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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 22, 23, 24, 2013

Priesthood/Religious Life - Call Fr. Amszej 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



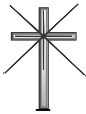
Items for Bulletin due by noon Monday.

DECEMBER 16TH, 2012 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stewardship Reflection

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6-7)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.



Please remember in your prayers the following RCIA candidates who were welcomed at Mass on Dec. 2, 2012 during the Rite of Acceptance. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them on their journey of faith.

They are: Candice Akerman, BrendaLee Benhafed, Susan Daye, Lubin Du, Jennifer Lalonde, Dawn Smith, May Zylstra, Kayla Poole, Kelly Mann & Aileen McQueen.

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Eve, Monday, 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, Tuesday, December 25th-10:00am & 12:00 noon

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

Monday, December 31, 2012- 5:00pm

Tuesday, January 1, 2013 - 9:00am & 11:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 18th-10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, December 19th-10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7-8:00pm

Every Saturday -10:00-11:00am & 4:00-4:30pm

Baptism

We welcome the following children into our Parish Community through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Reanna Gepullano Bentulan, Nicolas Paul Gabriel DaPonte, Qorbin Winston Dumagat, Charlette Vitorja Galea & Addisyn Lynn Opdecam.



SVDP Angel Tree—Thank you

St Vincent de Paul Outreach to the Needy thank all who gave generously to the Angel Tree.

(Please note we cannot accept donations after Dec. 16th)

A Pre-Lenten Retreat For Busy People

Do you wonder how to find the time to participate in a Directed Retreat? Are you asking yourself who can help you to explore questions about prayer and growth in your relationship with God? **A Pre-Lenten Retreat For Busy People** may be a place for you to start. Beginning **Sun Feb 3/13 at 7:00pm**, we will have a time of prayer and retreat in our parish, with Spiritual Directors available to meet with you around your schedule. You need to commit to at least a daily twenty minute prayer time, plus, you will have three scheduled 50 minute meetings with a Retreat Director. On **Fri Feb 8/13 at 7:00pm**, the Retreat will end with a Closing Session and a Social Gathering. If you are interested, brochures are available at the back of the church or for further information contact Sr. Kathy O'Keefe, CSJ at 519-433-6689 Ext. 203.

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 from 7-8pm in the Library Room. (Note: **NO classes on Dec 24 & Dec 31**)

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)

SYNC TEEN NIGHTS – Sun Dec 16, 7:30-9pm

Come on out to our next SYNC Teen Night this Sun Dec 16 from 7:30-9pm we will meet in Room E and then go out caroling. Bring a friend! All youth in high school are welcome to join us!

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If you missed the Confirmation parent/candidate meeting on November 6th, make sure you contact Natalie at the parish office to pick up forms that were handed out that evening. A reminder that the Confirmation Journal Project is now due to the Parish Office.

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.

BRIDGES: A support group for spousal and partner loss that is interactive, engaging and personalized. This is an opportunity to meet with adults and explore ways of understanding and coping with life's changes. The next group will commence Thurs Jan 17/13, 12:30pm - 2:00pm at St. Michael's Parish. To register contact Denise O'Neill, BA, Certified Pastoral Care & Bereavement Coach 519-858-1746.

Bible Study Sessions with Deacon Gaston Mabaya

Come and share the good news with other parishioners during six Bible Study sessions facilitated by Deacon Gaston Mabaya at St Michael's Parish. Sessions will be held on Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 25, and Mar 4 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in Room D. Seats are limited. Please register at the office.

Parish Offertory Envelopes for 2013

Parishioners who use envelopes and have not picked up their 2013 envelopes are asked to pick up the box assigned to them in the Parish Foyer; they are set out alphabetically. 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 process do not have envelope numbers assigned to them.)

St. Mary School Choir and Orchestra Program

St. Mary School has begun the application process for entrance to Grade 5 for 2013/2014

Brochures with application forms will be available in all Catholic elementary schools. Please contact your Principal for further details on the application and audition process or call St. Mary School at 675-4423.

Applications are due to St. Mary School by December 21, 2012.

Application to the program is open to all Grade 4 students of the London District Catholic School Board

DECEMBER 16TH, 2012 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for December 17th to 22nd

Monday, December 17 - 12:00 noon

Intentions of Nel & Jan Baltus requested by The Squire Family
Daisy Patrao requested by Norbert & Philomena & Family
Jackie Flynn requested by Joan & Al Jasinski

Tuesday, December 18 - 12:00 noon

Rev. Rick Hurdle requested by Irene Gilpin
Sylvia Gentile requested by Mary Dall'Armi
Living & Deceased Members of the Wills Family
requested by Sarah Wills

Wednesday, December 19 - 8:00 am

Joseph Dias requested by Agnelo & Doloroso Dias
Mark Tillieu requested by Lieve McPhee
Intentions of the Sisters of St. Joseph
requested by The Children of the C.A.S.

Thursday, December 20 - 12:00 noon

Wib Bruder & Family
For the Deceased Relatives and Friends of the Murray & Feeney
Families requested by Elaine Feeney & Peter
Intentions of Tony & Marie Denomme
requested by Mr & Mrs Doug Denomme & Family

Friday, December 21 - 8:00 noon

Genowefa Amszej requested by Residents of Polonia Towers
Bernard Gawronski & Edward Gawronski
Mark Tellieu requested by Helena Matt

Saturday, December 22 - 9:00 am

Leo & Cecili Mudinger requested by The Family
John Carlos Amaral requested by Gabriela Amaral
Rogelio Delizo requested by Lulu Delizo & Family

Readings for next week

December 23rd, 2012 Fourth Sunday of Advent



First Reading: Micah 5:2-5

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

All those who are sick, including:

**Greg Giesen, Marie White, Lillian Inglis,
Steven Miles, Fernando Marquis, Brian Irving,
Sharon Scribner, Arnold McKee,
Mary Thompson, Garry Goddard &
Walter Janavicius.**

And all those who have died, including:

Helen Gendron of this Parish
Fr. John Murray, C.S.B. cousin of Elaine Feeney
William Plummer brother of Katherine Viner
Jarmila Hollan sister of Albin Kovacic
Huguette Arsenault wife of Omer Arsenault &
Melvin Woods of this Parish.

Mental Health Outreach

You Are Not Alone—An ongoing, faith-based, support group for those supporting someone with a mental illness. Meetings at St. Michael's, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, 2nd and 4th Wed. of the month

New Day—An ongoing, faith-based, support group for those living with mental illness. Meetings at St. Peter's, Rm. 205 every Tues 1:30 – 3:00 pm.

Welcome! If you wish more info on either group, call 433-6689

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

At the 12:30 P.M. Mass the R.C.I.A. candidates will be dismissed to participate in "Breaking Open God's Word." Volunteers are needed to help with Babysitting and Sunday School for the R.C.I.A. candidates' children. If you are interested in volunteering on a weekly basis beginning in January 2013 until the end of March 2013, please contact Sr. Kathy O'Keefe, CSJ or Helen Green at the Parish Office.

Babysitting Schedule

December 23rd, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Melissa Veenvliet
& Emily Oshana

Sunday Collection

December 9th, 2012

Regular \$9,376

Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,234

*Thank you for your
continued generosity!*



Please Note: Some of our Parishioners have allergies and are sensitive to perfume. We invite people to refrain from using perfume and cologne.



St. Vincent de Paul

Outreach

Loose Collection

for SVDP is the **2nd Sunday**
of each month.

ALTAR SERVERS

DECEMBER 22ND & 23RD

5:00 p.m.

Aakaash Dominic
Vikaash Dominic
Mackenzie Mason
Olivia Gatt
Mica Guelmo

8:30 a.m.

Andrew Denomme
Angela Denomme
Noah Townend
Aiden Mohammed-Chevrette

10:30 a.m.

Ryan Ahlers
Nicholas Spangolla
Michael Theriault
Stephan Theriault

12:30 p.m.

Alex Gyenis
Daniel Gyenis
Mauricio Rocha
Valeria Rocha
Patrick Rocha



"Serving God With Gladness!"

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 17

- 1:30 pm—Faith Sharing Group—Library Room
- 7:00 pm—English Learning—Library Room

Tuesday, December 18

- 10-11am, 3-4pm & 7-8pm—Confessions—Church
- 4:00 pm—SVDP—Hall
- 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm—Baptismal Preparation—Room E

Wednesday, December 19

- 10-11am, 3-4pm & 7-8pm—Confessions—Church
- 9:30 am—Mom's & Dad's Group—Room D
- 8:00 pm—A.A.—Rooms B & C

Thursday, December 20

- 3:30 pm—Finance Committee—Library Room

Please Mark Your Calendars

No Sunday School on **Dec 23, 24, 25, 30, 31** & Jan 1
No Children's Liturgy (Gr. 2 to 4) Dec 24, 25, **30, 31** & Jan 1
No Babysitting Dec 24, 25, 31 & Jan 1
Parish Office Closed Dec 24/12 to Jan 2/13
Cards restarts - Jan 10/13 - 1:00 pm
Exposition - Jan 4/13 - 8:30 am to 12:00 noon
Benediction - Jan 4/13 - 12:00 noon
Baptism - Jan 6/13 - 2:00 pm
Teen Night - Jan 6/13 - 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm
English Learning - Jan 7/13 - 7:00 pm
CWL-no meeting in Jan 2013
Property & Maintenance - Jan 8/13 - 4:00 pm
Social Justice - Jan 8/13 - 7:15 pm

John Paul II High School Gr. 8 Parent Info Night

Wed Jan 9, 2013 7:00 pm John Paul II Cafetorium

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