




# 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. and 7:00 p.m.

Children's Ministry for those in Age 2 - Grade 4 is offered at both 9:00am & 11:00 a.m. Mass.



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

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Please consult inside of bulletin.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday 11:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Sunday 6:00-6:30 p.m. (effective September 2019)

## 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](mailto: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](http://jp2waterloo.ca)). Our 7:00pm Sunday evening Mass is especially for our student community.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Church is Open Daily for Quiet Visit and Prayer. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Tuesday evenings following the evening Mass.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Sacrament of Marriage is normally celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Preparation is provided. Please contact Father Freitas 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.

## BEREAVEMENT CARE

"Heartache to Healing" is our Grief Support Group. To find out more about the program 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.

**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](http://www.stmichaelw.ca) or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.*



**Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

**6:30 pm** Rosary (*All are welcome to join us*)  
**7:00 pm** Deceased Pastors and Parishioners  
 No Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction this week

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

**12:15pm** + Ken Batte – req. Jean Batte and Family

**Thursday, February 20, 2020**

**12:15pm** + Fr. Tim Hingston – req. Friends

**Friday, February 21, 2020**

**8:00 am** + Ralph Freiburger – req. Family  
**11:00 am** Mass at Columbia Forest

**Saturday, February 22, 2020**

**5:00pm** + Bernard Adlys – req. Sonia & Family  
 + Joseph Hussey – req. West Family  
 + Maria Freitas – Doug & Gai Brown & Family

**LORD'S DAY OFFERING**

February 8 & 9, 2020 – \$ 5,196.84  
 Pre Authorized Giving – \$ 1,003.00  
*Thank you for your generosity*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

**February 22 & 23, 2020 – Team D**

*(full schedule on our website - [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://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.

**2019 Income Tax receipts will be mailed during the month of February to all parishioners – please check your mail ☺**

**2020 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN THE PARISH CENTRE (LOWER LEVEL).**

**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.



**CATHOLIC CAFÉ**  
**MARCH 6/7, 2020**

Please join us in the Parish Centre (lower level) after all of our Masses. Special treats, coffee, juice and more, and on Sunday night we serve Pizza for our post-secondary students!! Several displays by various Parish Groups too.



**Did you know...** that the Kateri Room – located off the front parking lot entrance - is a great **Family Friendly Space** during Mass....

Where kids can be kids in total freedom during Mass... check it out... (Available at all Masses).

**SAVE THE DATES**

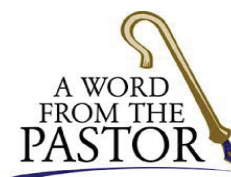
- ✓ Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday on February 26<sup>th</sup>** – Mass will be at 7:00am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm.
- ✓ Save the evenings of **March 7-11, 2020** for a special **Lenten Parish Mission** – more details soon!
- ✓ **Wednesday, March 11, 2020** will be our **Lenten Day of Mercy** – 8:00am-8:00pm.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY**

Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> to mark Family Day. It will re-open on Tuesday at 8:30am.

**SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE**

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



Our Welcome Desk is in need of a few volunteers to offer a friendly greeting before and after Mass to parishioners and visitors. A gentle way to help -training is provided. Call the Parish Office to volunteer.



**GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY**

Plans are underway for a Good Friday Passion Play which will take place during the Noon and 3:00pm Liturgies of that day. The first rehearsal will be on **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm in our Parish Centre.** *We want to invite any and all high school aged and any University or College students to consider joining our cast - we need your help - technical skills, actors, music - we need it all - there is a spot for YOU.* For more information contact [jane.jagas@gmail.com](mailto:jane.jagas@gmail.com) or leave your name at the Welcome Desk or see me

We will once again be partnering with St Paul Parish in Baker Lake, Nunavut with the North of 60 Campaign beginning in this Lent - watch for details very soon.

**RECEPTION HOUSE – A PARISH PRESENTATION**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> – 7:30PM**

**ST MICHAEL PARISH CENTRE**

Wars and persecution have driven more people from their homes now than at any time since World War II. Reception House helps to shed light on their journey. For 30+ years, Reception House has welcomed the most vulnerable group of newcomers, government-assisted refugees. In 2019, 90% of government-assisted refugees arrive in the Waterloo Region reporting having no family or friends. Everything Reception House does is focused on a warm welcome, enabling these newcomers to settle, integrate and lead healthy and stable lives in their new community. Join us to find out how we can make newcomers feel more a part of the community.

Everyone is welcome - all Parishioners and friends/guests, men, ladies, students, children! *Make it an evening... Join us for Rosary at 6:30pm, Mass at 7:00pm followed by this insightful discussion, and refreshments. CWL Meeting for members will follow at 8:30pm.*

**VISIO DIVINA**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> – 7:00PM**

**ST MICHAEL PARISH CENTRE**

Jesus is calling, "Get up and go." Even when we feel lost, sad, and alone. Join us for a *visio divina* – a 'seeing' the Word event – with *The Saint John's Bible*. Listening to Scripture we will listen again for that call and discover how our faith supports us even in moments of desolation and grief. The Raising of Lazarus, a gospel we hear each Lent, speaks of what it is to lose a loved one, to feel sadness or even anger. But it is also the story of what it means to turn to the Lord and hear him say once again, "I am the resurrection and the life." Dr. Anne Jamieson from the Diocese of Hamilton will lead our reflection. Feel free to bring a friend. Everyone is welcome. A special invitation to anyone in a season of grief or loss. Join us one and all!

**RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

All are welcome to attend the celebration of the Eucharist in the Catholic Church, however, only initiated Catholics, who have made their first Communion, may receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Mass. Our non-Catholic (Anglican, Lutheran, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, United, etc.) friends are invited to join us in prayer at that sacred moment. The same applies when Catholics find themselves at a communion service in a non-Catholic church. Even though there may be an invitation to the table, *Catholics are asked to respect the Eucharistic discipline of the Catholic Church and not receive communion in a non-Catholic Church.* We long for the day of full table fellowship when Christians will be fully unified.

**CONFIRMATION - PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020- 7:00P.M.**

A reminder to parents of those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, of our Parent Information Evening concerning our Confirmation retreat. Join us in our Parish Church.

**ACT 2 (SEPARATED & DIVORCED)**

**WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - 7:30PM - PARISH CENTRE**

Life change is never easy, but after a separation or divorce, it's particularly isolating. Come together with others to realize there is a "second act". Join us for our opening Wine and Cheese social – you belong! Register on line – [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://www.stmichaelw.ca) or contact the parish office.

**ATTENTION ALL YOUNG ADULTS**

**AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

**MERCY IN ACTION! - SUNDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>**

We are off to a special day of putting "Mercy into Action" as we travel to Toronto to help feed the homeless. First, we gather on Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre to put together the "care packages." Then Sunday March 8<sup>st</sup> we'll leave the Parish, following our commissioning at the 11:00am Mass, and go feed the homeless in Toronto's downtown core. We will finish our evening with Vespers at the Toronto Oratory, returning around 7:00pm. An event not to be missed!

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING**

**- WHAT IS IT AND HOW DO I ENROLL?**

To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, St. Michael Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to the parish intentionally and faithfully through scheduled monthly or weekly transfers from your bank account, directly to the parish, aiding in our mission of helping each person in our community to have a life changing encounter with Jesus. Forms are available at the entrances to the church and our Welcome Desk. Fill out the form, attach a void cheque and place the form in a sealed envelope and put it in the offertory collection. Thank you for helping in the Mission of Christ through St Michael Parish.

**R.C.I.A. RITE OF ELECTION/WELCOME**

Our R.C.I.A candidates will participate in the Rite of Election *on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at the 11:00am. Mass.* During the upcoming Season of Lent they will also participate, at various Masses, in ceremonies called Scrutinies. We are blessed with 12 candidates in discernment toward entry into the Catholic faith. Please continue to pray for them during this final period of their preparation.



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