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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 programming 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: www.stmichaelw.ca or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.*



Lenten Parish Mission Week (March 9, 10, 11, 2020)

Monday, March 9, 2020

7:00 pm Vespers (Parish Mission)

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

6:30 pm Rosary (*All are welcome to join us*)

7:00 pm **Mass for our Parish Mission**
+ Maria Freitas- req. Kathy Shaw & Kevin Bingeman
+ Doris Bechtel – req. CWL

7:30 pm **Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – Day of Mercy

8:00am-8:00pm – **All Day Confessions and Adoration**

12:15pm Intention of Parish Mission & Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00pm **Holy Hour/ Eucharistic Procession (Parish Mission)**

Thursday, March 12, 2020

12:15pm + Joseph Hussey –req. Anthony & Magnell Robinson

Friday, March 13, 2020

8:00 am + Brian Correia – req. Walker Family

11:00 am Mass at University Gates

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14, 2020

5:00pm + Margaret Fitzgerald - Family

+ Anne Germann – req. Bob & Mary Flanagan

LORD'S DAY OFFERING

February 29 & March 1, 2020 – \$ 6,379.60

Pre Authorized Giving – \$ 1,008.00

Thank you for your generosity

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

March 14/15, 2020 – Team C

(full schedule on our website - www.stmichaelw.ca)



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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

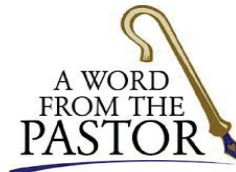
**CATHOLIC CAFÉ
THIS WEEKEND**



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 post-secondary students!! Several displays by various Parish Groups too.



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).



I am pleased to welcome Father Juan Diego, a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, to our parish as we begin our Lenten Mission. Each evening from March 7-11, there are special opportunities, including our Day of Mercy – Wednesday March 11, 2020 which will include visiting priests aiding us with the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 8:00am-8:00pm, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the entire day, and a special Holy Hour for Healing from 7:00-8:00pm. I join in praying with you over the next few days that blessings will truly flow upon our parish community. I am confident that God in His goodness, and our Blessed Mother in Her maternal kindness, will permit such if we simply dispose our hearts.

A Parish Mission is a time of *GRACE*. It is a time in which, as a parish family, we dispose ourselves to the blessings God bestows upon us so that His Grace can enter our hearts. A Parish Mission is a time of *GOODNESS*. We take time to reflect upon the goodness of God within our lives, and in the life of our parish family, and seek a greater portion of that goodness. A Parish Mission is a time of *GODLINESS*. We find ourselves more open to seeing the presence of the Lord in our midst and to seeking to imitate Him. I encourage you to join us for our Parish Mission and to consider also inviting neighbours and friends to join in us.

Prayer for Our Parish Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, You told the Apostles to retire to a desert place and rest a while. I am taking this time to follow Your example. Grant that I may obtain all the fruits that I can from this Parish Mission. Enable me to make it in union with You, to know myself better, to remove weights from my life, and to get closer to You. Help me to listen attentively, to ponder prayerfully, and to speak wisely. Let me emerge from this spiritual renewal better equipped to advance along the path that You have laid out for me, and better able to be the person You wish me to be.

MARCH 8, 2020

OLDER ADULTS LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 - NOON – 2:00PM

ST MICHAEL PARISH CENTRE

We welcome Father Juan Diego, a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal who will lead us in our special Lenten time together. Lite lunch including sandwiches along with Coffee, Tea and dessert. The afternoon ends at 2:00pm. Registration is \$5.00. Contact the Parish Office or leave your name at the Welcome Desk after Mass to save your spot.

RECEPTION HOUSE: TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH – 7:30PM

ST MICHAEL PARISH CENTRE

Wars and persecution have driven more people from their homes now than at any time since World War II. Reception House helps to shed light on their journey. For 30+ years, Reception House has welcomed the most vulnerable group of newcomers, government-assisted refugees. In 2019, 90% of government-assisted refugees arrive in the Waterloo Region reporting having no family or friends. Everything Reception House does is focused on a warm welcome, enabling these newcomers to settle, integrate and lead healthy and stable lives in their new community. Join us to find out how we can make newcomers feel more a part of the community. Everyone is welcome - all Parishioners and friends/guests, men, ladies, students, children! *Make it an evening... Join us for Rosary at 6:30pm, Mass at 7:00pm followed by this insightful discussion, and refreshments. CWL Meeting for members will follow at 8:30pm.*

VISIO DIVINA : THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH – 7:00PM

ST MICHAEL PARISH CENTRE

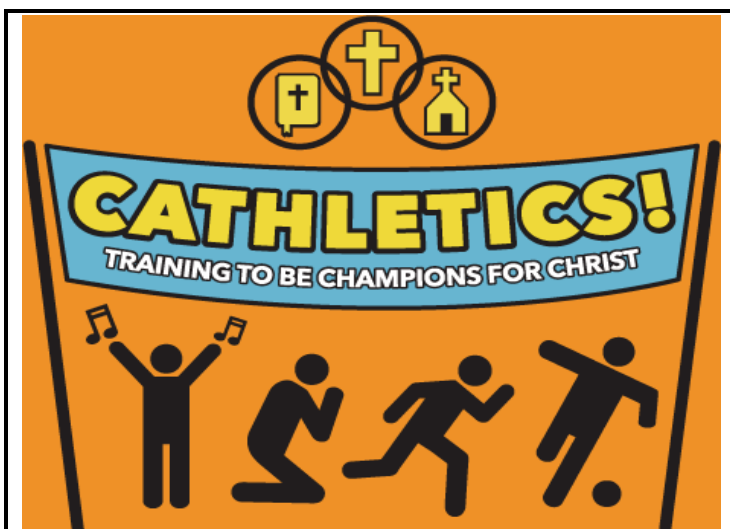
Jesus is calling, "Get up and go." Even when we feel lost, sad, and alone. Join us for a *visio divina* – a 'seeing' the Word event – with *The Saint John's Bible*. Listening to Scripture we will listen again for that call and discover how our faith supports us even in moments of desolation and grief. 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!

SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE

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

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



VBS RETURNS!

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.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to St. Joseph, March 11th to March 19th. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to St. Joseph. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:

Carmel of St. Joseph
1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., R.R. #1
St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

A special Mass on the Feast of St Joseph will be celebrate at the Carmel at 10:30am on March 19 in St Agatha and at 7:00pm here at St Michael Parish.

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. If you're available please join us for 6:30pm Rosary and 7:00pm Mass immediately preceding the start time of our group.

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