



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. & 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday: 12:15 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before daily Masses and

Tuesday 6:15-6:45 p.m., 7:45 -8:15 p.m.

Friday 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Father is also available before and after Sunday Masses if needed.



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 prays for those who are in need. To add an intention or become a member of the prayer network, please email us at parish@stmichaelw.ca

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

Sunday's Gospel Reflection (Jn 2.1-12)



At the time of Jesus, many have considered God as strict legislator who rewards for obeying commandments and punishes for not doing so. By changing the water for Jewish purification into “choice wine” Jesus proclaims a replacement of religion of duty, where everything is paid according to the merits, into religion where everything is based on grace and unconditional forgiveness.

It is not a coincidence that the changing of the water into wine happens in the context of a wedding. This fact reveals God’s desire for a relationship with each of us based on unmerited love, the same love that unites the bridegroom and the bride.

Fr. Jamroz

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, registration, offering envelopes, pre-authorized or online giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website: www.stmichaelwv.ca*



Tuesday, January 18, 2022

7:00 pm + Special Intentions of Elaine MacDonald
- Arlene Kenrick
+ Special Intentions of Yvonne & Jacob Simpson
- The Walker Family

7:30 pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of Anthony &
Magnell Robinson – Eleanor Horrigan

Thursday, January 20, 2022

12:15 pm + Lynn Bulmer – Anthony & Magnell & Family
+ Special Intentions of the Bogan Family – Tony
Bogan

Friday, January 21, 2022

8:00 am + For Babies who have been aborted
- Candace Smith
+ Katherine Krochak – Nick Stasuik

Saturday, January 22, 2022

5:00 pm + Keith Barker, Sr. – The Family
+ Norm Mapplebeck – The Family
+ Ronald Henhoeffter – Wally & Pat Henhoeffter

Public Masses have resumed

We may welcome the number of people we can accommodate with two metres of social distance between individuals/households. All who participate in the liturgy are to wear masks.

Sunday Homilies Online

Sunday homilies are available weekly online in audio version through our parish website – just click on the button ‘LISTEN TO HOMILY’.

Sunday Missals

Sunday and Children’s Sunday missals are now available for the new liturgical year. They are \$5 for the Sunday Missal and \$10 for the Children’s Missal and are available at the main doors of the church. In order to limit contact, please have exact change. Missals can also be purchased at the parish office Monday-Friday 9 am – 4:30 pm.

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open for in person, Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Fr. Jamroz is out of the office until January 21. If you are in urgent need of a priest, you can contact Fr. Tomon at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Refugee Program Update: Great news! Our Iraqi refugee will soon be here - Ghadeer arrives in Canada on January 19th. Please keep her in your prayers as finally she begins the next chapter of her life, reunited with her family in Kitchener. All of the funds for her sponsorship are already in trust and because she will be living with her parents, there is no need for any in-kind donations. The Syrian family continues to do well. All are in school, one of the teenagers already has a part-time job, they have a wonderful spirit and are adjusting to the cold. No news yet regarding the Rohingya family in India. A sponsorship application has been submitted for another refugee - a young Syrian man currently in Iraq whose situation is very precarious. The refugees that St. Michael's sponsors are just a few of the 26.4 million refugees worldwide.

St Michael Harambee Child Sponsorship

Program: Some donations received late in December brought the total donations to \$85,099.17 for 2021. Of this amount, \$84,299.17 from 118 sponsors supports 113 students in various schools - local elementary and secondary, boarding schools for elementary and secondary, universities, trade schools and technical schools. All of the monies have been sent to the Mission Co-operative Office at the Diocese of Hamilton. From there, the monies are forwarded to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, International Development Office, in the US. These monies are then accessed by the Notre Dame Children Outreach in Nyalieng'a Kenya when needed. There is some loss of funds because of currency exchange but there are no administrative charges, a reflection of the importance of this program to all the partners involved. Thank you once again to all the sponsors. Your donations provide needy children with education, health care, food security, social and emotional support and hope for a better future. Asante!



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A Thank You Letter from HUGO

Dear St. Michael Parish,

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a beautiful healthy New Year! We want to say a BIG THANK YOU for our gifts and all the extra soaps, laundry detergent and extras of socks, toothpaste and brushes. These items will keep up going for a while and allow us to have enough funds for food. Our deepest thank you and gratitude to all of you. This means so very much to us knowing you all care and still think of us as many have limited or no family. You have filled our hearts with love, tears of joy and smiles to last through the year. Love always, the HUGO Family.



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

COVID Update, Chancery Office

The Chancery Office of the Diocese of Hamilton will be working from home beginning January 5, 2022. Staff will have access to voicemail and email during regular business hours. Inquiries can be made directly to the reception desk at 905-528-7988. A regular working schedule is expected to resume on January 27, 2022.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting

Tip 136. Our children are, in many ways, like sponges absorbing all we say and do. Even when we think they aren't watching or listening, they are often taking in our comments, actions and attitudes. In fact, our influence lasts their entire lives and impacts them throughout their lifetime. Equally important is what we don't say about something they are seeing or hearing or doing, since silence is considered consent. Parenting takes constant work, which is why it is considered a vitally important vocation. The rewards, however, of seeing your children grow into healthy, strong adults is worth the effort.



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