

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Don Sanvido
DEACON: Mr. Basil Markides
SECRETARY: Mrs. Pam Olinski

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. at 7:00 AM
Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Saturday at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9:30-10:30 AM & 3:45-4:45 PM
or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: First Tuesday evening of the month at the 7:00 p.m. Mass. No prior notice necessary.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Adoration: Spots open, see Chapel

Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM

Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10:00 AM

Benediction: 1st Sunday at 7:00 PM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: We invite you to register. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

BAPTISM: Infant baptism is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office. Parents and godparents are requested to come to the 11:30 AM Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month and stay for a brief preparation meeting.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

October through May at the 11:30 AM Mass. Two separate drop-in programs for K-1 & Gr. 2-3. No need to register.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please advise the office of area hospital admissions to request a pastoral visit or the Sacrament of the Sick.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS: Father will bring Communion to the sick on the 1st Friday of the month. Please call the office to schedule a visit.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:

Instructions by appointment. Call 519-742-3979 or nfp@golden.net.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: White Box Collection on the last Sunday of the month. Call 519-571-8485 for information on food distribution.



"... The seed is sprouting and growing ..." (Mark 4:27)

MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

To have a Mass celebrated for a living or deceased loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a plain envelope marked "Mass Intention," and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office if it is closed. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin and announced at the beginning of Mass.

Mass cards are available at the parish office during office hours, or you can find them already signed in the church lobby and in the adoration chapel.

If you prefer to make arrangements in person, you may do so during office hours, or over the phone. There is no charge for Mass intentions. The Bishop suggests an offering of \$10 per Mass.

I would like to have _____ Mass(es) celebrated for
HOW MANY?

the intentions of *(living)* OR the repose of the soul of *(deceased)*

NAME OF LIVING OR DECEASED PERSON(S)

Please choose your preferred way of setting the date for this Mass:

The date of the Mass does not matter.

OR

The exact date does not matter, but I would prefer one of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 AM on a Weekday | <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 PM on a Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM on a Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on a Sunday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM on a Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 AM on a Sunday |

OR

I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

* Please keep in mind that our ability to accommodate a request for a specific date (especially for a weekend) can be difficult without sufficient notice. For this reason, we recommend submitting requests for weekend Masses a few months in advance.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

We will attempt to contact you by phone if we are unable to accommodate your request.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Worship This Week

January 6 – 12, 2014

Monday

7:00 am + George Hegedus and Mr. & Mrs. Kay – *Family*

Tuesday (memorial – St. André Bessette)

7:00 pm + Jack Soares – *Maria*

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of Jenny

Thursday

7:00 am + James Fitzgerald – *Michael O'Connell*

Friday

7:00 am + John Dufresne – *Marilyn Dufresne*

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Ron & Catherine Robinson – *Jeanne*

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

Sat. 5:00 pm - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's
+ George Lang (father of Teresa Montag) – *Family*

Sun. 9:30 am + Kathleen Blanchard – *Marilyn Dufresne*

11:30 am + Manuel, Rosa & Jose Alves, Anton Radisic and
Constantino Veloso

Offertory Collections

Dec. 21/22, 2013:

Sunday Offerings \$ 4,689.40
Mortgage Fund \$95.00

Christmas 2013:

Christmas Offerings \$ 13,193.65
Mortgage Fund \$4,800.00

Dec. 28/29, 2013:

Sunday Offerings \$ 5,324.55
Mortgage Fund \$1,173.00

Thank you for your generosity!!

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

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!



LITURGICAL ROLES

| JAN. 11 & 12 | SAT. 5:00 PM | SUN. 9:30 AM | SUN. 11:30 AM |
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| Altar Servers: | Z./J. Riddell | R./J. Henri E. Chang | A./R. Maenpaa A. Paz |
| Commentator: | C. Baumtrog | P. Enticott | O. Sirju |
| Lector: | C. Baumtrog | J. Flanigan | M. McCullough |
| Ushers: | L. Macedo K. Friesen | F./B. Seaward | B./K. Starr B./E. Starr |
| Gift Bearers: | Loth | Haid | McCullough |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | C. Dokis N./K. Higgins G./T. MacNeil | T. Angel B./L. Coutinho P./B. Enticott | M./L. Fernando D. Henri R./P. Masbad |

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.

Winterlude Cancellation

Winterlude Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction for January 2014 has been cancelled. We do hope to be back again in 2015 and appreciate all the great support provided by all those fine guests who have come out over the past ten years and thoroughly enjoyed these special evenings.

Sincerely,

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council 9276

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:

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| 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 evening's topics, please check the church bulletin board.

**The Bible is Not Just any Story –
It is Your Story.
Discover How To Read It.**



Discover God's plan for your life as you discover his amazing story in *A Quick Journey Through the Bible*.

In this 8-week study, you will discover the "big picture" of the biblical story as it is presented in specific books of the Bible.

Join us and learn about the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will understand the overview of the Bible story. This then makes your Bible reading, and even the Sunday Mass readings, come alive like never before.

This will also be a great refresher for those planning to be part of the "The Gospel of Matthew" Bible Study.

A Quick Journey Through the Bible will be offered every Thursday evening for 8 weeks beginning **Thursday, January 16th** from 7-9 p.m.

To learn more, please contact Deacon Basil Markides at 519-742-4803 or bmarkides@rogers.com.

Thank-you!

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to everyone who so generously gave of their time, their resources or their pocketbook, to help them assemble and distribute toys, gifts and food hampers this Christmas. Because of your help through monetary donations, angel tree gifts and food donations, as well as the donations they received from St. Mark's, St. Dominic's and Resurrection Schools, they were able to help make Christmas a little brighter for approximately 90 families in our community.

Study the Gospels in a Year

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Study the Catechism in a Year

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Elsewhere in the Region...

NEFARIOUS: MERCHANT OF SOULS – Slavery still exists. Join us at **St. Louis Parish** (53 Allen St. East, Waterloo) in the Large Hall for a screening of one of the most powerful, compelling and transformational documentaries ever made on human trafficking. Admission is free - all are welcome.

January Dates:

Tue., January 7th 6:00 PM
Friday, January 17th 9:45 AM

February Dates:

Thur., February 6th 7:00 PM
Sat., February 15th 6:15 PM
Wed., February 26th 9:45 AM

CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS – A 13-week course, all through Lent. Learn a new modified method in making the Spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola; True Devotion to Mary by St. Louis de Montfort, why God made Mary your mother and how she is a part of your life; St. Faustina teaches you about Divine Mercy and the messages that are so urgent for us now living in these times. This course is for little souls, both men and women. It begins **Tuesday, January 14th** and runs until April 8 from 7–9 p.m. in the Boardroom at **Blessed Sacrament Church**. Must register no later than Mon. Jan. 6th. For information contact Yvonne at 519-570-9029 or Anne at 519-568-7728.

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 22nd** 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 (former K. of C. Hall). Tickets must be purchased before Mon. Jan. 13. Dinner is \$50 per person (includes wine with your meal). Cheques payable to K-W 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 **Wednesday, January 29th** at 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.

LEARN HOW TO PRAY – Oremus is an 8-week study on Catholic prayer presented on DVD by Fr. Mark Toups. Over the course of eight weeks the Oremus study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Become aware of God's presence in your life; Learn how to respond to God and express yourself in prayer; Discover how to hear God's voice in Scripture, in your heart, and in ordinary moments; Learn how to overcome frustrations, distractions, and dryness in prayer; Grow in your relationship with God and those around you. **St. Mary's Church**, Kitchener, will be presenting the Oremus program on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Hall **beginning February 22nd**. The course study book is available at St. Mary's Parish Office or at the first class. The cost is \$20.

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