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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



January 8 – 12, 2019

Tuesday

6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm +Special Intentions of Phyllis Halk – *Frances Klein*
 +Special Intentions of Mary Lou – *Tony Bogan*
 +Donald & Oscar Duke – *The Duke Family*
7:30pm Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction

Wednesday

12:15pm +Wendykier Family Members – *Teresa*

Thursday

12:15pm +Andy McAuliffe & Marie Oberle – *Marg Laurette*

Friday

8:00am +Richelle & Tomas Ladroma Jr. – *Merlie*

Saturday

5:00pm +Vic Straus – *Jarrett, Tracey & Katie Kuepfer*
 +Florence Schmidt – *Don & Joan Berberich*
 +Bob Dietrich – *Mary & Family*

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11 Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7 Luke 3.15-16, 21-22



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offerings

December 23 – \$9,304.00 PAG – \$894.00

December 25 – \$17,142.00

December 30 – \$8,004.10 PAG – \$894.00

**Sunday 7:00pm Mass resumes
Sunday, January 6th.**

**2019 COLLECTION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE
FOR PICK-UP IN THE PARISH CENTRE.**

2018-19 CHILDREN'S MISSALS (\$8.00) are available for purchase in the Parish Office during regular office hours.



Coffee Sunday is next weekend and your last opportunity to say "farewell" to Father Dave before he moves to Holy Cross Parish in Georgetown. Please join us for goodies in the main vestibule after the 5:00pm Mass and in the Parish Centre after the 9:00 and 11:00am Masses. Presentation will be made to Father Dave at Noon.



2019 Membership dues – remain at \$30. These can be placed in the collection baskets in January. If you will be away after Christmas, please submit your dues in December.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 12

5:00pm: Alessia Ovcacik, Noah & Alia Van Alphen

Sunday, January 13

9:00am: Clara Thompson, Reney Puthran, Eric McCrea

11:00am: Joel & Ryan Jobby, Don Klein

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, January 12

5:00pm: * Teresa Palmer
 1 Steve Kamski 2 Stefan Pregelj

Sunday, January 13

9:00am: * Veronica Zarin
 1 Denise Dolf 2 Katherine Bergman

11:00am: * Suzanne Johnson
 1 Gerry Kraemer 2 Herli Liem

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, January 12

5:00pm: Lynn West, Joanne Winter,
 Veronica Zarin, Gai Brown

Sunday, January 13

9:00am: Betty Lou Borho, Michelle Borho-Harris,
 Annabel MacDonald, Ian Sine, Laura Haffner

11:00am: Julie Dreisinger, Bruce Fleming,
 Gerdy Frantzke, Doug Haennel,
 Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera,
 Dorothy Krauskopf

Thank You Everyone!

I wanted to take a moment to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas celebrations so wonderful again this year! To all of our staff, decorators, ushers, lectors, altar servers, ministers of communion, Mass co-ordinators, choir members, pageant actors and directors, collection counters, SSVP and Social Justice committee members that reached out to those in need (and anyone else I may have forgotten), A BIG THANK YOU! It's impossible to ever express the gratitude that you all deserve, but know that your service to the parish during Christmas and all year around is so very much appreciated. May God Bless you all abundantly!

- Fr. Dave



Prayer Shawl Meeting on Wednesday, January 9th from 1-3pm in the Resource Centre. If you know of anyone that would need a prayer shawl please call the Parish Office.



YOUTH CHOIR (Grade 3 – Grade 12)

Our next practice will take place in the choir loft on Thursday, January 10th from 6-7pm.



Social Justice Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 10th at 7:00pm in the St. Michael Room.

Pre-Authorized Giving

As we start a new year, perhaps it's a good time to consider donating to the parish through Pre-Authorized Giving! Many parishioners report the convenience of not having to use envelopes, and it helps the parish to more easily predict its revenue to help manage our ongoing expenses. Forms are available at the church entrances or on the website. If you would miss having the opportunity to show witness by placing an envelope in the collection basket (or if your children would miss this weekly ritual!), we now have in the narthex of the church cards that say *'I support my parish through pre-authorized giving'* which you may pick up before Mass to place in the basket during the offertory. Thank you for your continued support of St. Michael's Parish in whichever way you choose to give!



The St. Michael's Africa Project Committee would like to share this message from Sister Rose, Director of the Notre Dame Children Outreach program.

To St. Michael's parish - *"Thank you so much for the continued support for the mission here. I am sure this is God's Work through our hands, Our dear Lord has to be smiling as He sees his children getting support in their life. Be blessed. Asante Sana."* Sister Rose has been with the NDCO since its inception in 2009 and is being reassigned in mid-January 2019 to another project. She leaves with a heart full of the children, their needs, challenges and triumphs but looks forward to serving God in a new way.

Project 'Warmth and Comfort' – Sock Update:

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our St. Michael's Parish community! Over the past 3 months we have collected over 700 pairs of mens, ladies and children's socks. Our CWL Community Life focus continues to be on 'Homelessness' and this project was a key initiative. The sock distribution has begun with more happening in the upcoming weeks to agencies such as St. Louis Out of the Cold/Community Supper Program, Marillac Place and Supportive Housing of Waterloo Region (SHOW). Although this specific 'Warmth and Comfort' sock initiative is complete, we will continue to collect donations in the container at the back of the Church at the top of the stairwell. This collection will continue until April for the St. Louis Out of the Cold/Community Supper Program. Thank you.



St. David Catholic High School Grade 8 Parent and Student Information Night Thursday, January 10th 6:30-8:00pm

Any students who live within the St. David Boundary and are planning to attend Grade 9 in September 2019 are invited. Please come with your parents to visit St. David and see all of the wonderful programs that we offer. Grade 8 students attending public school are also invited with their parents to this information session.

PASSION PLAY AUDITIONS

Performance Dates:

Saturday, April 13th following 5:00pm Mass
Sunday, April 14th following 11:00am Mass
Friday, April 19th at 11:00am and 7:00pm

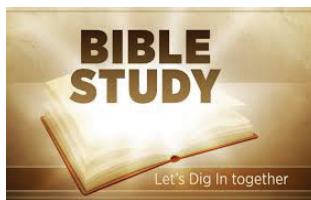


* Commitments include **ALL** of these performance dates as well as **ALL** rehearsals leading up to them. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday afternoons starting January 20th.
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Audition Dates:

- Wednesday, December 12th 4:00pm
St. David's High School Drama Room
- Sunday, January 13th 2:00–3:00pm
St. Michael's Church

Please arrive prepared to sing acapella and do a short provided reading. Whether you are an actor, singer, tech person, pianist or violinist we would be pleased to hear your talents. Students must be in high school, college or university. If you have any questions contact jane.jagas@gmail.com



"Jesus is Better" Bible Study

Have you found yourself drifting in your faith? Would you say your faith is cold or even lukewarm? If so, this study is meant for

you. The message of the study, based on the epistle to the Hebrews, is simple: Jesus is better. He is better than any other thing you might turn to—whether that be sinful ways, the ways of the world, or Old Testament laws-based way of life. He is better than the prophets, the angels, than Moses, than the Old Testament priests. Indeed He is an eternal High Priest who has secured for us who believe, through a single sacrifice of perpetual effectiveness, an eternal redemption. His kingdom is unshakeable. So don't shrink back or neglect your salvation--instead fix your eyes and thoughts upon Jesus, draw near to Him, listen to His voice, and run the race He has set for you. He will never leave you or forsake you.

The study runs on Monday evenings 7:00-8:45pm from January 21 to March 25 [excludes February 18]. No previous bible study experience is required, just a desire to know the love of God and the truth of the Gospel at a deeper level. There is no cost, but pre-registration is required. If interested, contact Dan at 519-883-0736 or ddavison@uwaterloo.ca

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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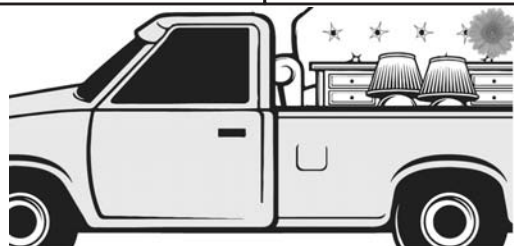
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