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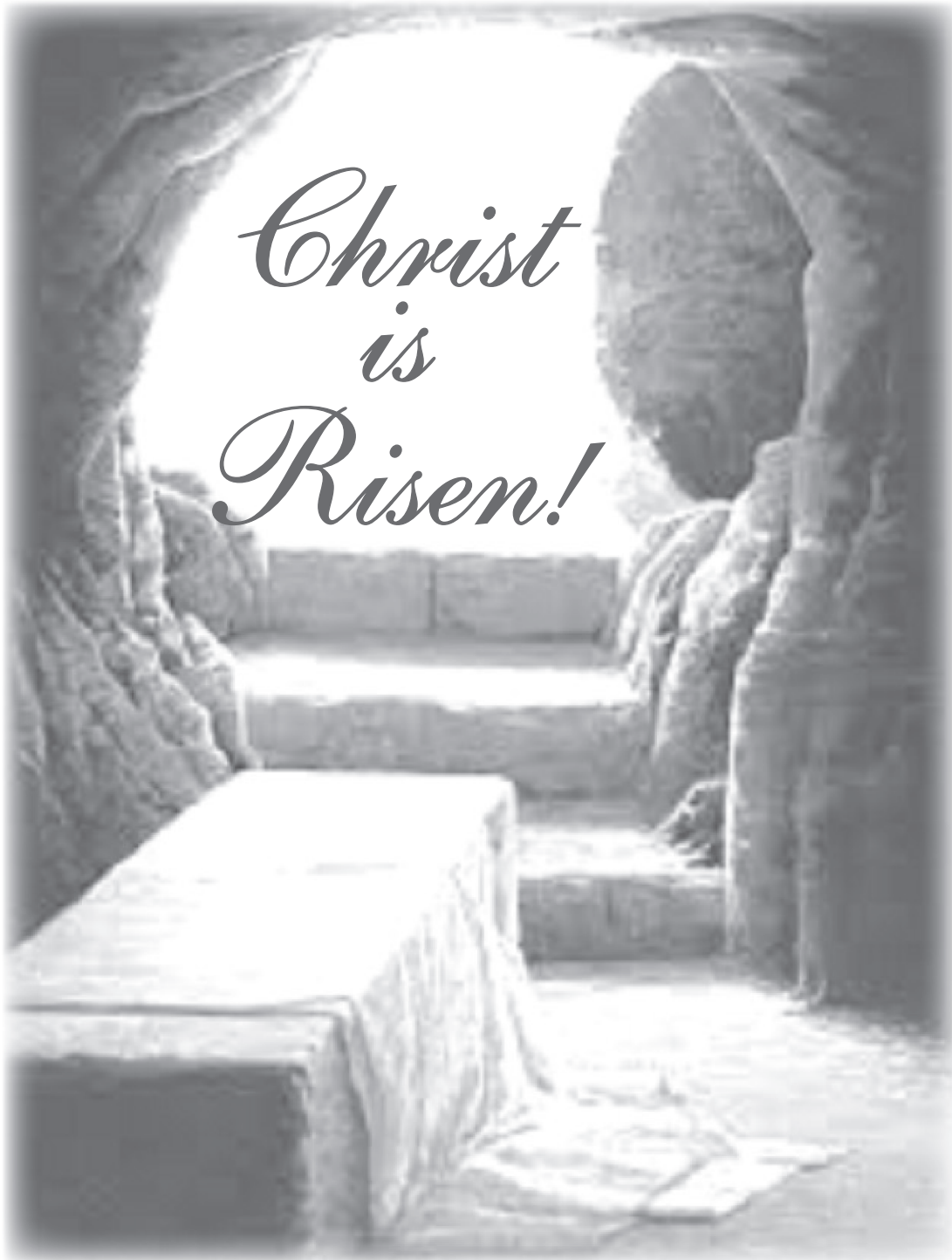
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WELCOME HOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Welcome, we are really glad you're here! Whether exploring, struggling or looking for a new Church Home - we extend a warm welcome to our parish and pray that you feel at home. Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith. *For details on our parish life, offering envelopes, pre authorized or on line giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website: www.stmichaelw.ca or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.*



April 23 - 27, 2019

Wednesday

12:15pm +Margaret Bogan – Tony & Family

Thursday

12:15pm +Bryan Gleason – Bonnie & Family

Friday

8:00am +Vince & Adelina Villiapiano – Fiorella Lagonia

10:30am Mass at Columbia Forest

Saturday

5:00pm +Bryan Gleason – Doug & Gai Brown & Family

+Rosanna Davis – Joanne Berlette

+Harriet & Jerry Bauer – David Bauer

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5.12-16 Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 John 20.19-31

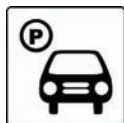
Sunday Offerings

April 14 – Sunday Offering \$7,078.55. PAG – \$8,087.00

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EASTER OFFERING

Holy Week is a time in which the depth of our Lord's love for us is shown. As in the past, you have been extra generous in your Offering to the Church at Easter. Once again, your generosity is requested this Easter so that we may continue to meet our financial obligations and continue to reach out to our community. May the Lord reward your goodness.

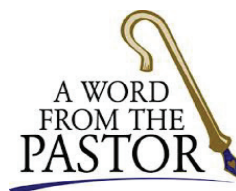


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Additional Parking is available *Every Sunday* at WLU in Lots 10 & 11 (School of Music - University Avenue), Lots 32 & 33 Lazaridis Hall and Lot 37 (Northdale) in designated spaces only. Please do not park in accessible spaces without a permit or in spaces marked "reserved". Street Parking is also permitted, please observe City of Waterloo regulations and respect our neighbours property too.

SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE

Sunday homilies are available weekly on line in audio version through our parish website – just click on the link.



A special word of welcome to all who join our parish family for the celebrations of Easter. It is our privilege to have you worship with us this Easter weekend. Our prayer is that you have a powerful encounter with God. As we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, I hope He will meet you in ways that are more personal and encouraging than ever before. For some, you are visiting our community; for others, you may be searching for a new spiritual home. Please know that we are delighted that you are with us, and please know that you are always welcome.

The Easter faith of the Church is summarized in the acclamation: "Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!" To proclaim that Christ is risen is to say that God is alive, that God is with us, that God will never leave us and that this is the world God loves. What a joy to be a follower of Jesus and to have the opportunity to proclaim His message and truth in our daily lives!

Congratulations to the 12 individuals who were fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church at the Solemn Easter Vigil. May you always feel God's presence and love close to you within our parish - you are welcome and belong! A special word of thanks to the members of our RCIA Team and to Joseph Goodwin, our Campus Minister, for accompanying our candidates in their journey.

I also wish to express my sincere thanks to all who assisted with our celebrations this Holy Week. To our Pastoral Team for their valued assistance and support all year long. To all those who serve in Liturgical and Music Ministries during Holy Week, but also each Lord's Day, and to so many who do so much behind the scenes. *This is a wonderful parish family and I feel blessed to have been called back home to be your Pastor!*



AN EASTER PRAYER

God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son
you conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.

Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Over the last several months we have seen an increase in the numbers attending our Sunday Evening Mass. Since our parish serves university communities that operate on a three term system, (i.e. year round), and since the Summer months provide opportunities for many of our parishioners to travel, including to cottages, and return Sunday nights, we will make our Sunday 7:00pm Mass year round. We look forward to the blessings for our entire parish family.

YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir Practice on Thursday, April 25th at 6:00pm in the St. Gabriel Room. It's never too late to join us!



STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE



We are very excited that our parish will be offering an opportunity for high school aged young people to participate in the Steubenville Conference – July 12-14, 2019. Registration forms are available at the Main Entrance of the Church or check our website – register soon!!

VBS is HERE!!!!

JULY 29- AUGUST 2!

VBS will once again take place here at St. Michael Parish July 29-August 2, 2019 – 9:00am-Noon. VBS is for children JK – Grade 5. *On Line*



Registration via our website now open. Spots are filling!



BIG THANK YOU!!

Thank all the parishioners for their most generous response to the North of 60 project in support of St. Paul Parish in Baker Lake, Nunavut. Food item collections are completed now and if you would still like to donate financially you may no later than April 27th/28th. Final collection results will be available at the Catholic Café in May.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Any adults who have not been baptized and are considering becoming Catholic, or any adults who have already been baptized in other Christian churches and wish to become full members of the Catholic Church, please speak to Father Freitas and arrangements will be made to complete your initiation into the Catholic Church. A program of formation begins in the Fall - there is a place for you – welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our next **Catholic Café** is scheduled for May 11 & 12, 2019 (Mother's Day Weekend). Set the date aside.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



St. Michael Parish offers a 6 week Grief Support Group with sessions beginning Wednesday, May 1st. The program assists those who have lost a loved one, or another significant loss. This program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm (May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5). **There is no fee, but you must register by April 23rd.** To register, contact the parish office at 519-884-9311.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY/USHERS

New ushers are needed in our parish for all weekend Masses. If you are sixteen years of age or older and attend the same Mass regularly, this is a perfect opportunity for you to serve your fellow parishioners as an Usher. Please leave your name and contact number with a current usher or send an email to the parish office.

MINI-RETREAT & GROCERY SHOWER

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites everyone to attend the Mini-Retreat & Grocery Shower (no meat) to be held Saturday, April 27th from 10:45am – 2:00pm at the Monastery. Mass will be celebrated preceded by the Rosary. Guest speaker: Very Reverend Michael King

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? You are invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 9th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30pm. See the poster at the main entrance for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com

SPRING FEVER?

Are you looking for a spring project? Vests and toques help to prevent pneumonia in Third World babies and toddlers. Patterns are simple, and there is also an abundant supply of donated yarn and wool – see the storage units at top of stairs near University Avenue entrance.

MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

Our parish is blessed with several Ministers of Communion to the Sick who regularly take communion to our sick and shut in members. We also often have parishioners in hospice and hospital care who seek a visit. If this is something you feel called to do then please contact Father Freitas as we are currently seeking to assemble our team.

PARISH PRAYER NETWORK

Our parish prayer network offers us the opportunity to weekly pray for those in our community who are in need. To become a member of the prayer network, or to add an intention, email us at stmikesprayer@gmail.com

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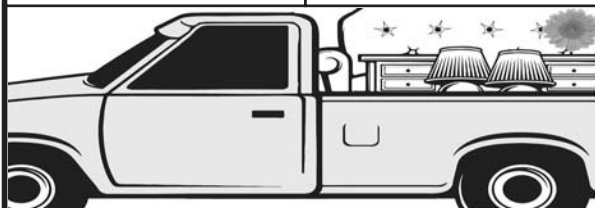
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