

St. Michael's Catholic Church

St. Michael's Parish Offices - 240 Hemlock Street, Waterloo, ON N2L 3R5

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

LORD'S DAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

SAT Mass.....5:00 p.m. SUN Mass.....9:00 a.m. Mass...11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

MON	Morning Prayer8:00 a.m.	
TUE	Mass7:00 p.m.	
WED	Mass12:15 p.m.	
THUR	Mass8:00 a.m.	
FRI	Mass8:00 a.m.	
SAT	Reconciliation4:00 p.m.	

Mass....7:00 p.m. (during the academic year)

Our worship space and Parish Centre are barrier free off of Hemlock Street.

NEW TO THE PARISH • Please come and introduce yourself and complete a registration form available on our website at www.stmichaelw.ca/forms or on the hospitality desks at each entrance to the church.

PARISH RECORDS • Our parish records are very important and we try to keep them as up to date as possible. Please advise the office if you change your address or telephone number.

MINISTRY TO PARISH SCHOOLS • Charlie Van Alphen and the pastoral staff visit St. Nicholas and Sir Edgar Bauer on a regular basis. Eucharist and Reconciliation are celebrated with each school during the year and the staff is available for classroom visits and other special celebrations. Fr. Con is available for the staff and students at St. David's school as needed.

<u>MINISTRY TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND STAFF</u> • St. Michael's Parish welcomes students to participate in the liturgical and pastoral life of the parish. Each Sunday evening during the university academic year, we provide a parish Mass at 7:00 p.m. that focuses on the pastoral needs of students and staff of the universities and colleges in our community.

<u>SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION</u> • For more information about preparation and dates please visit our website or contact the parish office.

MARRIAGE • Couples intending to be married are asked to fill out an application form from the office or online at stmichaelw.ca/sacraments and meet with Fr. Con before making any other arrangements. Twelve (12) months notice is normally required so that proper preparation can take place.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND SHUT-IN • The Parish Nurse and trained volunteers assist in the pastoral care of those who are sick or confined, whether at home, at retirement residences, in nursing homes, in hospitals or in prison. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated in the parish church, Columbia Forest Long Term Care Centre and The Court At Laurelwood twice a year. Parishioners can request the Anointing of the Sick at any time by appointment in their home or in the church.

PASTORAL CARE TO THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPITAL • Privacy of information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in hospital. A family member is asked to contact the parish office whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit.

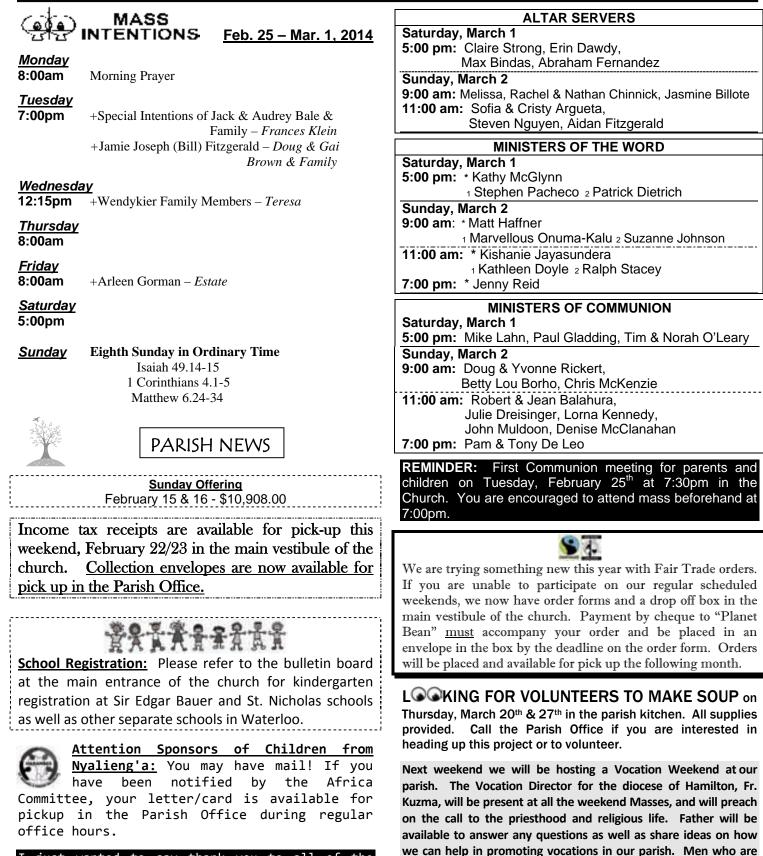
PARISH OUTREACH • St. Michael's Parish assists those in need through the St. Vincent De Paul Society. For emergency food help call 519-747-1090.

<u>MUSIC IN THE LITURGY</u> • Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to sing with the traditional choir (9:00 a.m.) or the contemporary choir (11:00 a.m.) on Sunday morning.

PARISH BULLETIN • News items for the bulletin should be submitted via email if possible and <u>may be edited due to space limitations</u>. All items must be in the parish office twelve days prior to publication.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are God's people called to worship and serve Christ Jesus in community on the journey of faith.



thinking about the priesthood and women who are contemplating

religious life are encouraged to make an appointment to speak

with Fr. Kuzma during his visit to our parish. To schedule an

appointment send an email to Fr. Kuzma by going to

www.vocationinfo.ca and clicking on the "Contact" tab.

I just wanted to say thank you to all of the parishioners of St. Michael's Church for their donations towards my Ghana trip in April. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, I was able to cover the rest of my trip expenses. Thank you for helping me fulfill my goal! **Stephanie Smith**

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FEBRUARY 23, 2014

St. Michael's Church is the host of the World Day of Prayer for the City of Waterloo this year. This ecumenical prayer service will be held on Friday, March 7th at 1 PM. The history of World Day of Prayer goes back two centuries. This year, the prayer service, titled "*Streams in the Desert*", is written by the women of Egypt. Members of ten other Waterloo churches will join us in presenting this meaningful service. You will learn about the culture and heritage of Egypt. Our speaker Nevine Ebeid will speak of her personal experience on growing up in Egypt. This will be an interesting service for all age group. Come and join Christians and friends in over 170 countries around the world and over 2000 communities in Canada to pray and act in solidarity with the people of Egypt!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Marriage isn't about the word I - it is about the words we and us. Most married couples understand this, but living it is not so simple. Love is an active word, requiring both partners to see themselves as one unit. It means constantly seeking what will be best for each person in your love union. With the help of God, celebrating your covenant daily is made possible. Love is about what you do for each other and how you step beyond yourself to live fully those most important words: we and us.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

The month of February, when love is all around us, is a perfect time to talk to our children about love, its power in every life and our need to treat it with care. A child is never too young to begin to learn that love means being selfless, compassionate, caring and life-giving; we have to be respectful of its power and influence over our hearts and minds. A child learns to love first through the example of their parents. We have to teach them that true love is more than what they see at the movies. Love takes work and commitment, but the payoff is well worth it!



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2014? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 25, 2014 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster on the bulletin board at the main entrance to the church for information on how to register for the celebration.

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Metanoia Essence

Come and join fellow parishioners on Saturday, March 1 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at our Parish Centre and let Father Con show you how to comprehend our lengthy Lenten Gospels in different ways.

If you are planning to spend time with the Scripture during Lent, this will be a valuable presentation to help you to understand the essence of our Lenten gospels – Metanoia!

Come and enjoy free breakfast (compliments of the Catholic Women's League.) Doors open at 9 am. <u>ALL</u> <u>parishioners</u> are welcome to attend. If interested, please send a note to cwl@stmichaelw.ca or leave a message at the parish office.

The Waterloo Regional Police Male Chorus is teaming up with the Aboriginal Community to present a beautiful concert on Saturday, March 1st at Wilfrid Laurier University, Maureen Forrester Recital Hall. Also participating is 7-time Grammy Award winning singer Susan Aglukark, the "Good Hearted Women Singers (Aboriginal)", The Cambridge Girls Chamber Choir, the Wilfrid Laurier Chamber Choir and the Aboriginal Traditional Drum.

A silent auction of aboriginal crafts starts at 1:00pm and the musical program is from 2:00pm-5:00pm. Tickets are \$20.00/person via email mokndrum@gmail.com or by calling 519-884-0710 Ext. 4313. Free parking at all "White" lots at the University.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 21-23, 2014, in Niagara Falls please call 905-664-5212 \mathbf{or} email: retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org



The Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign is upon us. The Theme for this year's Share Lent Campaign is "One Human Family, Food for All". The goal of the campaign, which Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched in December 2013, is to create change so the abundance of God's creation is shared equally among all people around the world. Please plan to help. Let us pray for an end to hunger.

