

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week

SEPT. 30 – OCT. 6, 2013

Monday (memorial – St. Jerome)

7:00 am + David Baggey – Baggey Family

Tuesday (memorial – St. Therese of the Child Jesus)

7:00 pm + Coleen Nagle – Gerry & Terry Gerth

Wednesday (memorial – The Holy Guardian Angels)

7:00 am - In Thanksgiving – Luiz Macedo

Thursday

7:00 am + Ludwig Michaelis – Michaelis Family

Friday (memorial – St. Francis of Assisi)

7:00 am - Int. of Ernie & Lisa McCullough & Family - Cote

Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of the Gonsalves Family – Jeanne Robinson

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

Sat. 5:00 pm + Jack Soares – Maria

Sun. 9:30 am + Joanne Knorr – George & Terry Winklemaier
- Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:30 am - Int. of Glenn Smith – Kathy



THANKS to all who organized the **Coffee and Sign-up Sunday**, and to all who offered their services to the parish. Since people seemed to enjoy mingling with each other, one of our ladies expressed a willingness to organize a monthly Coffee Sunday. This would be a good thing to do again. Thank you. – Fr. Don

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS for First Communion & Confirmation:



FIRST COMMUNION

Parent Info Meeting:

For parents of
children in Grade 2
Thursday, October 3rd
7:00 p.m. in the Church



CONFIRMATION

Parent Info Meeting:

For parents of
children in Grade 7
Thursday, October 10th
7:00 p.m. in the Church

Registration Forms for these sacraments will soon be distributed to students in Grades 2 and 7 at St. Mark's and St. Dominic's Schools. Please check your child's backpack, fill out the form and bring it with you to the information meeting. **If your child attends a different school**, you can obtain a form in the church lobby.



Parish Office Hours

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

Offertory Collection Last Weekend

NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING

Today is White Box Sunday

St. Mark's St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed its white box in the narthex this weekend (Sept. 28/29) to accept your donations.

St. Mark's Spirit Crew

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

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

Please come and join us for an evening of faith and fellowship. Remember your bible, a journal and a free will offering for the snack that will be provided. Please do let us know if you will be attending! Email Lisa at lmaenpaa@primus.ca or Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com.

■ COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT AT THE FOOD BANK

All High School aged students are invited to share in a community service event to be held at the **Waterloo Region Food Bank** in Kitchener. We will be going on **Thursday, October 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** This event can be used for your high school community service hours. Come out and enjoy a fun evening helping out our community. Please email Christine at cutting_abcd@rogers.com to let us know if you are able to attend. If interested in attending, please fill out a permission form which can be found on the youth bulletin board, and return to the Spirit Crew Mailbox by Monday, October 14th.

CANCELLATION: The celebration of Mary's (Belated) Birthday planned for Sunday, October 6th after the 11:30 a.m. Mass has been CANCELLED.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a wonderful resource to learn more about Christianity and our Catholic faith. I would like to offer an opportunity to dig into our catechism using the shorter, concise compendium to the Catechism. The format I will use (as I have in the past) is simple and one that seemed to help people in the past. Essentially, we read sections of the texts together, then I will offer comments and ask for comments and questions from those present. I will offer this every other week. Each session will be wrapped up in 1 hour (lasting not one second longer than 1 hour and fifteen minutes in total). Prayer will be part of each session – mostly traditional Catholic prayers. At the first session I will hand out the Catechism (i.e. compendium). There will be a cost for these (about \$15). The most likely night to have these sessions will be Wednesday or Friday from 7:00 to 8:15. **If interested, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection.**

I am interested in participating in the
Catechism Compendium Sessions:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- I prefer: Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.
 Fridays 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.
 no preference



Attention all Lectors/Commentators!

Please join us for a brief Speakers' Workshop...
Thursday, October 17th
 7:00 - 7:55 p.m. in the Church
 Further details to follow.

Weekend Sign-ups for Liturgical Ministers

As you may or may not have noticed, we have been slowly phasing out our multi-coloured weekend sign-up sheets on the chalkboard in the narthex. Liturgical Ministry sign-ups were held in the hall during the last two weekends, and from that sign-up new schedules have been made for **Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors & Commentators, Gift Bearers and Altar Servers**. Schedules begin next weekend (Oct. 5/6), so please be sure to pick yours up!

If your name does not appear on a schedule that you would like to be part of, please contact the parish office and we will make sure you are added to the next schedule when it is drawn up.

Thank you to all our fantastic volunteers!

Ennio's Famous Spaghetti Supper

is back again here at St. Mark's. Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus, this dinner is now an annual tradition here in our parish. Mark on your calendar **Sunday, October 27th** and join us with your family and friends from **4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** for superb Italian food, a great salad bar and plenty of fun! Tickets (same price as last year!) will be sold after all Masses in the Narthex on weekends starting Saturday, Oct. 5th by good looking members of the Knights of Columbus.



Adult: \$10.00	Children (2-6 yrs.): \$4.00
Youth (7-11 yrs.): \$7.00	Children under 2 yrs.: FREE

Do you like to sing?

St. Mark's is planning to have a mass choir to sing at our **25th Anniversary Mass at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 1st, 2013**. Everyone is welcome to join the choir - folks who sing in the shower, past choir members, and of course current St. Mark choir members. **Practices will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., every Wednesday evening in November**. If you are interested in joining this special choir, please sign up in the Narthex, or contact Linda Blake for more information.

Defund Abortion Rally

Did you know Ontario taxpayers pay \$50 million each year to fund abortions? With that money we could hire 200 doctors, or 400 nurses to help fix the shortage, or treat 500 autistic children who aren't receiving care. Let's end the unjust practice of forcing taxpayers to fund **medically unnecessary** abortions. On **Thursday, October 3rd** from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon join a Defund Abortion Rally at the office of MPP John Milloy, 1770 King Street East, Kitchener. Visit www.campaignlifecoalition.com/defundON for information or call 1-800-730-5358, ext. 222.

K-W Right to Life Memorial Day

Sunday, October 6th from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in front of K-W Health Centre, 835 King St. West, Kitchener. Speaker: **Fr. Don Sanvido** at 2:55 p.m. We remember over 3½ million lives lost to abortion in Canada since 1970 and the effects on their parents, families and the nation. Call 519-746-5433.

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.



■ TRIP TO CARMELITE MONASTERY: Wed. October 2nd

C.W.L.'s October Event will be a trip to the Carmelite Monastery in St. Agatha. Mark your calendar so you don't miss this event. Father Don will celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm in the chapel with coffee and tea to follow in the basement of the Monastery. More details will be in next week's bulletin and you will need to sign-up next weekend so that we can let Sister know the number of people attending. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Gelsing at 519-954-5734 (please leave a message if no answer).

Bishop's Letter for Respect For Life Sunday

September 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this Year of Faith we are called to rediscover the joy of our faith and to focus on the joy that our relationship with God is meant to bring. We were created in love by God and in return we are called to love God and love one another.

The call to love one another is universal and is inclusive of all people, from conception until natural death. According to Blessed Pope John Paul II, "The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, defend life." Many in our world today have lost this sense of respect for life; as Catholics we understand that we have a moral obligation to protect every person as a child of God.

Sunday, October 6 is designated Respect Life Sunday, a day set aside to reflect on the value of life and the inherent dignity of each person. In Canada, there are many direct threats to vulnerable people including abortion, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research. These threats to life cannot be ignored; we are called to defend and protect our most vulnerable. We can stand for life by supporting agencies that offer alternatives to abortion, expressing our desire for palliative care in order to provide comfort for those who are dying and by educating ourselves on the life issues.

On Respect Life Sunday thousands of people will stand at busy intersections across Canada from 2:30 to 3:30 pm taking part in the National Life Chain. They will hold signs to remind people that abortion is harmful to all those involved, in particular mothers and children. In silence and prayer, people will stand in solidarity for life. Contact your local Right to Life organization for more information and to find out how you can join in this stand for life.

We also have in the Diocese, in both Kitchener/Waterloo and Oakville, the opportunity to engage in a campaign called '40 Days for Life' from Sept. 25 to Nov. 3. The campaign consists of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. You can find out more on the internet by typing "40 Days for Life" into your search engine. I encourage you to consider supporting this campaign.

Our faith is a call to action and love in the name of God. In Pope Francis' encyclical, *Lumen Fidei*, he writes, "Those who believe, see; they see with a light that illumines their entire journey, for it comes from the risen Christ, the morning star which never sets." As members of the faithful, enlightened by Christ, let us speak the truth about life and in so doing, bring the light of truth on this issue to the world.

God created the world in which we live and his love extends to all people. He needs every person to search their heart and find out how they can stand for life. The world needs to hear that every person is valuable because they belong to God.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI
 Bishop of Hamilton

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