.00 each. Cheques payable to KW Serra Club. Tickets are available from: Joanne Shewchuk **519-894-5055** fsheuwuk@kw.igs.net or Noreen Hishon **519-885-1982** ljhishon@gmail.com

University of Waterloo Toddler Peer Play Study The Family Studies Lab invites you and your child to take part in our study on early peer relationships! We are seeking families with children around 20 months or around 30 months who also have a friend close to your child's age. Participation would involve one session of approximately one hour at the University of Waterloo. Parents are with their children throughout the session and children will receive toys in appreciation of their participation. For more information about this study, or to participate, please contact: **FAMILY STUDIES LAB**, Phone: 519-888-4567 ext. 32094 Email: hrosslab@watarts.uwaterloo.ca Website: <http://familystudieslab.uwaterloo.ca/participate.html> This study has been reviewed by, and received ethics clearance from the Office of Research Ethics at the University of Waterloo.