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Peace on Earth

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Worship This Week

Dec. 30 – Jan. 5, 2014

Monday

7:00 am - Int. of Jenny

FEAST OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, Dec. 31st (New Year's Eve)

5:00 pm - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Wednesday, Jan. 1st (New Year's Day)

9:30 am + Anthony Hayek – *Ylanda*

11:30 am + David Baggey – *Baggey Family*

★ NO EVENING MASS



Thursday (memorial – St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen)

★ 7:00 pm - Int. of the Flynn Family – *Noreen Flynn*

Friday

7:00 am + Sharon Nelson – *Mary Ann Dodsworth*

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Drew Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Sat. 5:00 pm + Kathleen Blanchard – *Estelle Meunier*

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's
+ Francisco De Sousa – *Brigida De Sousa*

11:30 am + Jose Medeiros – *Maria*

*Wishing you a blessed, healthy
and happy New Year!*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – WED. JAN 1ST

Offertory Collections

December 14/15, 2013

Envelope Users.....	\$ 4,840.00
Loose monies.....	\$ 372.20
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS.....	\$ 5,212.20
Mortgage Fund.....	\$245.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Dec. 29: No Children's Liturgy Program

Dear Families, please note that there will be NO Children's Liturgy of the Word Program today (Dec. 29) at the 11:30 am Mass.

We wish you and your families a very blessed Christmas season!

Best wishes ... *The Children's Liturgy Volunteers*

★ Jan. 5th Bulletin Submission Deadline

Items for the Jan. 5th bulletin, **must** be in the parish office **first thing Monday morning** (Dec. 30), as the bulletin must go to print by noon that day. Thanks! ☺

New Saint Joseph Sunday Missals for 2014
Available for purchase in the narthex – \$5 each.

LITURGICAL ROLES

NEW YEAR'S:	Tues., Dec.30 5:00 PM	Wed. Jan. 1 st 9:30 AM	Wed. Jan. 1 st 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	R./K. Ertel D. Bristol	B./B. Starr K./N. Starr
Commentator:	J. Deneau	J. Germann	J. Petrovich
Lector:	N. Higgins	T. Germann	P. Masbad
Ushers:	A./T. Montag	D./M. Walser	B. Voisin F. Sawaya
Gift Bearers:	Miller	Seaward	Maenpaa

★ Eucharistic Ministers:

Please sign-up in the narthex for New Year's Eve & Day and pick up your **NEW SCHEDULE** for Jan. 4th – June 29th in the narthex.

JAN. 4 & 5	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	K. Buchanan C. Higgins	W./B. Flitton R. Vezensyi	J./A. Arruda M. McCullough
Commentator:	K. Friesen	T. Angel	T. Boettger
Lector:	V. De Vries	B. Crawley	K. Philips
Ushers:	J./L. Deneau	B./D. Cutting	E./V. McCullough J./P. McCullough
Gift Bearers:	Riddell	Germann	John
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Dokis K. Friesen L. Macedo F./Y. Tully	S. Cerantola B./A. Cutting H. Kress M. Lynch	K./T. Boettger B./S. Markides C./K. Dignam

FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION

Attention Parents of Students in Grades 2 or 7:

If you have not yet registered your child for **First Communion** (gr. 2) or **Confirmation** (gr. 7) at St. Mark's Parish, please do so as soon as possible. Registration forms and info can be found in the narthex.

If your child does NOT attend St. Mark or St. Dominic Schools, please check the parish website (www.stmarkcatholicparish.org) regarding dates for sacramental preparation and details regarding sign-up.

Grade 2 Parents Please Note: Dates for optional Catechism Classes run by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate have been changed from Tuesday nights to MONDAY nights. Please see the updated schedule on the parish website if your child will be attending.

STUDY THE GOSPELS IN A YEAR: www.flocknote.com/gospel

A short, daily Gospel reading (and commentary) sent straight to your inbox. Read that little bit each day and you'll have studied all four gospels of the Holy Bible in a year. (*Gospels in a Year is powered by Flocknote and uses the Ignatius Study Bible for both the scripture translation and the commentary. This is done in partnership with Lighthouse Catholic Media, Ignatius Press and Flocknote.*)

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PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Lord,

We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You. May we take the time to get to know You. Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word,

May we also see and love you in all the people we meet, so that in turn, they can see You in us.

We know that all human relations take time if they are to grow and deepen. This is also true of our relations with You, the Father and the Holy Spirit, which must grow over the course of our lives. In this new year, let us realise that every action of ours no matter how great or small enables us to be in touch with You.

Let us accept You in our lives, in the way it pleases You, as Truth, to be spoken, as Life, to be lived, as Light, to be lighted, as Love, to be followed, as Joy, to be given, as Peace, to be spread about, as Sacrifice, to be offered among our relatives, friends, neighbours and all people.

Amen.

Catechism Compendium

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a wonderful resource to learn more about Christianity and our Catholic faith. Join Fr. Don for an opportunity to dig into our catechism using the shorter, concise compendium. Each evening consists of a traditional Catholic prayer taken from the Catechism, followed by a 45-minute presentation, questions, and a closing prayer taken from the Catechism. **All are welcome – come to one, some, or all:**

Remaining Sessions:

Friday, Jan. 10	7:00 pm	Friday, March 21	7:30 pm
Friday, Jan. 24	7:00 pm	Friday, April 4	7:30 pm
Friday, Feb. 7	7:00 pm	Friday, April 25	7:00 pm
Friday, Feb. 21	7:00 pm	Friday, May 9	7:00 pm
Friday, March 7	7:30 pm	Friday, May 23	7:00 pm

For a list of each evenings topics, please check the church bulletin board.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #74 – The Christmas season is a beautiful time to focus our children on the gifts God gave to us the day His Son was born. When we focus on the gifts of that first Christmas, we find a template on how to live our lives: the gift of forgiveness for all sin; the gift of and fulfillment of the promise of eternal life; the gift of a role model to show us how to live God's way; the gift of faith, since Jesus' birth is also the birth of Christianity. Forgiveness, a role model, faith and eternity – help your children to see that nothing under the tree will be as wonderful as the gifts given that first Christmas.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #54 – As the New Year draws close, it is a perfect time to think of the gift of love given to each other on the day you married. Is the gift still shiny and a joy to experience, or is it a bit dull, thought about only after so many other things are dealt with? This Christmas, give renewed love as a gift to your spouse - rekindled, joyful and desired. Take time to discern what you need to make that "newly married love" as much a gift today as it was the day you married.

(submitted by Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Legion of Mary Book Borrowing Program

Looking to grow in your knowledge? Have great religious books and sacramentals you'd like to share with others?

Our Legion of Mary maintains a Book Borrow Program on the shelves in the St. Matthew's room. The Book Borrow is a great place for you to pick up free blessed sacramentals and borrow great Catholic books for as long as you'd like.

Come and take a look at what's available the next time you're at the parish!



24 HOURS FOR WORLD PEACE

Make Peace Your New Year Resolution!

Imagine ... If on the first day of the new year, people from all over the world celebrate together by exchanging their wish for peace ... and each person makes a resolution to create peace in their life, their home or their community ... We could help make a peaceful world!

That is the goal of this initiative: to show the hope we hold and share for all of humanity on the first day of the new year.

On January 1, 2014, calls for peace will be presented by organizations and individuals every hour during this 24-hour vigil. Each participant who has signed up for the vigil (see the Diocesan website www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information) will receive these calls for peace by email and will be invited to reply with their own message of hope for a more peaceful world.

To participate in the vigil and to follow along with preparations, subscribe at: <http://24hoursforworldpeace.org>

ANNUAL RELIGIOUS LIFE BANQUET – This year His Excellency, Bishop Daniel Miehm will be the celebrant and guest speaker at the Annual Religious Life Banquet sponsored by the K-W Serra Club. The event will be held on **Wednesday, January 22, 2014** beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m. Mass will be followed by dinner and our guest speaker. All parishioners are invited to join with us to recognize and thank the Sisters who have fulfilled their vocation so faithfully in our community. This celebration will be held at **"Conestogo Place" 110 Manitou Drive, Kitchener** (the former K. of C. Hall). Tickets must be purchased before **Monday, January 13**. Cost of the dinner is \$50 per person (this includes wine with our meal). Cheques to be made payable to KW Serra Club. For tickets please contact Joanne Shewchuk 519-894-5055 or fshewchuk@kw.igs.net.

ANNUAL CARD PARTY – The **St. Louis Catholic Women's League** is holding their Annual Card Party on **January 29, 2014** 53 Allen Street East, Waterloo (enter off Willow Street) at 7:00 p.m. Light lunch and refreshments will be served. Door prizes. Admission \$8.00 (please bring your own cards).

K-W COUPLES FOR CHRIST AND THEIR FAMILY MINISTRIES invite you to participate in their 10-week Christian Life Program at **St. John's Church**, 85 Strange Street, on Thursdays at 7 pm from **January 30th to April 3rd, 2014** (no fee). It is open to all Christian married couples, single adults, widows, widowers, and those separated or divorced. It is a 12-talk integrated course to renew our understanding of God's call to us as Christians, as well as to revitalize parish community life. At the same time, we offer a children's program for those 12 and under. Contact: Len/Marie Solomon 519-744-5198 to register.

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