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Feast of the Holy Family

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.*



December 31, 2019 – January 4, 2020

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

5:00 pm Vigil, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

10:00am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, January 2, 2020

12:15pm + Maria Freitas – Parish Friends

Friday, January 3, 2020

8:00 am + Jean Webb – Eleanor Horrigan

Saturday, January 4, 2020

5:00pm Feast of the Epiphany
+ John & Barbara Wingert - Family
+ Alfons & Evan Hoegler - Family
+ Oscar & Donald Dube - Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

January 4/5, 2020 – Team A

(full schedule on our website - www.stmichaelw.ca)



Did you know....that you can park in Lot 32 right next door at the WLU Lazaridis Building during weekend Masses? Street Parking is also permitted on Hemlock Street – look for our designated spaces.

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

SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE

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

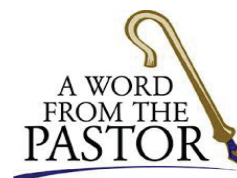
**Sunday 7:00pm Mass will resume on
Sunday, January 5th.**



CATHOLIC CAFÉ

JANUARY 11/12, 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW



CHRISTMAS THANKS FROM THE PASTOR

For Celebrating Joyfully

Thank you to the Altar Servers, Music Ministry, Ushers, Lectors, Ministers of Communion, Parking Lot team, Welcome Desk attendants and to all those who gave of themselves at our Christmas Masses. Thank you for the hospitality which you showed to so many who visited with us during Christmas. Your participation and generosity helped everyone feel at home. Thank you also to all those who assisted with, and all who participated in, our Christmas Pageant and in our special Christmas Eve Children's Ministry. The collaboration among all in various ministries was especially evident, valued and appreciated.

For Decking the Halls

Thank you to all who were involved in constructing the crib scene, raising the tree, and beautifying the Church for Christmas. Your dedicated, imaginative service is appreciated. Thank you too for the just as necessary, although less glamorous, work of "cleaning up after."

For the Christmas Floral Tributes

Thank you to everyone who, through their Floral Tribute donations, helped ensure that our Church was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Your loved ones were remembered in our Masses in a special way during the Christmas Season.

For Your Community Help

As a parish, we have much to be proud of in our efforts to assist the needy. Our Christmas Sharing Project was very successful with 41 shoeboxes for Healing of the Seven Generations (including 8 from St. David's), 130 gift tags for HUGO, Kaljas Homes, and oneROOF. \$665 in donations, 19 baskets for Marillac Place by Sir Edgar Bauer School, numerous items for St. John's Kitchen by St. Nicholas School. Our thanks to the staff and students of our four parish schools for their assistance in so many projects during Advent (including our Advent Family Masses and canned food for our pantry). Thank you to our Ministers of Communion to the Sick for the beautiful cards given to all our shut-ins.

For Your Greetings and Gifts

Sincere thanks to all who sent myself and our parish team personal greetings, cards, and gifts. I pray that the Lord will truly continue to bless our parish family in this New Year as we share the presence of Christ with others as a "light on the hill offering every person in our community a life-changing encounter with Jesus."

CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES

During the holy season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes for placement in the Church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. Forms are available at all entrances for those who wish to make a donation. These floral tribute sheets will be placed near the altar in a gift-wrapped box, and your loved ones will be remembered at all the Christmas Masses.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS AND YEAR END GIVING

The Parish Office will be closed on January 1st - Please remember that only donations made prior to December 31st, 2019, can be applied for income tax credit for this year. May our gift-giving be a constant reminder of God's supreme gift to us: Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. *Thank you for your generosity toward the financial needs of our parish; year end is an important time financially for our community - thank you for your generous gift at Christmas*

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Current envelope users are reminded that Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2020 will be available in the Parish Centre **THIS WEEKEND**. Those *not currently using envelopes* but who are interested in obtaining Sunday Offering Envelopes, may use the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk. All are invited to consider Pre Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish family - forms at Welcome Desk.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can financially support our parish through pre authorized, debit or on line giving? To find how see our website, or inquire at our Welcome Desk or give the parish office a call. Your financial generosity makes it possible for us to be a welcoming community that has a place for all. Help us continue our good work.



CWL NEWS

2020 Membership dues – remain at \$30. These can be placed in the Sunday Offering. Please clearly mark your envelope to "Attention CWL."

WANT TO LEND A HAND?

Are you looking for a simple way to volunteer. The Altar Society may be what you are looking for. For one to two months a year, a short weekly task of cleaning and refilling holy water bowls along with light washing and ironing of church linens is required. Please contact the church office. We would love to have your help.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Members of this ministry knit or crochet Prayer Shawls for those who are experiencing difficult times and Baptismal Blankets for each baby baptized at our parish. For more details on joining, contact the parish office.



LIGHTING OF CANDLES

In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of Our Lord: "*I am the Light of the World.*" In the lighting of candles we not only pray, but our prayers become smaller symbols of the One Light of Christ. In burning candles, our prayers rise up to Heaven day and night; prayers for the intercession of saints are also common because of their friendship with God in Heaven. The lighting of candles has been observed since the time of the early martyrs. *We ask for a \$2 offering for each lit candle. Candles may be lit anytime the Church is open.*

PARISH LIBRARY

Our Parish Library is located in the lower level of the Church across from our Parish Centre. Check it out!

Kids Klub

Save January 31. It might be the last day of next month, but it will probably be one of the best days of the year – a great Kids Klub event will soon be announced (and we will be bringing our Da Crew – High School Members too!!)

OLDER ADULT LUNCH TO BEGIN IN 2020

We are excited to announce that beginning early in 2020 we will be hosting monthly lunches for "Older Adults". What is an Older Adult? – Well whatever you think – but we are thinking 55+. It is an opportunity to come together for a lite lunch, listen to a speaker and grow in faith and fellowship all right in our own Parish Centre.

We need your input.... Who might you suggest as a speaker or topic? Let us know as we put together the calendar for 2020. Drop us a note or email. We would love your ideas!



DON'T FORGET.....

.....if you're traveling this holiday season to save personal size soap, shampoo and lotion for donation to St. John's Kitchen for those in need in our community. The collection bin is at the top of the stairs near the main vestibule in the drawer marked "Personal Size Toiletries".

RITE OF ENROLLMENT

We will welcome many of our Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation on the weekend of **January 11/12** for their Rite of Enrollment. This is our opportunity to remember these young people in prayer as they enter the next phase of preparing for this Sacrament to be celebrated in May.

SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2020

Sunday Missals for 2020 are available at the Welcome Desk for \$5.00 each. Children's Missals available for \$10.00 each.

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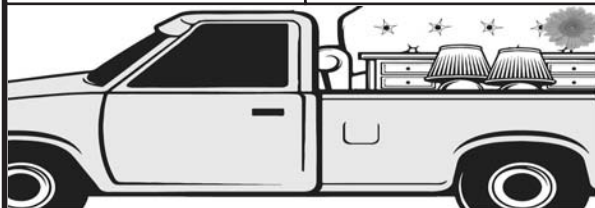
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