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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 programing 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: <u>www.stmichaelw.ca</u> or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.



Tuesday, March 17, 2020

6:30 pm Rosary (*All are welcome to join us*) **7:00 pm** +Deceased Pastors and Parishioners Intentions of all Health Care Professionals

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

12:15pm + Jozef Kocon – req. children & families

<u>Thursday, March 19, 2020 – Feast of St Joseph</u> (note time change) 7:00pm + Joe Hussey & Nigel Brown – req. Rose & Del Scott

Friday, March 20, 2020

8:00 am + Brian Correia - req. Walker Family
11:00 am Mass at University Gates
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21, 2020

5:00pm + Bernard Adlys – req. Sonia & family + Lorraine Albert – req. Simone

LORD'S DAY OFFERING

March 8, 2020 – \$ 5,967.00 Pre Authorized Giving – \$ 1,008.00 *Thank you for your generosity*

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND: March 21/22, 2020 – Team D

(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.

SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR HOLY WEEK

We are currently putting together our Liturgical Ministries Schedule for Holy Week. We ask our Liturgical Ministers to please let us know of their availability for our special celebrations. Thank you to all who serve in our ministries.



What a blessing this past week has been! I am so grateful to Father Juan Diego of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal for his presence in the life of our parish family this past week. He had an impact on our post-secondary students, connected with our seniors, and inspired all who attended our nights in church for each celebration. May the Blessings of our Lenten Mission become ripples of grace, love and continued generous service of one another seen in our abundant community life.

Inserted in the bulletin is an opportunity to remember our loved ones this Easter with a Floral Tribute. You are invited to return the Floral Tribute form in the envelope provided. All donations will be put toward our Easter decorations. Thank you for choosing to remember your loved ones in this way, and be assured that all to whom a floral tribute is dedicated will be remembered at Mass during the Easter Season.

A special Mass on the Feast of St Joseph will be celebrated at the Carmel in St Agatha at 10:30am on March 19 and at 7:00pm here at St Michael Parish. St Joseph is the Principal Patron of Canada and Patron of the Universal Church.

Each of us has been aware of the Novel Coronavirus or COVID-19. The situation around COVID-19 can change quickly. As a parish and as a Student Centre, we are in contact regularly with Region of Waterloo Public Health & Emergency Services (Public Health). We are working closely with health system partners (hospitals, paramedics, and health care providers) and with our parish schools, retirement and long term care facilities and with university communities to ensure a coordinated response. To date, there has been one laboratory confirmed case in Waterloo region related to travel from Italy. The risk of getting COVID-19 in Waterloo region remains low. Bishop Crosby has written a pastoral response to the situation, copies of which are available at the doors of the church. For the time being no changes to communion practice have been implemented.

Not with standing such, it is a good reminder that we must be holy but in doing so, we must also be prudent in practice at Mass so that we may all continue to be healthy. If you are not feeling 100%, please remember that there are many wonderful and warm expressions that can be used at the Sign of Peace - a gentle wave and smile, a few thoughtful words, a gentle bow of the head. All these also express the peace we want to share as a holy and healthy community of faith. Prayers for your health this week and let us continue to pray for all of those impacted worldwide by COVID-19.



CATHOLIC CAFÉ March 28/29, 2020

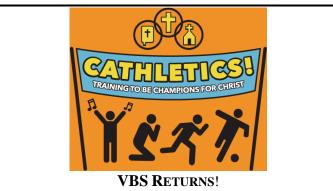
Please join us in the Parish Centre (lower level) after all of our Masses. Special treats, coffee, juice and more, and on Sunday night we serve Pizza for our postsecondary students!! Several displays by various Parish Groups too.

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!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ... HELP NEEDED

Our Children's Ministry continues to be a source of blessing for our community. We are in need of a few extra teachers to aide in our program...if you want to invest once a month in making a positive impact in the life of a child then see Father Freitas or drop the Parish Office an email.



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.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY/USHERS

New ushers are needed in our parish for all weekend Masses. If you are sixteen years of age or older and attend the same Mass regularly, this is a perfect opportunity for you to serve your fellow parishioners as an Usher. Please leave your name and contact number at the Welcome Desk or send an email to the parish office.

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 recently distributed, 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!

ACT II (SEPARATED AND DIVORCED GROUP) MARCH 17, 2020 – 7:30PM – RESOURCE CENTRE

Our support group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Join us for an informal, supportive and effective way to heal the emotional, social and spiritual wounds left by separation and divorce. Everyone is welcome. Registration not required.

LADIES LENTEN RETREAT - SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH - 9:00AM-12:30PM

This is a great way to prepare during the Season of Lent as well as to visit with our League Sisters from other parishes. The morning will begin with Mass at 9:00am. Our speaker is Father Freitas. The theme is "Faltering, Fumbling, but Faithful": The heart of the Lenten message is "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." How does faith help us to do that? All women of the parish are welcome to join in this retreat. Bring a friend.

THE WELCOME DESK....NEEDS YOU!

Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." ~ Pope Francis We desire to be an intentionally welcoming church... and we need a few new people to be part of our Welcome Desk. This ministry is a "welcome" service to all our members and guests coming to Mass on the Lord's Day. If you enjoy people and love to make people feel welcome, please consider this ministry. If you are interested, stop by the Welcome Desk or call our parish office.

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).



We are very excited that our parish will be offering an opportunity for high school aged young people to participate in the Steubenville Conference -July 3-5, 2020. Watch for details or check our website - register soon!!

