



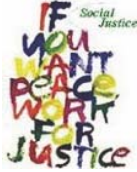
St. Michael's Parish
Summer Update
August 2016



Exercise classes are on Wednesdays until August 31st. Everyone welcome, young, old, men or women!

Sunday Offerings

July 10 – \$5,204.00 July 17 – \$9,578.00 July 24 & 31 – TBA



St. Michael's Africa Project Update: There is a strong possibility that Sister Rose Ngacha, SSND, Director of the Notre Dame Children Outreach project in Nyalieg'a Kenya will be coming to Waterloo in August (5th till the 23rd). As this is written she is still not sure about her Canadian visa. If she comes, she will be speaking at all masses on the weekend of August 20/21. Watch the bulletin boards and door posters for more information!

Refugee Sponsorship Update: Thank you to everyone who has donated furniture and household over the many months of 2016. Please refer to the display board by the stairs for any current needs.

Social Justice News: In July, many wonderful items (books and religious articles plus some tools) were collected to support Father Lockie's Seminary and school in Zimbabwe. Thank you.



Backpack and School Supplies Drive
From Saturday, August 20th to
Sunday, August 28th

Our Social Justice Committee is asking parishioners to respond to our Backpack & School Supplies Drive for St. John's Catholic School, Kitchener. Monetary contributions are accepted and cheques may be made out to St. Michael's and placed in the collection. Bins will be placed at the entrances of the church and marked with School Supplies Drive in August. All donations will help families in need. Your response last year was wonderful; please be as generous as you can. If you have any questions or would like to donate earlier than August you may contact Isabel at 519-664-2771.



Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? R.C.I.A. (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of conversion within the living community of faith. RCIA culminates in the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. RCIA is for:

- adults who have not received any of the Sacraments of Initiation
- adults who have been baptized Catholic or another Christian tradition and have not received Confirmation or First Communion
- adults who have been baptized Catholic and have made their First Communion but have not been Confirmed
- **children** attending separate, public school or who are being home schooled, who are 8 years old (in grade 3) or older who have not been Baptized or received First Communion

Adults and children prepare for initiation through a process of prayer, rituals, reflection on the word of God, teachings of the Church, community activities and support and service to others. For more information and to register contact the Parish Office at 519-884-9311.

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August 7

"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." What do you hope for in the future? If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com

August 14

"...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us..." If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com

August 21

The Lord is calling people from the East, West, North, and South to Church vocations. Are you one of them? If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com

August 28

Humble yourself and you will find favour with God. Humbly ask the Lord if you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com

September 4

Letting go of our attachment to the things of this world leaves room in our lives for God. Can you let go? If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com



Prayer Vigil - Thursday, August 4th from 9:00 – 10:00am in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

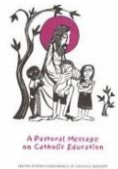


15th Annual Links Fore Learning Golf Tournament: In support of the Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation, there will be a golf tournament at Conestoga Golf Club, Conestogo August 25 @ 8:00am. Cost is \$150. Call 519-578-3660 Ext. 2373 for more information.

K of C Kitchener Charity Golf Tournament: A 1:30pm shotgun start on Saturday, August 27th at Grand Valley Golf and Country Club. Includes a full steak buffet dinner at 7:30pm. Cost is \$100 and includes golf, power cart, dinner and prize. All proceeds going to The Children's Wish Foundation. To sign up or for more info contact Brian at 519-897-1468 brian.schmalz@sympatico.ca or Jim at 519-893-6359 jpadgett43@hotmail.com

ST. TERESA, Kitchener CWL 13th Annual Walking Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Sorrowful Mother, St Agatha September 11th. Gather at Beechwood Plaza 450 Erb St. W. at 12:00 noon. Pilgrimage begins at 12:30pm. We walk to St. Agatha Church for a break followed by refreshments after Mass. At Chapel Shrine: Seven Sorrows Rosary at 2:45pm led by St Teresa Kitchener CWL Members. Followed by Mass at 3:00pm. Celebrant: Father Brendan McGrath. It is a 6 km. walk from Beechwood Plaza to the Shrine. Walk one way only. We receive a ride back by anyone who wants to participate in the Mass only. Open to men, ladies and youth of all parishes. Seven Sorrows Rosaries and Prayer cards for sale. Infor: 519-744-8330

To Teach as
Jesus Did



Are you a catechist? If you pass on the faith in children's sacramental prep, RCIA, your own family, adult faith groups, a Catholic school, correspondence courses, marriage prep, or other parish groups ... then YOU are a catechist! Join us September 17th at the Notre Dame Convent from 2:00 – 4:30 pm for our retreat "*Announcing the Mercy of God*". Bishop Miehm is our keynote speaker. For more info or to register visit www.hamiltondiocese.com – Year of Mercy Events or by phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238. There is no cost to attend but registration is required as space is limited.



THE DOORS OF MERCY AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA will be open during the summer months Tuesday through Thursday from noon to 2:00pm.

The Bishop Farrell Library Now Offers eBooks!



The Bishop Farrell Library has recently expanded our collection to include eBooks. These resources include titles on Family & Relationships, Scripture & Bible Study, Social Justice, Prayer, Sacraments, and Saints. The Bishop Farrell Library is open to the public. Anyone with a patron account can make use of our resources. To get started enjoying eBooks visit the Library webpage at <http://hamiltondiocese.com/chancellor/library/highlights.php>. For more information or to sign up for a Library account, contact Library staff at library@hamiltondiocese.com or by phone 905-528-7988 ext. 2270.

The Diocese of Hamilton is happy to announce the acquisition of a copy of the **Heritage Edition of the Saint John's Bible**. To commemorate the arrival of the first volume, *Gospel and Acts*, there will be an Evening of Prayer and Lecture at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on September 15th at 7:00 p.m. The remaining six volumes will be received over the next 20 months.

In 1998, Saint John's Abbey and University commissioned renowned calligrapher Donald Jackson to produce the first hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible since the invention of the printing press. This work of art is one of a kind in our modern era!

Through the Heritage Edition communities around the world can use this gift of sacred art to ignite their spiritual imaginations for generations to come.

We invite you to explore this work of art that unites an ancient Benedictine tradition with the technology and vision of today, illuminating the Word of God for a new millennium.

For more information, please visit: <http://hamiltondiocese.com/stjohnsbible/>

CHRISTIAN YOUNG ADULTS OUTDOORS GROUP: Upcoming events for Christian young adults outdoors group. Ages (20-40) years of age. All are welcome!

Miniature Golf Wedges 'N Woods Golf Academy - Saturday August 5th at 7:30pm
Picnic, Prayer & Faith Sharing Riverside Park - Saturday August 13th at 11am
Camping Retreat Elora Gorge - Saturday August 27 - Sunday August 28th

Please contact Erin D'Arcy at 519-721-7387 or info@darcysdogtraining.com for more details. Invite your friends! Join our Facebook page at Christian Young Adults Outdoors Group

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