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PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY SUNDAY OFFERTORY GIFT (PAG)

Contact Jolanda Squire at ext. 208

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SCHEDULE OF EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
St. Josephine Bakhita (African Caribbean Catholic Community) Mass - 4th Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday No mass
Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 noon
Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Blessed Kateri School 519-675-4410
St. Mark's School 519-675-4421
St. Michael's School 519-675-4424
St. Catherine of Siena School 519-675-4437
Mother Teresa Secondary School 519-675-4433

MINISTRIES TO CHILDREN - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Liturgy of the Word - Grades 2, 3 and 4
Sunday School - Age 3 to Grade 1
Babysitting - Toddlers under age 3

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism - 1st Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. or mass of your choice.

Baptismal Preparation - Contact Sr. Kathy O'Keefe

Marriage - Arrangements to be made at least six months in advance

Marriage Preparation - Weekend Feb 10, 11, 12, 2012

Priesthood/Religious Life - Call Fr. Sample, Fr. Sharp or Sr. O'Keefe

Sacrament of the Sick - available upon request

First Reconciliation (Gr. 2) - registration required in September

First Communion (Gr. 2) - registration required in September

Confirmation (Gr. 8) - registration required in September

Hearing assistance device to hear mass available.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Grand Knight - Bud Jardine


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1st Friday of every month & Benediction at 12:00 noon.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - Noon & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Free Bus Service to 10:30 a.m. Mass

9:50am 64 Wyndham
Blackwater east of Adelaide - Bus Stop
Grenfell just east of Blackwater
Fanshawe/Trossacks - Bus Stop on Corner
770 Fanshawe - east of Fremont (Bus Stop) 
Fanshawe - west of Fremont
Adelaide/Fanshawe - Bus Stop south of Fanshawe
Kipps Lane/Adelaide - Bus Shelter just east of Adelaide
Kipps Lane/Barker
Kipps Lane - Bus Stop east of Barker
Kipps Lane/Kenmore Place - Bus Stop
295 Briarhill
Cheapside/Boullee
Huron/Wedgewood - Bus Stop east of Wedgewood
10:15am Royal York Apts - 3 stops
Go to St. Michaels Church

Items for Bulletin due by noon Monday.

DECEMBER 11TH, 2011 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stewardship Reflection

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken hearted..." - Isaiah 61:1

The Lord God has anointed all of us through Baptism and He has sent each of us on a mission. Each of us has been given unique gifts and talents so that we can help fulfill God's mission here on earth. Are you doing the things Jesus sent you here to do?

Christmas Choir Thank you

Thank you to all the members of the Choirs who provided the beautiful music celebration this past weekend. We were able to raise \$892.65 to go to the Capital Projects of the Parish.

Another wonderful way that the People of God assist and celebrate their love for their Parish Church.

Remembering Tree



As a way to remember those who have died, the Decorating Committee is inviting you to make a donation in memory of your loved one. An ornament with their name will be made. At the end of the Christmas Season we invite you to take it home with you. The donations will help with the purchase of the flowers and the environment for the Christmas Season. Donations can be made through the Remembrance Tree Ornament envelope located at the welcome desk after all masses on the weekend or in the parish office during the week.

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th - 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm and Midnight

Midnight is the traditional time for Mass

when He, who is light, breaks the darkest time of the year and night.
Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th - 8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm

Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, December 31, 2011 - 5:00pm

Sunday, January 1, 2012 - 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 14th - 9:00am-8:00pm

Tuesday, December 20th - 10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, December 21st - 10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7-8:00pm
Every Saturday - 10:00-11:00am & 4:00-4:30pm

CWL Thank you

St. Michael's CWL executive wishes to thank its members and our parishioners for their support at our bake sale last weekend. Funds raised will be used to help the many groups and organizations that count on the Catholic Women's League for their needs.

CWL Members are reminded that there is no January meeting. Watch the bulletin for February details.

SVDP Thank you

St Vincent de Paul Outreach to the Needy thank all who participated in the Angel Tree
Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Outdoor Urns Thank you

A special thank you to Markus Weber and his assistants who created the beautiful warm urns outside the Church. They are a work of beauty. Another wonderful way the People of God assist and celebrate their love for their Parish Church.

Tax Receipts

In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2011 they must be received by the Parish Office by December 31st 2011.

Mass for the Unborn will be held on *Wednesday, December 28, 2011* at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, beginning with the Rosary at 7:00 pm and followed by Mass at 7:30 pm. Bishop Ronald Fabbro will preside. This special celebration is sponsored by the CWL and the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is welcome to attend.

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

Check out the Youth Ministry bulletin boards at the main entrances to the church for other good news in Youth Ministry!

CHRISTMAS CARD ART CONTEST

Deadline extended to Sun Dec 18 at 12:30pm!

Show us your creative side! All youth in grades 5-8 are invited to enter the Christmas Card Art Contest by drawing a Christmas scene/ theme that reflects your Christian faith. Please use 8.5 x 11 paper for your drawing and include your name, grade and school on your artwork. This contest will have a number of prize winners in different categories. All other entries will have their art displayed at the church in Advent. The deadline to hand in your art to the parish is now Sunday December 18. Please place your art in the drop off boxes at the two main entrances of the church.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, GRADES 1-6—Sun Dec 18, 1:30-3:30

Our Parish Youth Ministry is hosting a Children's Christmas Party on Sunday December 18 in the Parish Hall for all youth in grades 1-6 from 1:30-3:30. Come meet some new friends, share some snacks, make a craft and have fun. See you there!

SPORTS SUNDAYS, GRADES 5-8

St. Michael's Parish Youth Ministry will continue to host sports nights every Sunday starting September 18- December 18. Grades 5-8 are invited to come out from 5:00-6:30pm. The location is St. Michael's Catholic School Gym (926 Maitland Street, please enter the side doors by the school yard). There will be a variety of sports such as volleyball, soccer and basketball. Take advantage of this opportunity to get some exercise, meet new friends and have fun! See you there!
The waiver form is found on the parish website and it *must* be signed by a parent and returned at sports nights before youth can participate.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

ATTENTION ALL GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

If you are registered for Confirmation already but missed the Parent/ Candidate Meeting on Tuesday November 29, please make sure that you pick up a copy of the workbook *Confirmation for Teens* as well as three handouts from the meeting at the parish office. Any questions? Please call Natalie at the parish office.

The Confirmation journal project was due on Thurs Dec 8. If you have not already done so, please hand in your journal to the parish office. The "Confirmation for Teens" booklet must be handed in to the parish on the day that you attend your Confirmation Retreat (either Jan 17 or Jan 18, 2012).

Service hours opportunity: If you are interested in decorating placemats that will be used at the Northern Hospitality meal in January, please contact Natalie at the parish office. The placemats would be due back to the office on Jan 12, 2012. We have around 125 placemats that need to be decorated.

TEEN NIGHT – Our Next Gathering...

Thanks to all of the high school students that continue to make our monthly Teen Nights a success! Our next Teen Night will be held in the parish hall on Sunday January 15 from 7-9pm. New high school students are always welcome. Bring a friend!

THE WORD ON THE PAGE - A CREATIVE WRITING BLOG

The Word on the Page, our creative writing group has evolved into an online blog at <http://stmichaelswordonthepage.blogspot.com/>. We will post on a regular basis articles and resources related to creative writing within the spirit of our Catholic faith. Parishioners of all ages are welcome to visit us at this site and share comments and even some of their own works of creative writing.

Christmas Candle Service Mon Dec 19 at 5pm

Holy Family Mausoleum Chapel, St. Peter's Cemetery
candles & seating provided.
For info call 519-451-9120

Please Note:

No Children's Ministries

Christmas-Dec 25, 2011
& New Year's Day
Jan 1, 2012

DECEMBER 11TH, 2011 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for December 12th to 17th

Monday, December 12 - 12 noon

Aleta & Aire Hochstenbach
requested by Marlis Timbeck & Joe Hochstenbach
Intentions of Mr & Mrs. Tony Denomme
requested by Mr & Mrs Doug Denomme & Family
Deceased members of the Chechak Family
requested by The Watt Family

Tuesday, December 13 - 12 noon

Antonio Michienzi requested by John & Luciana Caranci
Savio Jacques requested by Philomena Jacques & Family
Charlotte Pichard requested by Margaret & Grant Sgariglia

Wednesday, December 14 - 8:00 am

Donald Collins requested by Joanne Murphy
John Iwon requested by Angela Bartach
Wib Bruder requested by Steve & Marilyn Morgan

Thursday, December 15 - 12 noon

Dr. Vincent & Angela Callaghan requested by The Family
Katarina Litrop requested by Mary Linaric
John De Luca requested by Ron & Mary Hall

Friday, December 16 - 8:00 am

Silvia Gentile requested by Amabile Gentile & Family
Donald Cowick requested by Judy Eaton & Family
Margaret Brisebois requested by Stephen & Sharon Brisebois

Saturday, December 17 - 9:00 am

Joao Carlos Amaral requested by Gabriella Amaral
Living & Deceased members of the Clayton & Kathryn Looby Family
requested by The Family
Wib Bruder requested by Grant & Margaret Sgariglia



Readings for Next Weekend

December 18th, 2011 Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27
Gospel: Luke 1:38

All those who are sick, including:

**Ryan O'Quinn, Lillian Inglis,
Phil Shepherd, Kathleen Graham,
Larissa Shidlovskaya & Blanche O'Connell.**

And all those who have died, including:

Lawrence Hamilton husband of Giselle Hamilton



Parish Offertory Envelopes for 2012 - Note Changes

To reduce mailing costs, the Parish has decided to **issue Offertory envelopes once a year**, replacing the 4 times a year mailing process.

Parishioners who use envelopes and have not picked up their 2012 envelopes are asked to pick up the box assigned to them in Parish Foyer. They are set out alphabetically. Please note you will have been issued a **new envelope number**. If you do not see your envelope box please add your name and phone number to the sign up list.

As a result of the new process, **old envelope numbers will be not be recognized after Dec 31, 2011**. Please try to make every effort to use the newly assigned envelope number on Jan 1, 2012 envelopes and thereafter. **During the transition, it would helpful if people would write their name and address on all donation envelopes during the Christmas and early 2012 months.** This will ensure proper recording for tax receipts.

Parishioners who use the pre-authorized gift process do not have envelope numbers assigned to them.

Bus Service at the 10:30 am mass will run regular schedule on Sunday Dec 25th, 2011 and Sunday Jan 1st, 2012

Babysitting Schedule

December 18th, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Laura V, Emily & Christina

Sunday Collection Dec 4th, 2011

Regular \$8,696
Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,475
SVDP Outreach \$940

*Thank you for your
continued generosity!*



Lost watch found—several weeks ago someone phoned the parish office about a lost watch. It has since been found but we can't remember who called. If you were the caller please contact Pat at 519-433-6689 ext. 201.



St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

Loose Collection for SVDP is the 2nd Sunday of each month.

ALTAR SERVERS

DEC 17TH & 18TH

5:00 p.m.

Emma Coelho
Madelaine Coelho
Robert Coelho
Mica Guelmo

8:30 a.m.

Ian Talbot
Claire Talbot
Timothy Rebelo
Elyse Scheid

10:30 a.m.

Amar Venga
Anjali Venga
Christopher Lawrence
Jacob Lawrence
Monday Lawrence

12:30 p.m.

Christian Allison
Drew Lefebvre
Alyssa Young
Darryl Murray



*"Serving God With
Gladness!"*

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 12

- 1:00 pm—Faith Sharing Group—Cloak Room
- 6:30 pm—St. Michael's School Advent Celebration
- 7:00 pm—English learning—Cloak Room

Tuesday, December 13

- 4:00 pm—Property & Maintenance—Room D
- 6:30 pm—Bless Kateri School Advent Celebration
- 7:15 pm—Social Justice—Room D

Wednesday, December 14

- 9:00 am to 8:00 pm—Reconciliation
- 9:30 am—Mom & Dads Group—Room E
- 7:00 pm—Youth Commission—Room D
- 7:30 pm—RCIA—Room E
- 8:00 pm—A.A.—Rooms B & C

Thursday, December 15

- 1:00 pm—Cards—Hall
- 3:30 pm—Finance Committee—Cloak Room

Sunday, December 18

- 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm—Christmas Party (Gr. 1 to 6)—Hall
- 2:30 pm—Catholic African Caribbean Mass—Church

Bulletin submissions deadlines for Dec 2011 & early Jan 2012

Sun Dec 18 is Fri Dec 9—12noon
Sun Dec 25 is Mon Dec 12—12noon
and Sun Jan 1 is Fri Dec 16—12noon

Refugee Committee Update on New Refugee Family

Our Iraqi refugee family arrived on November 30, 2011. We have many needs to set up their apartment. Please help as you are able. See our list at [http://www.stmichaels.dioceseoflondon.ca/ministries/Social Justice/Refugee%20Committee/RefugeeNeeds-2011/RequirementsList_a.pdf](http://www.stmichaels.dioceseoflondon.ca/ministries/Social%20Justice/Refugee%20Committee/RefugeeNeeds-2011/RequirementsList_a.pdf)

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