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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 18TH, 2011 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stewardship Reflection

“Do not be afraid, Mary.” - Luke 1:30

It can be a little scary to do as God asks – to give Him the first fruits of our time, talent and treasure. The comforting words the angel spoke to Mary can comfort us, too, when we strive to be good Christian stewards – “Do not be afraid.”

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

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
No Confessions on Saturday December 24th

Baptism

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

Cameron Matthew Egan, Blain Lee Erdodi,

Chloe Elizabeth Hou, Corson Finley William Moise,

Adele Avila Peck, Havana Alice Reaume

& Emilia Victoria Savino



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.

GET FIT IN 2012!

Join the 20 Week Exercise Program, open to men and women, which will enhance your flexibility and strength. This program also allows for the opportunity to build new friendships. Two Sessions will run as follows: **Session 1-Wed. Jan 4 to May 16 from 8:45am-9:30am-\$45.00 & Session 2-Fri. Jan 6 to May 18 from 10:30am-11:15am-\$45.00**

For further information contact Ollie Wolanski at 519-455-1078

Registration on forms located in the foyer.

You are Not Alone!

A friendship and faith-sharing group for people in recovery from mental illness and people supporting loved ones with mental illness. Next meeting is **Monday, December 19, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**, in Room D. For more info, call Cathie Gauthier 519-850-6000.

www.stmichaels.dioceseoflondon.ca

The St. Michael's website contains a lot of information and pictures relevant to our Parish/Community life. Please visit the website often and let us know your thoughts and comments. We are actively seeking content from all areas of our Parish and welcome your input to the attention of Terry McBride at stmichlon@dol.ca

*Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
There have been thefts from vehicles in the parking lot.*

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 PARTY, GRADES 1-6

Sunday December 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.

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.

Tax Receipts

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

Hospital Chaplains

As you know, there have been many changes in Hospital Procedures, including Pastoral Care. As a Catholic, when you are admitted to the hospital you need to request the services of the Priest for a visit or Blessing of the Sick through the Pastoral Care Department. Each of the hospitals in London has a Chaplain assigned to them by the Bishop.

DECEMBER 18TH, 2011 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for December 19th to 23rd

Monday, December 19 - 12 noon

Daniel Goncalves requested by Janet Plaxton
Pauline Mohan requested by Molly McConkey
John Gerald Smith requested by Doug & Audrey Meidinger

Tuesday, December 20 - 12:00 noon

Joseph Dias requested by Dolorosa & Agnelo
Rogelio Delizo requested by Lourdes Delizo
Intentions of Theresa McCluskey requested by Irene Gilpin

Wednesday, December 21 - 8:00 am

Clem Moir requested by Mary Moir & Family
Eric Eaton requested by Judy Eaton & Family
Jo Ann Hall requested by St. Michael's School Community

Thursday, December 22 - 12:00 noon

Fr. Dan Rocheleau requested by Liz & Gerry Nadeau
Leo & Cecile Meidinger requested by The Family
Deceased Relatives & Friends of the Murray & Feeney Families
requested by Elaine Feeney & Peter

Friday, December 23 - 8:00 am

Elmer Merkley requested by Anna Merkley
Cathy Overholt requested by Steve & Marilyn Morgan
Jerome Rapkoski requested by Judy Eaton & Family

Readings for Next Weekend

December 25th, 2011 Nativity of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18



All those who are sick, including:

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

And all those who have died, including:

Blanche O'Connell sister of Lucie Sollazzo
Martin Vanderloop husband of Joanne Vanderloop



SPECIAL CONSIDERATION...

At Christmas time we are happy and grateful that so many people come to celebrate with us. Please try to be considerate in the following matters.

1. Parking...Please try to park carefully so we can get as many cars in the lot as possible, and please be patient. Plenty of parking is available in the neighbourhood, be careful to avoid blocking the driveways of our neighbours.
2. At the 5 p.m. Mass the overflow crowd has, in the past, spilled over into the foyer, sometimes extending beyond the first wash-room and there has been no room to maneuver in the church. We have been very fortunate that an emergency situation has not occurred. Extra chairs will be placed in the church, but once all these are filled, people will be directed to the parish hall where mass will be celebrated. This will not only relieve congestion in the foyer but also in the church and provide a much safer environment should an emergency occur. When we get to an overflow situation, please follow the direction of the ushers.
3. Something most of us can do, not only at Christmas but at other busy Masses throughout the year, is to move toward the center of the pew, allowing others to be seated more readily.

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.

Sunday Collection Dec 11th, 2011

Regular \$13,124
Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,475
SVDP Outreach \$905

*Thank you for your
continued generosity!*

St. Vincent de Paul Outreach
Loose Collection for SVDP is the
2nd Sunday of each month.

Please Note:
No Children's Ministries
Including Babysitting
Christmas-Dec 25, 2011 &
New Year's Day Jan 1, 2012

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 help-ful 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.

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 19

- 1:00 pm—Faith Sharing Group—Cloak Room
- 6:30 pm—St. Mark's School Advent Celebration
- 7:00 pm—English learning—Cloak Room
- 7:00 pm—You Are Not Alone—Room D

Tuesday, December 20

- 10-11am, 3-4pm & 7-8pm—Reconciliation
- 7:00 pm—SVDP—Room D
- 7:30 pm—Baptismal Preparation—Room E

Wednesday, December 21

- 9:30 am—Mom & Dads Group—Room E
- 10-11am, 3-4pm & 7-8pm—Reconciliation
- 8:00 pm—A.A.—Rooms B & C

Friday, December 23

- Parish Office Closed till Jan 2, 2012

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

**Young at Heart cards will start up again in 2012 on
Thursday January 12th at 1pm
Wishing a happy and blessed Christmas to all.**

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

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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