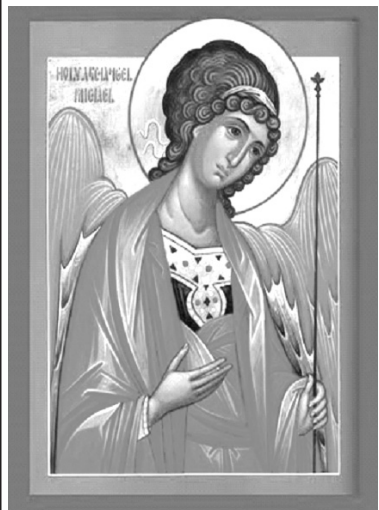


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

TUE Mass..... 7:00 p.m.
WED Mass..... 12:15 p.m.
THUR Mass..... 12:15 p.m.
FRI Mass..... 8:00 a.m.

TUE	Reconciliation....	6:00-6:45 p.m.
WED	Reconciliation..	11:50-12:05 p.m.
THUR	Reconciliation...	11:50-12:05 p.m.
SAT	Reconciliation...	4:00-4:30 p.m.

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 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 • The 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. We also celebrate the sacraments and make pastoral visits to St. David's high school as needed.

MINISTRY TO UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE STUDENTS • St. Michael's Parish welcomes students to participate in the liturgical and pastoral life of the parish. During the academic year we celebrate a 7pm Sunday Mass for students. The St. John Paul II Student Centre (jp2waterloo.ca) offers programming throughout the week, and Campus Ministry at St. Jerome's University provides pastoral care and programming for students on the University of Waterloo campus (sju.ca).

BAPTISM • For more information about preparation and dates please visit our website or contact the parish office.

MARRIAGE • Please meet with the priest or deacon 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 HOMEBOUND • Trained volunteers assist in the pastoral care of those who are sick or confined, whether at home, at retirement residences, long term care facilities or in hospitals. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated at Columbia Forest Long Term Care, The Village at University Gates, The Court at Laurelwood and Clair Hills Retirement Community 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.

MUSIC IN THE LITURGY • 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 may be edited due to space limitations. All items must be in the parish office by Monday prior to publication.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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.*



March 19 - 23, 2019

Tuesday

- 10:30am** St. David School Mass (at school)
6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm +Dec. of Pauline Pulley Fam. – *Bernie Haberstroh*
+Maria Conte – *The Emanuele Family*
7:30pm Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction

Wednesday

- 10:00am** Sir Edgar Bauer School Mass (at Church)
12:15pm +Dana Woito – *Joanne Berlette*
2:00pm Mass at Clair Hills

Thursday

- 10:00am** St. Nicholas School Mass (at Church)
12:15pm +Pearl Dharmarathe – *Angela Madappuli*

Friday

- 8:00am** +Roselyn Pelaez – *Merlie & Terry*
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday

- 5:00pm** +Bryan Gleason – *Chris McKenzie*
+Frank Flanagan – *Jack & Cecilia Flanagan*
+James & Luz Maria Martin – *Cecil & Doris Kavanaugh*

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12 Luke 13.1-9

Sunday Offerings

March 10 – \$5,589.00 PAG – \$968.00

Thank you for your generosity

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, email us at stmikesprayer@gmail.com

SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE

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

MISSED THE NEWSLETTER?

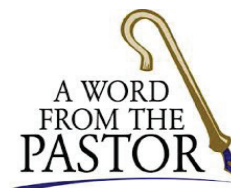
Did you miss the Lenten Edition of "Our Family of Faith"? Extra copies available at Church entrances. Pick one up today!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. Each week a different meditation of the Stations will be used. Everyone is encouraged to make an effort to attend the Stations at least one of the six Friday evenings during Lent.

CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY

Remember Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, the Church is open from 9:00am until the evening for private prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



Thank you to all for your support of our **Catholic Café** last weekend. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish family at all Masses. Our next Café is on April 6/7, 2019!

This Sunday is *Tuna Sunday*, next Sunday is *Ketchup Sunday*...it's all part of our partnership with St Paul Parish in Baker Lake. Located in the Canadian territory of Nunavut, 320 kilometres inland from the coast of Hudson Bay and is accessible by water via the Chesterfield Inlet. As a simple and practical Lenten outreach we can make a real difference in the lives of families who live in this remote area by collecting these food items which will sent via container to them. Please see our entrances for details on this great project.



The Feast of the Annunciation marks the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he told her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is celebrated on Monday, March 27th we will honour this special feast with Mass at 7:00pm.

Our high school aged young people, and university aged young adults, have been working very hard in preparation to present the *Passion Play* again this year at St. Michael Parish. This dramatization will take place on Good Friday at 11:00am and at 7:00pm. Spread the word!

EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES

An opportunity to remember our loved ones this Easter with a Floral Tribute. You are invited to return the Floral Tribute form, inserted in the bulletin and found at the doors of the Church. Please place this form with a separate donation in an envelope marked "**Easter Floral Tribute**" and drop it in the collection. All donations will be put toward our Easter decorations. Thank you for choosing to remember your loved ones in this way, all to whom a floral tribute is dedicated will be remembered at Mass during the Easter Season.

LENTEN DAY OF MERCY

Save the date of **Wednesday, March 27, 2019** for our first **Day of Mercy**. An opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 8:00a.m.–8:00p.m. with several visiting priests and in various languages. 12 Hours – 12 Confessors.



Make sure to be part of our Day of Mercy.

THIRD SUNDAY DISCERNMENT GROUP

Are you discerning a call to ordained or consecrated life? Father Michael King (diocesan vocations director) leads a discernment group on the Third Sunday of every month at 6:00pm in our Student Centre (Canadian Martyrs' Room).

REEL JUSTICE

Thursday, March 19th, the film "Poverty, Inc." will be shown here at St. Michael Parish Centre at 7:30pm. The film focuses on the challenge of fighting poverty; however, this effort has led to a vast multi-billion dollar poverty industry — the business of doing good has never been better. Drawing from over 200 interviews filmed in 20 countries, Poverty, Inc. unearths an uncomfortable side of charity we can no longer ignore. Free admission. All are welcome.



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE (SHARE LENT)

Since the war broke out in Syria in 2011, some 12.5 million Syrians have had to flee their homes. Development and Peace partner House of Peace (HOPE) is working to build bridges between Syrian refugees and their host communities in Lebanon.

Don't forget about Solidarity Sunday on April 7th and our Solidarity Stations of the Cross on Friday April 5th.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP NEWS

Great news! St. Michael's submitted sponsorship papers for a family from Afghanistan in July 2016 and they are finally arriving on March 27th. The family consists of two parents plus a son and daughter in their early twenties and a daughter of 17. (New government regulations limit the amount of information we can provide to the parish about the family.) The mother's brother here in Waterloo is the financial sponsor and St. Michael Parish is providing assistance with resettlement.

This help includes sourcing furniture and household items for the family. It is anticipated that the family will be moving into its own accommodation sometime in mid to late April. If you have household furniture (living room, bedroom, kitchen) or smaller items (lamps, towels, cleaning supplies, etc.) that you could donate, please call or text Diane at 519-616-2227.



WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH – 9AM-NOON ST LOUIS CHURCH, WATERLOO

Sponsored by the four Waterloo CWL's, this great day begins with Mass at 9am followed by a time reflecting and a presentation by Teresa Hartnett (Director of Family Ministry for Diocese of Hamilton). Share some time of fellowship. Refreshments will be served. Free. All women welcome. Questions? Call 519-745-3032.



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 12-14, 2019. Registration forms are available at the Main Entrance of the Church or check our website – register soon!!

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? You are invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 9th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30pm. See the poster at the main entrance for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com

HOLY THURSDAY – WASHING OF THE FEET

Jesus and His disciples had gathered around the table for the Last Supper. In Jesus' time, before sitting down to eat a meal, everyone would have their feet washed. Normally, the servant of the house was responsible for washing the feet of those present. From the biblical account it appears that no servant was present as Jesus and the disciples entered the house and prepared to eat. None of the disciples volunteered to wash feet. In a move that surprised and humbled the disciples, Jesus got up, poured water into a basin, took a towel and washed his disciples' feet. When Jesus was finished, John writes in his gospel these words of Jesus, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." (John 13:14-15). **12 Volunteers of all ages are needed to participate in this ritual at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on April 18 at 7:30p.m. Please contact the parish office at 519-884-9311.**

VBS REGISTRATION OPENS

Vacation Bible School will once again take place here at St. Michael Parish. Save the dates of July 29-August 2, 2019 – 9:00am-Noon. VBS is for children JK – Grade 5. *On Line Registration via our website now open*

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