



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday: 12:15 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Friday 8:30-9:00 a.m.
Saturday 4:15-4:45 p.m.



Our Worship Space and Parish Centre are barrier free off of Hemlock Street entrance

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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, just drop us an email at stmikesprayer@gmail.com

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Sir Edgar Bauer Elementary School	519-884-8480
St Nicholas Elementary School	519-884-9198
Resurrection Secondary School	519-741-1990
St David Secondary School	519-885-1340
St Jerome University	519-884-8111

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to begin the process of preparing your child and family for this Sacrament.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

St Michael Parish welcomes post-secondary students to participate in the life of the parish. The St John Paul II Student Centre (adjacent to the Church) offers programming and pastoral care for all university and college students (jp2waterloo.ca).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Sacrament of Marriage is normally celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Preparation is provided. Please contact Father before setting a date of marriage.

PASTORAL CARE TO SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Communion to the Sick bring communion to those who are sick or confined at home, in nursing homes or hospital. Anointing of the Sick takes place annually in the parish, and is celebrated personally upon request. To ensure a visit by our Pastoral Team when hospitalized please indicate you are a member of St Michael Parish.

HEALING MINISTRIES

"Heartache to Healing" is our Grief Support Group and "ACT II" is our Separated/Divorced Group. To find out more about the programs, please contact our parish office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Provides emergency grocery assistance to needy persons and families in our parish area. If there is an urgent need, please call 519-747-1090. A monthly collection to assist the Society in its work takes place on the First Sunday.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS

The Blessing of Expectant Parents takes place after each Mass on the First Sunday of the month.

PARISH BEQUESTS

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember St. Michael Parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Mk 1:40-45)



At the time, a leper was forbidden to approach other people. He was isolated not only because leprosy could be transmitted but also because of the ancient belief was that leprosy was God's punishment for sins. Jesus contradicts that belief. He not only permits the leper to approach but does something unthinkable for a Jew: Jesus touches the leper!

As Hans Urs von Balthasar points out, it is to say that Jesus deliberately takes upon himself the disease of people: their sins. Indeed: **"He takes our infirmities and bears our diseases"** (Mt 8:17; Is 53:4).

Next weekend, February 20/21, we are launching *One Heart, One Soul Campaign* in our Parish. We are grateful to the Capital Campaign Committee and to all volunteers who help with this important project. I am sure that, in spite of this trying time, each of us will embrace this campaign as a moment of grace and take part as fully as we can. Please check our website for more information.

Fr. Jamroz

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Due to the lockdown, the office is closed for in person. You can call or email. Messages will be checked regularly. If you are in need of a priest, you can contact Fr. Jamroz at 519-884-9311 ext. 27 or by email at pastor@stmichaelw.ca



Due to the Ontario lockdown, there will be no in-person Masses. Masses will be live-streamed.

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

7:00 pm Special Intentions of a Parishioner

Wednesday, February 17, 2021- Ash Wednesday

12:15 Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

Thursday, February 18, 2021

12:15 pm Special Intentions of the Corman Family

– Corman Family

Friday, February 19, 2021

8:00 am + Arthur Benninger – The Family

Saturday, February 20, 2021 – remembered in private

Mass by Father Jamroz. Not live-streamed

+ George Chrysler Jr. – The Family

While the government is ending the stay at home order on Feb. 16, we do not yet know what this means for our region. Please check our website for updates.



During the lockdown, Masses will be live-streamed with the following schedule. The link is available on the parish website.

Sunday at 11:00 am

Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Wednesday at 12:15 pm

Thursday at 12:15 pm

Friday at 8:00 am



Our parishioners have free access to FORMED. This is a great way to keep your faith alive. Please see our website for information on how to sign in.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Join Dr. Tim Gray and special guest, Curtis Martin, Founder & CEO of FOCUS, for a Special One-Hour Episode of *The Augustine Institute Show!*

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR LENT

Tuesday, February 16 - Mardi Gras!

7:00 p.m. EST

special episode will be broadcast live for all to watch on FORMED.org.

Led By the Spirit

Lenten Daily Reflections. Sign up on Formed with your email to have Lenten daily reflections delivered right to your inbox. Click <https://formed.org/lent> to sign up.



Ash Wednesday, February 17th, begins the Holy Season of Lent. The Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis and the Diocesan Office for Liturgy are preparing an Ash Wednesday program that can be celebrated at home – with the Gospel proclamation and a brief reflection by His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby. Parents may bless their children by tracing the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads, marking the beginning of the annual Lenten journey. For more information and additional resources for celebrating Lent in pandemic times, please see our Diocesan website:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/lent2021/>

Tax Receipts for 2020

Tax receipts for donations received in 2020 are now in the mail. Please be sure to check your mailbox.



CWL Rosary On-Line 7pm Monday Nights

CWL members and parishioners are invited to join together in praying the Rosary on Monday evenings during Lent – Feb. 22nd, Mar. 1st, Mar. 8th, Mar. 15th and Mar. 29th.

The Rosary will be prayed on-line over Zoom at 7pm.

It will be led by a member of the CWL.

If you would like to join, please email Shani Pregelj: email = cwl@stmichaelw.ca or phone 519-883-8933 to request the Zoom link.

All are welcome to participate – CWL members, parishioners and friends.



Are you ready for kickoff?

The *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign kickoff is just a week away! Next weekend, you'll be given a way to hear Father's message about the campaign, learn more about our parish projects and view the beautiful campaign video. (Psst! If you want a sneak peek at the video, go to <https://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/watch>)

Can our parish use the campaign funds to address operating budget problems?

Yes. This applies to all parishes in the fall 2020 and winter 2021 waves that designate the funds for that purpose. Parishes that had already completed the campaign prior to COVID can use their funds only for the projects for which the money was raised. Those parishes' challenges are not being ignored, however. The Diocese created a separate fund to help parishes with significant operating budget needs created because of the shutdown.

Why do you emphasize making a pledge?

Pledges allow donors to consider giving more than is possible through one-time gifts. Parishioners are able to be more generous to their parishes' campaign and the Diocese through incremental giving over time. Also, pledging is not as big a strain on household budgets. This is important in a campaign of this magnitude.

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