


**St Michael Catholic Parish**  
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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.

**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.

**PASTORAL TEAM**

Father F. Freitas, Pastor  
 Father David Perrin - Assisting Priest  
 Deacon Philip J. Fernandez  
 Mrs Andrea Laughlin -Lay Pastoral Associate  
 Mr Joseph Goodwin - Campus Minister  
 Mrs Elizabeth King - Administrative Assistant  
 Ms Carolyn Snyder Milke - Director of Music  
 Mr Jim Meagher - Custodian & Maintenance  
 Mrs Merlie Ladroma - Cleaner

**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](http://www.stmichaelw.ca) or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.*



**September 3 - 7, 2019**

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

- 6:30pm** Rosary
- 7:00pm** + Sin Waj Tam – Family  
+ Kenneth Bell – Ken & Lynda Adams
- 7:30pm** Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019**

- 12:15pm** + Jonathan Wesley – Mom, Dad & Caroline

**Thursday, September 5, 2019**

- 12:15pm** + Intentions of parishioners

**Friday, September 6, 2019**

- 8:00am** + Intentions of Gerald & Denise Dolf
- 10:00am** **Mass at Clair Hills**

**Saturday, September 7, 2019**

- 5:00pm** + Maryann League – Vittoria Emanuelle  
+ Keith Barker Sr. - Family  
+ Jim Finch - Mom

**LORD'S DAY OFFERING**

August 24 & 25, 2019 – \$5,141.25

Pre Authorized Giving– \$ 993.00

*Thank you for your generosity*



**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 – please see our new designated spaces. By the way, have you checked out our *Bike Rack on Hemlock Street?* Great way to get to Church in the summer.

**CATECHETICAL PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Programs are available for children from kindergarten through high school not currently receiving religious instruction. Families work through the programs at home. Preparation for First Communion for children presently in Grade 1 and Confirmation for children presently in Grade 6 and not in Catholic schools is also available. Contact the parish office for more information.

**WHAT'S NEW?.....WHAT'S NEXT?**

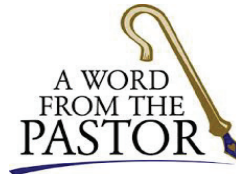
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**CATHOLIC CAFÉ – SUNDAY SUNDAY**  
**September 7/8 - AFTER ALL MASSES**

Join us after Mass for a cool treat in the Parish Centre. It is a time of fellowship, but also a time to enjoy a good old-fashioned ice cream treat - **A Sundae on a Sunday**. Make sure to set some time aside and join us!

**SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE**

Sunday homilies are available weekly on line through our parish website – just click on the link - “Listen On- Line.”



I offer a warm welcome to many new parishioners who are joining us. A special word to any who have moved into our area over the summer. The new school year, has brought many new families to our area, and gives me a chance to welcome you; come introduce yourself and please feel at home.

We also offer a special welcome to many University and College students who are returning, or beginning, their post secondary time in our community. What a special privilege and joy to have you in our midst. Please make St Michael Parish – and our St John Paul Student Centre – your home away from home. You are welcome here!

I am deeply grateful to almost 30 parishioners who have signed up for new ministry involvements this Fall. One very special area will be our expanded Ministry of Care to our Elders, Sick and Shut ins. This new ministry will see us visiting and ministering every Sunday to our elderly members. Thank you to all who have worked so hard this summer to make it possible for our shut in to receive the Lord on His Day. Another great aspect of this ministry is that we are now also going to have Mass once each week at one our elder care facilities – every Friday morning one of our facilities will have Mass – what a blessing!

Next weekend another area of expanded ministry begins - we resume our Children's Ministry but at both our 9:00am and 11:00am Masses where we have a full series of opportunities for children from Aged 2 - Grade 4 to participate in their own unique program. Check out the “Open House” next weekend during our Catholic Café to see the impactful way we are ministering to children.

This year we will also offer “Searching in the Spirit”, a four session evening gathering for young people preparing for Confirmation. If you are 18 years of age or older and interested in helping as a small group leader; contact the Parish Office. A small commitment for you -a huge impact in the life of a teen. Contact the Parish Office and sign up.

### HEARTACHE TO HEALING

Our 6 week grief support group will be offered again this Fall. The program is designed to assist people after the death of a loved one, or a significant loss. This program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm (Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, Nov 7). Everyone is welcome. There is no fee, but you must register by September 15<sup>th</sup>. To register, or for more information, please contact the parish office 519-884-9311, or email [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca).

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Any adults who have not been baptized and are considering becoming Catholic, or any adults who have already been baptized in other Christian churches and wish to become full members of the Catholic Church, please speak to Father Freitas and arrangements will be made to complete your initiation into the Catholic Church. A program of formation begins in the Fall – there is a place for you – welcome.

### GRIEF AND FAITH.....

Join us on Thursday, September 19, 2019, 7:00pm in the Parish Centre, as our guest speaker, Father Freitas shares his insights on ‘**Grieving our loved ones – our Christian faith**’. This informative session will help us to understand our faith more fully and how our faith can help us heal. There is no fee. Everyone is welcome.

### COUPLES SMALL GROUPS

This Fall we will launch a Couples Ministry made up of small groups, four couples each, who come together to share faith, food and lots of laughs. Each group is formed according to member’s stage of life and gather in each other’s homes. New groups are being formed. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 519-884 9311.

### MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Gift of Marriage is one to be cherished and celebrated. Our Feast Day Weekend (September 28/29) is a wonderful opportunity to do so. So save the date of **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00a.m. Mass** for the celebration of Marriage Jubilees in our parish for those celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th ... anniversaries. If you would like to participate in this celebration, please call the parish office with your name, phone number and the number of years you are celebrating.

### ADULT ALPHA

is a 10 week course that explores questions about life, faith and meaning. Have you ever wondered “Is there more to life than this?”

Who is Jesus and why did He have to die? How can I pray? Why and how do I read the bible? See display next weekend.



### CHANGE OF PRACTICE FOR COMMUNION

Recently, the Diocese of Hamilton reminded us that we are not in accord with the preferred practice for the taking of communion to the homebound. *Beginning on September 1, 2019, it will no longer be acceptable to bring a pyx forward in the communion line and request an additional host(s) for a homebound member.* Ministers of Communion will be instructed not to place communion hosts in pyxes. The following is the preferred practice of our Diocese:

*Pyxes should be placed prior to the Mass on a tray near the Gift Table (along with the gifts of bread and wine). If you require more than one host you would arrange that with the priest beforehand, otherwise each pyx will have one host placed in it by the priest. This tray will be brought forth in the offertory procession. The hosts are consecrated with all the bread to be used for Communion and then, following the Post-Communion Prayer, those who are bringing Communion to the sick and homebound are invited to come forward to pick up the pyx(es) and are sent forth immediately. The final blessing follows.*

*If someone is not able or does not wish to place a pyx on the tray and come to the front, then they may approach the priest after Mass but not during the communion procession.*

Thank you for your understanding during this transition so that our parish practice can reflect the preferred practice of our wider Diocese.

### CAN YOU LEND A HAND?

Ministry comes from our baptism, through which we are called to share Christ with one another. One of the signs of a vibrant, Christ-centred parish is the level of service provided by the members of that parish to one another. It is important that, if at all possible, we pitch in to make some form of ministry a part of our life choice. Some of the most urgent areas of need are below; contact Father Freitas if you can help as a ...

- Lector (a Reader at Mass).
- Minister of Hospitality (an Usher).
- Help Out as a Welcome Centre attendant
- Children’s Ministry or new Kids Zone Program
- R.C.I.A. Sponsor and Prayer Partners
- Kids Klub Leaders (males especially needed)
- Catholic Café Host/Hostess
- Ministers of Communion to our Sick & Shut In



St. Michael Parish Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Parish Centre.** Please mark your social calendars for this very special event. Ticket sales begin in October.

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