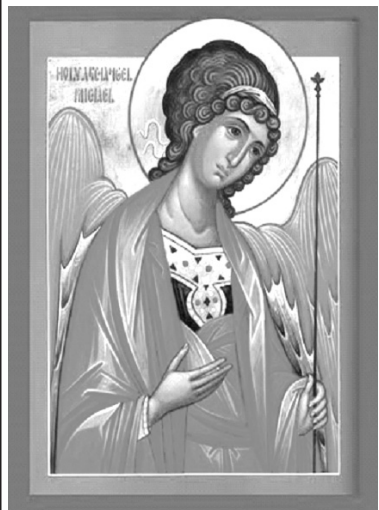


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

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 25 - 30, 2019

Monday 7:00pm *Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord*
Blessings on our Parish & Student Centre

Tuesday 6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm +Andrew Pereira – *Louis & Maria Pereira*
+Joseph Kocon – *The Family*
7:30pm Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction

Wednesday - Day of Mercy
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00am-8:00pm
12:15pm +Mary Mani – *Madhukar Mani*

Thursday 12:15pm +Jean Moser – *Louis & Maria Pereira*

Friday 8:00am +Mary Arapura – *Manju*
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 5:00pm +Rudy Ianni – *Maria*
+Bryan Gleason – *Prayer Shawl Group*
+Nicolina Volpe's Parents – *The Family*

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5.9a, 10-12 2 Corinthians 5.17-21 Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Sunday Offerings

March 17 – \$6,238.25 PAG – \$8,002.00

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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?

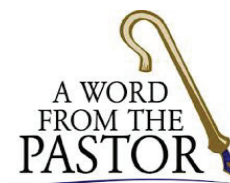
Did you miss the Lenten Edition of "Our Family of Faith"? Extra copies available at Church entrances. Pick one up today!

"Catholic Café"

April 6/7, 2019 - After all Masses!!!



Please join us in the Parish Centre (lower level) after all of our Masses – Saturday at 5:00pm, Sunday at 9:00am & 11:00am and even after the 7:00pm Mass. There will be special "Lenten approved" muffins and on Sunday night our students are serving pizza. Of course fellowship with fellow parishioners – and some great displays by various groups in the parish – plus it's the perfect way to meet new people too!



This Sunday is *Ketchup Sunday*, next Sunday is *Shortening 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 25th we will honour this special feast with Mass at 7:00pm.

This week is an important week in our Waterloo Parishes. On Monday evening at St Louis, Tuesday at St Agnes, Thursday at Our Lady of Lourdes, all at 7:30pm and on **Wednesday, March 27, 2019** in our own parish – the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated with 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. During this time, the Blessed Sacrament will be

exposed on the Altar for Adoration and Prayer, and our own St John Paul Student Centre members will be spending 12 hours in prayer for the intentions of all receiving this healing Sacrament of Pardon and Peace. Make sure to join us for this impactful day in our own parish.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY

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!



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE (SHARE LENT)

Facing persecution and violence, 723,000 Rohingyas have fled Myanmar since August 2017 and taken refuge across the border in neighbouring Bangladesh. Development and

Peace's long-time partner Caritas Bangladesh has been able to provide temporary shelters, access to clean water, safe latrines and showers for women and girls, and hygiene kits, and to raise awareness among refugees about safety issues. Watch for a Special Insert next week as we approach Share Lent Sunday on April 6/7, 2019.

REFUGEE UPDATE

Our latest newcomers from Afghanistan arrive on Wednesday March 27th. If you have or know of someone who has furniture and other household items to give away, please call Diane at 519-616-2227 (please leave a message). Items needed include furniture and items for every room of their home. All items must be in good to excellent condition. Thank you.



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.

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.



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!!

VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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*



St. Michael Parish offers a 6 week Grief Support Group with sessions beginning May 1st. The program assists

those who have lost a loved one, or another significant loss. This program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm (May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5). There is no fee, but you must register by April 12th. To register, or for details, please contact the parish office 519-884-9311.

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. 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, He invited His Disciples to do the same. (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.*

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