



# 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. 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.

## PASTORAL TEAM

Father F. Freitas, Pastor  
email: pastor@stmichaelw.ca

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

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



**September 24-27, 2019**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**

- 6:30pm** Rosary
- 7:00pm** +Angelo Madappuli – Angela  
+Dorothy Cook – Magnell, Anthony & Family
- 7:30pm** Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**

- 12:15pm** + Hannah Perera – Angela Madappuli

**Thursday, September 26, 2019**

- 12:15pm** + Gonc Rozalija – Bedic & Vrabec Families

**Friday, September 27, 2019**

- 8:00am** + Special Intention. - Trude Venclik
- 11:00am** Mass at Court at Laurelwood

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

- 5:00pm** + George Chrysler Sr. - Family  
+ Maria Michels – Peter & Noreen Michels  
+ Ana & Frank Gruber – Ron & Anne Miller

**LORD'S DAY OFFERING**

September 14 & 15, 2019 – \$ 4,782.00  
Pre Authorized Giving– \$ 8,137.00  
*Thank you for your generosity.*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

**September 28 & 29, 2019 - Team D**

*(full schedule on our website - [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://www.stmichaelw.ca))*



**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?*

**CATECHETICAL PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Programs are available for children from kindergarten through high school not currently receiving religious instruction in our Catholic Schools. Families work through the programs at home at their own pace. Preparation for First Communion begins in Grade 1 and for Confirmation it begins in Grade 6. Contact the parish office for more information and sign up soon.

**CATHOLIC CAFÉ**

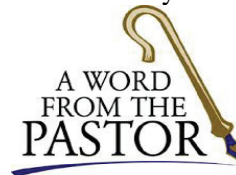
**– HOMECOMING EDITION –  
– SEPTEMBER 28/29**

**Join us for a special “Homecoming Edition” of our Café**

- Food trucks & Displays, Contests & Activities  
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**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 etc.... anniversaries. If you would like to participate, please call the parish office with your name, phone number and the number of years celebrating.



Since returning home last January, I find myself more and more in awe at the goodness and generosity of the people of St Michael Parish. Let me give you some examples recently:

- Our “Ready Day One” School Supply Campaign collected over 6,000 items to help young people in need prepare for their first day of school.
- Our “Baby Bottle Campaign” to support Marillac Place collected \$5,041 (29% increase from 2017) plus donations for the "Comfort Baskets" (blankets, sheets, pillows, etc)
- We have increased the number of parishioners involved as Ministers of Communion to the Sick from 10 to over 30 and are able to bring communion on Sundays to all the residents at our four Retirement/Long Term Care residences and now have monthly Masses on Fridays at each residence in addition to weekly rosary at many.
- We have increased the number of parishioners involved as leaders in our Children’s Ministry from just over 12 to 30 and been able to expand our ministry to two Masses (9am and 11am) and our age groups to now be Age 2-Grade 4 with a new curriculum which uses sight and sound in proclaiming God’s word!
- We have introduced Video Screens in our entrances to share information on parish life and created our new Welcome Desk to answer questions from guests/parishioners and aid with upcoming events. These are great tools to welcome new parishioners and families.
- We have freshened the look of our Parish Centre and begun consultations on future enhancements to this important space in our parish life.
- We have seen considerable increase in our St John Paul Student Centre activities and many more students involved in our parish life. What a blessing!!

*Such an exciting Next Chapter we are in!!*

**SPECIAL WELCOME.....**

**RESURRECTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

At our 9:00am Mass on Sunday we will welcome the Student Council members and staff from Resurrection Secondary who begin their leadership retreat by joining us for Mass and will gather in our Parish Centre for part of the morning – great to have them with us!

**THE VISITS OF OUR BISHOP**

As a parish family we will be blessed by the visit of our Bishop to the parish on two separate weekends:

On **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**, (Thanksgiving Weekend), Bishop Crosby will be at the **11:00am Mass** to be part of the “Installation of the Pastor”, a ritual of the Church to formally assign a pastor to his community and entrust their care to the Pastor in the Bishop’s name (details next week).

On **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**, Bishop Crosby will be here at the **7:00pm Mass** to preside at our Student Mass and prior to that to enjoy supper with our Student Community.

You are invited to save these dates and join us – *all are welcome at both Masses!*

**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.

**DON'T GET LOST IN THE CROWD .....**

**... GET INVOLVED ...GET CONNECTED!**

Watch for details this October as we 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 Parish Office at 519-884 9311

**ADULT ALPHA**

 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? Please join us as we explore answers to these questions. We will enjoy a weekly home cooked meal a short talk [DVD] and spend time discussing the topic for that evening. There is no fee and all are welcome. Sessions begin Mondays September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-9 PM in the Parish Centre. Registration is necessary. Contact Chris at 519-886-7444 or email the parish office - parish@stmichaelw.ca

**TWILIGHT RETREAT**

This experience will be facilitated by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, the Spiritual Animator for the Waterloo Catholic School Board. Discover more about the spiritual journey which our staff and students have embarked on. All are welcome on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in our Parish Church.

**PARENT MEETINGS...SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Parents who have children preparing for First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation or Confirmation are reminded of the dates for our Parent Information Evenings:

**Holy Communion Parents’ Meeting: October 10, 2019**

**Confirmation Parents’ Meeting: October 3, 2019**

Both meetings begin *promptly at 7:00 p.m.* in our Parish Church. Please bring your child’s registration forms and Baptismal Certificates. *This meeting is for parents only.*

**NOVENA PRAYERS**

The Carmelite Sisters will pray for you during the Novena to Little St. Therese, September 23<sup>rd</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to St. Therese. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of Saint Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1 St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

**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 ...

- 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)



**The 2019 St. Michael’s Spaghetti Supper** will take place on **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** Tickets will be available **at all weekend masses beginning October 19<sup>th</sup>**

If you would like to volunteer, donate a door prize or need more information please call Gai (519) 886-4259 or email the parish office - parish@stmichaelw.ca



**KENYA MISSION**

We are excited that on the weekend of October 19/20, Sister Joyce Nayakwama of the School Sisters of Notre Dame will join us to speak about our Mission in Kenya. That weekend will be our Sponsorship Weekend – watch for more details.

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