



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

Due to COVID-19, emergency food deliveries from our parish are currently on hold. If there is an urgent need, please call 519-742-8327 and press 2 for the House of Friendship food assistance program. Monthly collections have also been "paused" for 2022 due to inactivity for the foreseeable future.

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 (Lk 15:1-32)



The parable of the Prodigal Son is one of the most moving parables we find in the Gospel. In fact, it is not a parable about the son as it is about the father. The experiences of the two sons serve solely to reveal the depth of the heart of the father, who stands for God. Nowhere else does Jesus portray the tangible love of the Father in heaven more vividly and more emotionally.

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. For details on our parish life, check out our website: www.stmichaelw.ca



Tuesday, March 29, 2022

7:00 pm + Andy Millar - Isabel Millar & Family
7:30 pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

12:15 pm + Magdalena Voros - A Friend

Thursday, March 31, 2022

12:15 pm + Rudy Ianni - Maria Ianni

Friday, April 1, 2022

8:00 am + June Heffernan - Tony Bogan
7:00 pm + Peggy Kempel - Jerry & Dorothy Hirschberger & Family
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 2, 2022

5:00 pm + Anna Miller - John Miller
+ Arthur Kocher - Gai & Doug Brown & Family

Sunday Homilies Online

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

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open for in person, Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. If you are in need of a priest, you can contact Fr. Jamroz at 519-884-9311 ext. 27 or by email at pastor@stmichaelw.ca

The Church is Open for Prayer

The Church is open for quiet prayer Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

ROSARY ON-LINE DURING LENT

All are invited to join together in praying the Rosary on **Thursday** evenings during Lent - March 31st and April 7th. **The Rosary will be prayed on-line over Zoom at 7pm.** It will be led by a member of the CWL.

If you would like to join, please email Shani Pregelj: email = cwl@stmichaelw.ca or phone 519-883-8933

Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday during Lent for 7 pm Mass. Immediately after we have Stations of the Cross

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday morning during Lent after the 8:00 am Mass until 9 am



All Day Confessions Tuesday, April 12

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 8 am to 8:30 pm. Mass will be at 7 pm and Adoration will follow. Confessions will pause during Mass then will continue until 8:30 pm.

During Lent, we have the perfect opportunity to make a stop in our busy lives and think of where we are in our relationship with God. Maybe we can meet God with opening our heart to Him in the sacrament of Reconciliation. *“Our encounter with God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation always begins with God seeking us. The guilt that we experience when we sin is God’s merciful call to us, just as he called out to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden: “Where are you?” (Genesis 3:9) (Excerpt from **Forgiven**, a beautiful series about Reconciliation from the Augustine Institute you can watch with your free parish account on **FORMED**).*

Laetare Sunday:

Today we are celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Lent, *Laetare* Sunday. Our joy in anticipation of celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord is so close that our Mother Church encourages her children with visible signs showing us that the time of penance and sadness is about to end and become a time for rejoicing and celebrating. *Laetare* comes from the Latin word for the command “rejoice”, which is the first word in the introductory antiphon for today’s Liturgy, (see, Isaiah 66:10). One of these visible signs is the rose vestments the priests wear on this very special Sunday. *Rejoice!*

Share Lent Collection for Development and Peace, Solidarity Sunday, April 3

Our 2022 Lenten campaign, **People and Planet First**, offers you the opportunity to help protect vulnerable communities and ecosystems from corporate abuse. To learn more, visit devp.org. There will also be a display and envelopes for donations on the April 2 & 3 weekend.

Harambee Child Sponsorship Program

Sister Nentaweh, Director of the Notre Dame Children Outreach project in Nyalieng’a Kenya has sent an update regarding staffing, schooling and the pandemic. Her message is posted on the parish website along with some pictures and letters from some of the children. As always she expresses her gratitude to our parish for our continued financial support and prayers.

St. Michael’s Refugee Sponsorship Program Update:

- 1) One of our Syrian families from 2016 is in dire need of a **newer car** to replace a clunker but are not in a situation to buy one. If you have a vehicle you would be willing to donate to the family, they would be most grateful. Please contact the office.
- 2) Another Syrian family has expressed a desire for a **large piece of artwork** to decorate their living room. Please contact the office if you have something suitable.
- 3) **Hassan and his family** continue to do well. They are glad to see the end of winter and hope to see the beautiful green grass again that they marveled at when they first arrived.
- 4) **Ghadeer**, who arrived in January, started her first Canadian job during March Break. She reads English very well already and hopes to hone her listening and speaking skills on the job.
- 5) Please continue to keep all refugees and displaced people in your prayers.

Student Mass with Bishop, April 3, 2022

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will be celebrating the Sunday 7 pm student Mass on April 3, 2022.

Domestic Church Information Session

Domestic Church is a long-term formation for engaged and sacramentally married couples seeking to grow in holiness together and with other couples. The next session will be on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at St. Ambrose Parish, 210 South St. Cambridge at 10:15 am in parish hall following the 9:00 am Mass.

For more information contact: Marta & Jacek Nawrot, 519 896-8979, domestic.church.ontario@gmail.com

Canadian Food for Children (CFFC) requests your help.

The Catholic parishes have always been so generous with donations to CFFC, donations particularly of clothes, housewares, school supplies, bedding and hygiene goods. With the onset of covid two years ago, our donations drastically diminished. Our warehouse is located at 843 Guelph Street in Kitchener and we are open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 3:00pm. to accept your donations. If desired, our expanded “Wish List” can be accessed by emailing pinn@golden.net. We thank you in advance for helping us clothe and provide for the poor in so many Third World Countries.



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