

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 and 3:45 - 4:45 PM
or at other times by appointment.

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.
Three separate drop-in programs for K-1, Gr. 2-3, and Gr. 4-5. 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 arrange to have a Mass celebrated for the intentions of a living person, or for the repose of the soul of a departed loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a **separate** envelope and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office outside of office hours. The 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 recommends an offering of \$10.

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 your request at least 2-3 months in advance.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week

SEPT. 2 – 8, 2013

Monday LABOUR DAY

* 7:00 am + Mavis Kress – A./R. Russell

Tuesday (memorial – St. Gregory the Great)

7:00 pm + Coleen Nagle – Marilyn Dufresne

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of Dominic Fioravanti & Katrina Clark

Thursday

7:00 am - Int. of Brooks Robinson & family – S. Baskerville

Friday

7:00 am - Int. of Sr. Anne, S.O.L.I.

Saturday

9:00 am - For recovery of those suffering from addiction

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9b-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

Sat. 5:00 pm + Jack Soares – Maria

Sun. 9:30 am + Eleanor Drystek – St. Vincent de Paul Society

11:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

* **Please Note:** Mass on Labour Day will remain at 7:00 a.m. due to Father's schedule that day.



Parish Picnic a Great Success!

I wish to thank all who participated in our parish picnic. All seemed to go well – the Mass, the music, the great meal, the games, etc., etc. ... It seemed everyone was having a good time!

The only down side was the ballgame ... I did nothing to help our team – I played "rottenly" as we were crushed by our opposition to the tune of 55 to 1. Actually, we all had fun and everyone got to be involved in the game!

I hope we can do this again. **Thank you, Jan, and ALL who worked so hard to put on this event for us.** I am sure that their enjoyment came from seeing so many having a good time. I hope we will do this again.



Fr. Don

Reaching Fr. Don in an Emergency

In the event that I cannot be reached by phone at the parish (in an emergency, that is, when someone is **critically ill**), you may call me on my cell phone: 519-590-1887. If you cannot reach me that way, call Grand River Hospital (519-742-3611) or St. Mary's Hospital (519-744-3311) and they can contact the on-call priest who carries a pager for hospital emergencies. Please note, when I am out of town I'll likely not have my cell phone with me.

Thank you. Fr. Don



Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Offertory Collection Last Weekend Aug. 24/25, 2013

Envelope Users.....	\$ 2,350.75
Loose monies.....	\$ 313.50
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 2,664.25
Mortgage Fund.....	\$290.00
Collection at the Parish Picnic.....	\$ 329.00

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Mark's Spirit Crew

Our Parish's Ministry for Youth ~ Grade 6 and Up

■ **GAMES NIGHT:** Friday, Sept. 20th at 7:00 p.m.

■ **FAITH SHARING:** Friday, October 4th from 7-9 p.m.

Hope you all had a great summer! Keep watching this corner and the parish website for details on our upcoming events...

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Resumes on **Sunday, Sept. 22nd** at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. All children in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are welcome.



The Alpha Course at St. Mark's

The Alpha course is an opportunity for anyone to re-ignite their Christian faith. There is a meal together at the beginning of each session, then a 40-minute video followed by group discussion – where no question is too simple or too 'out there.' It's low key, friendly and fun!

You are invited to a 'Come and See' – Thursday, Sept. 12th at 7:00 p.m. There will be a chance to ask questions and check out a sample video. Refreshments will be provided.

Course begins: Thursday, Sept. 26th from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. and runs until November 28th.

To register, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ian Kangaloo at 519-743-1338 or email stmarkalpha@gmail.com. Visit www.alphaCanada.org.

12th Annual Vocations Mass

Sunday, Sept. 22nd at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Owen Sound during the 11:00 am mass. We encourage parishioners to attend.

For Adults (16+) Interested in Conversion (R.C.I.A.)

One of the chief works of the Church is to instruct people in the faith. There are always people being directed by the Holy Spirit to join the Church. **If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please let us know as soon as possible.** Many details must be discussed, of course, and we will do so at the appropriate time. For now, **pick up an R.C.I.A. Registration Form in the church lobby**, fill it out and get it to the office or to me personally. Keep praying for guidance and, above all, do everything possible to get to Mass every Sunday. May the Lord bring to completion the good work He has begun in you. God Bless. – Fr. Don

Day of Prayer

Jesus invites us to come and spend time with Him.

Friday, Sept. 13th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Anne's Parish, 268 East Ave., Kitchener. Facilitators: Sr. Elaine Arsenault, SSS and Rita Carriere. Welcome with coffee & muffins (following 8am Mass). The day is spent in silence with prayer, song, spiritual talks and guided meditation. Bring a bag lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Suggested offering \$20 per person. To register please call Lynda at 519-745-5302 or e-mail stannesfamily@gmail.com.

7th Annual Cemetery Mass for the deceased of the Waterloo Region will be celebrated in the chapel of the Williamsburg Cemetery on **Saturday, Sept. 14th** beginning at 11:00 a.m. This Mass is offered for all who are buried in all the cemeteries of this region. Fr. Mark Morley will be the main Celebrant and Homilist. All are invited to attend this Mass and pray for our beloved dead.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA C.W.L.

10th Annual Walking Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Sorrowful Mother in St. Agatha on **Sunday, Sept. 15th**. Gather at Beechwood Plaza Erb St. at 12:00 noon. Pilgrimage begins at 12:30pm. We walk to St. Agatha Church for a break followed by refreshments after Mass at Chapel Shrine. Seven Sorrows Rosary at 2:45pm, followed by Mass at 3:00pm. It is a 6 kilometre walk from Beechwood Plaza to the Shrine. Walk one way only. We receive a ride back by anyone who wants to participate in the Mass only. All are welcome. Seven Sorrows Rosaries Available starting at \$3. Call 519-744-8330 for information.

Programs for Separated and Divorced

- **LEVEL 1 - (Learning to Cope)** and
- **LEVEL 2 - (Accepting the Situation)** are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics include: the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children.

Course fees: \$35 (Level 1) and \$45 (Level 2). Courses are held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting **September 17th** from 7pm – 9pm at **St. Francis of Assisi Church**, Kitchener. Contact Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249, or St. Francis Parish 519-745-7301 to register.

- **LEVEL 3 (Enhancing Self-Esteem)** is also available for interested people who have completed Level 1 & 2. It will be held on Tuesday evenings for ten weeks starting **September 17th** here at **St. Mark's Parish** from 7-9 p.m. Course fee \$40. Contact Family Ministry Office at (905)528-7988 ext. 2249 to register.

C.W.L. Corner ...

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God.



■ FUND RAISING CARD PARTY: Tuesday, Sept. 17th

Help defray expenses of the 25th anniversary of the parish. A key to the success of this event is having sufficient door prizes to generate high attendance. Any new item or gift certificate would be appreciated. No value is too small. Donors will receive recognition at the event.

If you are able to assist us, please leave your donation with Pam at the office during office hours, or obtain a contact sheet on the C.W.L. table in the narthex to request that items be picked-up. We would like to receive all donations by September 8th. Larger items suitable for a raffle are also welcome. Thank you for your consideration.

■ 12TH ANNUAL MASS FOR VOCATIONS: Sunday, Sept. 22nd

The Catholic Women's League of the Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us at 11:00 a.m. for our 12th Annual Mass for Vocations at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, in Owen Sound. We will join the Diocesan Vocations office, religious communities, the Knights of Columbus and Serra Club. This Mass promotes vocations to the priesthood, religious life, permanent diaconate, and the married or single life.

This year we are having a bus going to the Vocations Mass leaving St. Anthony Daniel Church, 29 Midland Drive in Kitchener at 8:00 a.m. and then onto St. Joseph Church in Fergus before heading to Owen Sound for an expected arrival of 10:30 a.m. The ladies of St. Mary's Church will be providing a reception after Mass and we will return to Kitchener by 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Please contact Joan Schurter at 519-893-7429 or mjsch@rogers.com to reserve your seat. **The cut-off date for reservations is Tues. Sept. 3rd.** We expect this trip to sell out quickly so please reserve your seat ASAP! We hope you will be able to join us for this beautiful celebration!

Carmel of St. Joseph Luncheon & Card Party

St. Anthony Daniel Church, 29 Midland Dr. Kitchener, on **Wednesday, Sept. 18th** from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Admission \$12. Lunch & Door Prizes. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, please call Sheila at 519-743-6069 or e-mail: sheilamathews2006@yahoo.ca.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #71 – September brings with it a change of pace from the slower days of summer. School, extracurricular activities and other involvements create hectic days for busy families. The research is clear on the importance of family time for the well-being of children. As the schedule becomes more frenzied, be sure to remember that a meal together each day, daily prayers and weekly Mass shared as a family will bring long-term benefits to all members of your family.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #51 – When we first fall in love it is difficult for anyone to point out the flaws in our "perfect" mate. Over time though, we become well aware of those less than perfect qualities! When we continue to see the good qualities that attracted us to each other, we can tolerate the imperfections, but if we focus on the negative we can become critical and dissatisfied. Take the time to focus on the good characteristics of the one you love – and tell them why you love that part of them. You will see a more positive person come forward.

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