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PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY SUNDAY OFFERTORY GIFT (PAG)

Contact Jolanda Squire at ext. 208

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON Gail Brown

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

St. 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 2:00pm or mass of your choice.

Baptismal Preparation - Contact Fr. Seejo John

Marriage - Arrangements to be made at least six months in advance
Marriage Preparation - Feb 27th, 28th and March 1, 2015

Priesthood/Religious Life - Fr. Murray

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.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL): President - Margaret McGee

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Grand Knight - George J. Rogister

PRAYER LINE: Prayer requests are received at prayerline@rogers.com or call 519-433-6823

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tues, December 16th- 10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm
 Wed, December 17th- 10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm
 Each Saturday - 9:30-10:30 am & 4:00-4:30 pm

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th
 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm & 12:00 midnight
 Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th
 8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm

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

Wednesday, December 31st, 2014 - 5:00pm
 Thursday, January 1st, 2015 - 10:30am & 12:30pm

SYNC YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

Serving Youth in Christ at St. Michael's Parish

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

ADVENT: WAIT FOR THE LIGHT

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35)

What an important messenger this is, Lord. Your Holy Spirit! The Spirit will come upon Mary, Gabriel told her. That Spirit will be the sure sign that God is the Father of Mary's baby. Here I can see you, God, at work: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! In this event I witness my Lord bringing light, life and love to his beloved children. Even me. (From Messengers for the Messiah by Peter Mead)

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING SUN DEC 21, 7-9PM

All families are invited to meet in St. Michael's Parish Hall at 7pm - from there we will go out in the neighbourhood for caroling, followed by a social with hot chocolate and treats. Come out and join us!

TEEN NIGHT

ALL TEENS IN GRADES 9 TO 12 ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR TEEN NIGHTS THAT TAKE PLACE ON THE 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY'S OF THE MONTH. COME JOIN US FOR GAMES, PRAYER, PRIZES, SNACKS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH. INVITE A FRIEND!

**SUN DEC 21 (Meet at Parish Hall at 7pm for Christmas Caroling in neighbourhood followed by treats in the hall),
 SUN JAN 4 AND SUN JAN 18 (in parish hall from 7:30-9pm)**

YOUTH CHOIR – Starting in Jan 2015!

Calling all youth in grades 4-12 who are interested in joining our NEW youth choir! Do you love to sing or play a musical instrument? We are looking for young people to lead our parish in giving God praise and worship at a mass once a month. **Our first practices will be held at the church on Sat Jan 3 and Sat Jan 10 from 3-4pm. The first mass that we will sing at is Sat Jan 10 at the 5pm mass.**

If you are interested in signing up, please email Holly Langohr at: holly.langohr@gmail.com

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!

For Youth Ministry updates, Catholic links and inspirational quotes, be sure to "Like" our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/sync.stm) and follow our Twitter account (@syncstm)

Mass for the Unborn

Mass for the Unborn will be held on Monday, December 29, 2014 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, beginning with the Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy 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.

The Knights Table

Dec 16/14 7:30 pm Executive Meeting

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.

Music Ministry

We are to be a People who give praise to our God. The scripture speak of singing and music as if we're commanded to do so. We need members for every choir.

5:00pm Sat-under Holly Reiter's direction practice Tues at 7:00pm
 8:30am Sun-under Holly Reiter's direction practice Sun at 8:00am
 10:30am Sun-under Mark David's direction practice Thurs at 7:30pm
 12:30pm Sun-under Nando Favaro's direction practice Sun at 11:30am

All are welcome. To sing is to pray twice. (St. Augustine)

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.

S.V.D.P. Angel Tree



Thank you to all who participated with the Angel Tree.

Your gifts are appreciated. Please ensure your **unwrapped gifts are dropped off at the church**

this weekend (Dec13/14) marked with the age and gender

- please note we cannot accept donations after Dec. 15th.

Thank you for your generosity.

Thanksgiving Appeal Collection remains open.

All funds generated during this appeal remain in the parish and help us to meet our financial commitments and to support our many parish ministries, liturgy and outreach. Please consider making a donation to this year's Thanksgiving Appeal. Thank you.

Hospitality

We still encourage people's involvement in welcoming people into the Church before Masses. Ideally we would like at least 4 people at each Mass; 2 at the Maitland St. entrance and 2 in the main foyer. I know that we have so many friendly people here, please consider sharing that joyful spirit with others. We continue to have positive response and we welcome more! Please contact the office to volunteer. Thank you.

2015 Parish Offertory Envelopes

Parishioners who use envelopes are asked to pick up the box assigned to them. They have been set out alphabetically. If you used your 2014 envelopes you will have the same envelope number for 2015. If you do not see your envelope box please add your name and phone number to the sign up list. *Parishioners who use the pre-authorized gift (PAG) process do not have envelope numbers assigned to them.*

CAPITAL CORNER:

Did you know that the first of our capital projects has been completed? The high efficiency twin boilers have been installed and are working well keeping the parish hall toasty warm. It is wonderful that we should not have to be concerned about it for another 30-40 years! Would you like to help out with the *Give to Grow* campaign? We still have room for volunteers to assist us in various roles of the upcoming campaign to ensure the *Foundations for our Future*.

Please contact Mike Whelan at 519-518-2025 ext. 22 or

Greg Masse at 519-902-9494 to take part. Thank You!

Please visit the facebook page linked from the parish website or at

<https://www.facebook.com/givetogrowfoundations/timeline>

"Lord, teach me to be generous" – St. Ignatius of Loyola

DECEMBER 14TH, 2014 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 16 - 12:00 noon

Virgelio Lopes requested by Maria Yuliett
Cathy Palmieri requested by Tony Palmieri
Dr. Douglas Manners requested by The Manners Family

Wednesday, December 17 - 8:00 am

Deceased Members of the McLaughlin Family
Souls in Purgatory requested by Irene Poelman
Christopher Turino requested by Rosa Nufrio

Thursday, December 18 - 12:00 noon

Deceased Members of the Neelamkavil & Manipadam Families
requested by Joseph & Catherine Neelamkavil
Deceased Members of the Rijavec Family
requested by Marcella Rijavec
Deceased Family Members requested by Margaret Jacyno

Friday, December 19 - 8:00 noon

Amy Wills requested by a friend
Kay Small requested by Mabel Dodds
Betty Haggarty requested by The Haggarty Family

Saturday, December 20 - 9:00 am

Al Jasinski requested by Joan & Family
Rogelio Delizo requested by The Delizo Family
Margaret Sgariglia requested by Grant Sgariglia

December 21st, 2014 Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:38

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>



All those who are sick, including:

**Kathleen Kay, Jeff Talbot, Greg Giesen,
Frank Sinko, Wendy Irving, Nel Baltus,
Nick Greeson & Mary Storey.**

And all those who have died, including:

Mary Shirley Ross mother of Janice Vella & Grandma of Kim Weber
Peter Bissell father of Adam Bissell and brother of Laura Stiles
Yvonne Mathys wife of George Mathys
Maria Nunes

Christmas Candle Light Service at St. Peter's Cemetery

Mon Dec 15th/14 at 5:00 pm; In the Holy Family Mausoleum
Candles provided, photo may be placed on a Memorial Table
For more information 519-451-9120.

Memorial Masses at St. Peter's Cemetery

On the 2nd Tues each month, Rosary at 4:00 pm, Mass at 4:30 pm
Everyone is welcome to come to pray for their loved ones.
Tues, Jan 13/15, Feb 10/15, Mar 10/15, Apr 14/15, May 12/15

Tax Receipts

In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2014 they **MUST** be received by the **Parish Office by December 31st 2014**. (Note donations collected at the New Year's Eve Dec 31st 5pm and New Year's Day Jan 1st masses will be receipted in 2015).

Pre-Authorized Giving – P.A.G.

Forget an envelope? Out of town for a holiday? All of the worry about remembering to write your cheque or bring your envelope week after week can be alleviated by enrolling in the Pre-Authorized Giving Program at St. Michael's. The Parish will easily deduct your monthly contribution to the Parish directly and safely from your bank account. We even have slips to add to the collection basket in place of your envelope. It is a guaranteed way to ensure that your support for the church continues completely worry-free. Please contact the office to ask about signing up for the PAG program, or forms to enroll are available at the welcome desk. Thank you for your support of St. Michael's.



Sunday Collection

November 30th, 2014

Regular Offertory \$8,071
Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,293
Thank you for your continued generosity!



St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

SVDP Loose Collection is the 2nd Sun of each month.
Please make cheques payable to St. Michael's Parish
and write on the memo line SVDP.

English Learning

For any person from a non-English speaking country wanting to learn about the Mass and it's responses in English, please come to a class offered on Mondays 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Library Rm.
Note no classes Dec 22 & Dec 29

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 15

- 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm—Community Meal—Hall
- 5:30 pm—English Learning—Library Room

Tuesday, December 16

- 10:00 am to 11:00 am—Art Club—Room E
- 7:00 pm—Baptismal Preparation—Room E
- 7:30 pm—Knights of Columbus Executive—Library Room

Wednesday, December 17

- 10:00 am to 11:00 am—Confessions—Church
- 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm—Confessions—Church
- 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm—Confessions—Church
- 8:00 pm—AA—Room B&C

Thursday, December 18

- 1:00 pm—Cards—Hall
- 1:30 pm—Faith Sharing—Library Room
- 3:30 pm—Finance Meeting—Library Room

Sunday December 21

- 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm—Teen Night—Hall



CWL News

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

Men & Young Men wanting to grow stronger in your faith:

Come to the 3rd Annual Men of Faith Conference

Saturday Jan. 24th, 2014 -- St. Michael's Church, London
Most Rev. Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro *** Dan Moynihan
Patrick Madrid *** www.patrickmadrid.com ***
*** Marshall's Pasta for Lunch ***

Register on-line --- www.famfi.ca --- \$35 /\$25 students
Or call Mike Whelan 519-518-2025 ext. 22



**THE YOUNG AT HEART BRIDGE GROUP
WILL NOT MEET DECEMBER 18, 2015.
PLAY WILL RESUME JANUARY 8, 2015**

Take time to reflect and redirect your path. A Catholic Cursillo weekend can give you that time, and the spiritual food you need for reflection. Everyone is welcome. Cursillo provides a chance for people to recognize and appreciate the presence of the Holy Spirit; touching their hearts and minds and allowing them to better understand His abundant love for each and every one of us. Those who attend a Cursillo Weekend are given an understanding that it is possible to live as a Catholic Christian in normal everyday life and bring His presence and message to our homes and communities.

When? Men's: Feb 26–Mar 1/15 Women's: Mar 5–8/15

Where? Michaelite House, 2751 Sunningdale Rd W London ON N6H 5L2

Cost? \$200 (funding available to those unable to meet this expense)


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