



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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Mt 24: 37-44)



On the first Sunday of Advent, we are invited to make a preparation for the coming of the Lord on Christmas and His coming into our lives daily. Jesus invites us to be spiritually awake, otherwise we can overlook His coming and repeat the mistake of the people in the time of Noah. Carrying on normal life, they were unaware of the flood that was coming upon them.

Christ comes to us in many different ways; in the Word and Sacrament at each Mass. He comes in the requests for those in need. He comes in the least likely and most unexpected guest.

Fr. Jamroz

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Welcome, we are glad you're here! For details on our parish life, please check out our website: www.stmichaelw.ca



Tuesday, November 29, 2022

7:00 pm + Herb Finch – Mabel Finch
+ Kaitlyn Roth – Jack Hergott
7:30pm-8:30pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

12:15 pm + Rudy Frank – Madeleine Reiter
+ Deceased Members of the Stasuik Family
- Denise Dolff

Thursday, December 1, 2022

12:15 pm + Deceased Members of the Krochak family
- Denise Dolff

Friday, December 2, 2022

8:00 am + Special Intentions of Lukasz – Maria Kuzio
+ Joseph Krochak – Nick Stasuik
8:30am-9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 3, 2022

5:00 pm + Nicola & Teresina DeLeo & Rosetta
Zefferino – Tony DeLeo & Family
+ Maria Freitas – The Family

Parish Office Hours

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

Sunday Homilies Online

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

The Church is Open for Prayer

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

Prayer Intentions

Prayer intentions are placed at the front of the Altar that are remembered privately at Mass during the prayers of the faithful. You can also have your request shared with our prayer group ministry. If you wish to have a prayer intention added, please go to our website www.stmichaelw.ca and click on the link on the bottom of the page or contact the parish office by phone or email.

CWL Rosary online during Advent Mondays at 7:00 pm

The CWL will lead the Rosary over Zoom at 7pm on Mondays during Advent. Dates: Nov 28th, Dec 5th, Dec 12th and Dec 19th. If you would like to join, please email Shani Pregelj: cwl@stmichaelw.ca or phone 519-883-8933 to request the Zoom link. *All are welcome to participate – CWL members, parishioners and friends.*

Today we begin Advent!

Today, on the First Sunday of Advent we begin a new liturgical year. We move into the “Year A” cycle of readings. The Gospel - on most Sundays – will be taken from the Gospel of Matthew.

Advent (from Latin *ad-venio*, ‘to come to’) is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to both, the celebration of Our Lord’s birth on Christmas and Christ’s coming into our life daily. Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days.

Advent Wreath

Traditionally the Advent wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Usually, three candles are purple, and one is rose. The purple candles symbolize the preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this special time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, *Gaudete Sunday*, which is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, and they are close to Christmas. (usccb.org)

Days of Advent for Children

Sign into Formed first then follow the link below. Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord!
<https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-the-days-of-advent>

Feast of St. Andrew, Wednesday, November 30, Mass at 12:15 pm

An Apostle and martyr, St. Andrew is said to have spread Christianity in Russia and Asia minor. He was crucified by the Romans in Greece on an X-shaped cross, which is now his distinctive symbol. ... we are invited by the teachings of this Apostle “*to follow Jesus with promptness, to speak enthusiastically about Him to those we meet, and to cultivate a relationship of familiarity with Him...*” (Pope Benedict XVI, L’Osservatore Romano)

Christmas Sharing Project 2022

Thank you to all who have taken tags. Please return the item(s) to the Church or parish office by **December 4**. Thank you for your generosity.

Save the Date

On **Tuesday, December 20, 2022** we will have **all day confessions**. Watch for more details.

Advent Retreat Night at our Church with Bishop Lobsinger, Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 7 pm

Please join us for Advent Retreat Night with His Excellency Bishop Wayne Lobsinger who will speak on the Synod and Synodality. Before the talk we will pray Vespers, the evening prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2023

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2023 for current envelope users will be available starting the weekend of December 3/4. If you are not currently using envelopes but are interested in obtaining Sunday Offering Envelopes please contact the parish office. All are invited to consider Pre-Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish - forms are available online.

Gentle Exercise class is resuming

Starting Monday, November 28 at 10:00 am exercise class will resume in the parish hall on Monday & Friday. There is no cost and no registration is required. Please bring running shoes and water.

Supporting the House of Friendship

(HOF) - December 6 & 13th at 9:30 am - Join a St. Michael Parish Volunteer Team!

The HOF on Charles St., Kitchener, provides support to men, women, and children in our community who need food, housing, essential community services, or addiction treatment. We are currently looking for volunteers **on December 6th and 13th from 9:30-11:30 at their current Charles St. location** to assist with baking for the Christmas season.

If you are interested, please contact **Kathy Shaw** (shawbing@rogers.com) or 519-886-2117.



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MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip

124 - The culture often pushes us to pursue work, activities and socializing, without keeping us grounded in the fact that there are only 24 hours in a day. ... Do you spend both quality and quantity time with the one you love? ... Many people feel lonely in their marriages, but loving someone means we spend enough time together to ward off loneliness and in so doing, bond and deepen our love.



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