



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

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). 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 or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.*

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020 - (note time change today)**

12:15pm Intentions of Thevasagayam Family

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020

7:00am - Ash Wednesday Mass

9:30am - Word Service at Sir Edgar Bauer School

12:15pm - Ash Wednesday Mass

1:30pm - Word Service at St Nicholas School

7:00pm - Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday, February 27, 2020

12:15pm + Loreto Sunico - Lani Sunico and Family

Friday, February 28, 2020

8:00 am + Johnny Bogan - req. FTony

11:00 am Mass at Court at Laurelwood

Saturday, February 29, 2020

5:00pm + Gerald Campbell - req. Martha & Family

+ James Scott Campbell - req. Family

+ John Fitzgerald - Family

LORD'S DAY OFFERING

February 15 & 16, 2020 - \$ 5,370.00

Pre Authorized Giving - \$ 8,137.00

Thank you for your generosity

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

February 29 and March 1, 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.

2019 Income Tax receipts have been mailed to all parishioners - please check your mail

2020 Sunday Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up in the Parish Centre (lower level).

SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE

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

**CATHOLIC CAFÉ**
MARCH 6/7, 2020

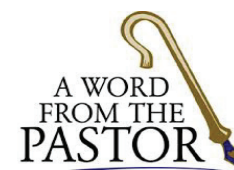
Please join us in the Parish Centre (lower level) after all of our Masses. Special treats, coffee, juice and more, and on Sunday night we serve Pizza for our post-secondary students!! Several displays by various Parish Groups too.



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 26th** - 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.



Please see a special insert this weekend from the Diocese of Hamilton concerning the Diocesan Capital Campaign - One Heart and Soul. Our parish will participate in this great opportunity during the Fall of 2020 - watch for more details.

**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. *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 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.



Did you know that the Season of Lent begins this week! (Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday - February 26th**). There will be three Masses with Distribution of Ashes (7:00am, 12:15pm, and 7:00pm). There will also be Liturgies of the Word at our elementary schools, two secondary schools and at each of our four retirement and long term care facilities on that day. Let us make sure to start Lent well together.

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

Our R.C.I.A. candidates will participate in the Rite of Election on Sunday, March 1st 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.

RECEPTION HOUSE – A PARISH PRESENTATION

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH – 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 19TH – 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!

VBS RETURNS!

Vacation Bible School will once again take place here at St Michael Parish. Save the dates of July 20-24, 2020 – 9:00-Noon. VBS is for children JK – Grade 5. *On Line Registration via our website will open soon.* If you wish to be part of our planning team – please email the parish office.

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG ADULTS AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

MERCY IN ACTION! - SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

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 6th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre to put together the "care packages." Then Sunday March 8st 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.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to St. Joseph, March 11th to March 19th. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to St. Joseph. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:

Carmel of St. Joseph
1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., R.R. #1
St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

A special Mass on the Feast of St Joseph will be celebrate at the Carmel at 10:30am on March 19 in St Agatha and at 7:00pm here at St Michael Parish.

SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN

Thanks to money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent, Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world! Use the Solidarity Calendar or with the mobile app to pray, learn, think and act about peace, dialogue and justice. Prepare to make a donation on Solidarity Sunday on March 29th. This Lenten season, let's be together for peace!

ATTENTION ALL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Join us in our Parish Centre on Tuesday, February 25th from 5:30-7:00pm for our Student Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

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