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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.

Stewardship Reflection

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (Luke 21:28)

Images of the final judgment can be scary, especially if we have not been faithful to God’s commands throughout our lives. However, if we have been good stewards, we have left nothing to chance. We have carefully planned our giving and followed Our Lord’s example of service and sacrifice. Thus, no matter the day or the hour we will be ready to stand erect and raise our heads to meet God face to face.



CWL Thank You

St. Michael’s CWL executive wishes to thank its members and our parishioners for their outstanding 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 Christmas Party and Birthright Shower

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the CWL Christmas Social and Birthright Shower on Monday, Dec.3 at 7:00 pm in Room E. It will be a wonderful evening with holiday treats, caroling and a gift exchange (\$5.00 gift limit). Members are also kindly asked to bring a baby gift for our Birthright Shower. Gift suggestions include: unisex clothing to fit children up to 6 months, baby bedding, diapers, bath supplies and Wal-Mart gift cards. Small items for the new mom are also welcome: travel size shampoos, shower gel, etc.

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



St. Michael’s Parish—The Knights of Columbus Council#12820

will be holding a Blood Donor Clinic on Dec 6/12 from 3:30pm – 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Book your appointment now: Canadian Blood Services Call: 1-888 2-DONATE or e-mail blood.ca “Remember...it’s in you to give!”

12820 Council Meeting Tues Dec 4th Officers 7 pm and Members at 7:30 pm

Support Parish Coffee Sunday on Sat Dec15th & Sun Dec 16th



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.

Trust and Hope in the Darkness: Living with Loss at Christmas

This is a retreat experience for individuals who are wondering how to survive the holidays. Your grief may be new or may resurface at special times over the years. The Facilitator, Sr. Pat Hogan, CSJ, is a Certified Grief Counsellor. Join her on Sat. Dec 8/12 from 9:30 am to 3:00pm at the CSJ Residence (485 Windermere Road, London, ON in the 4th Floor Auditorium). Brochures are available in the foyer of the church or contact Sr. Kathy O’Keefe, CSJ (519-433-6689 Ext. 203).

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.

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/>.

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

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

“As we light the first advent candle this weekend, we notice that even one light makes a difference in the darkness! Each week we will light another candle and the light will grow stronger and stronger as we get closer to Christmas, when Jesus was born. We call Jesus “The Light of the World.” The candles help us remember each day that we are waiting for Jesus’ light to come to us once again.”

(from Advent Family Devotions: Wait for the Light by Anne Neuberger)

THE STAR OF CHRISTMAS FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

THIS SUN DEC 2, 1:30-3:30, Parish Hall

Come and journey as a family as we discover the “True Spirit of Christmas.” Songs, games, refreshments and surprises!

SYNC TEEN NIGHTS

Come on out to our next SYNC Teen Nights: Sun Dec 2 from 7:30-9:00 we will meet in St. Michael’s Parish Hall and on 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 due to the Parish Office on Thurs Dec 6.

SVDP Angel Tree



St Vincent de Paul Outreach to the Needy are asking for assistance to help the needy children of our parish. We have placed tags on the Angel Tree for gifts (or donations) with age and gender of the children, near the Cheapside St. entrance of the Church. If you would like to participate, please take a tag and return the **unwrapped gift or donation by the weekend of December 15th/16th, 2012 marked with the age and gender - please note we cannot accept donations after Dec. 16th. Thank you for your generosity.**

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.)*

Tax Receipts

In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2012 they must be received by the Parish Office by December 31st 2012.

We are presently trying to update our lists of persons involved in liturgy, so if you are in a particular liturgical ministry, or are interested in a particular ministry, **please call or email Helen Green at 519-433-6689 X215 or hgreen@dol.ca.** This would include **altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, gift bearers, greeters, welcome desk, music and sacristans.** The goal is to have a Liturgy Committee that will serve the parish by having people attending to all aspects of liturgy, whether it be weekend Masses, weekday Masses, funerals and weddings. We need the names and contact information including email address, so that we can prepare a schedule for each ministry. Blessings to all who serve so that we can participate “actively, consciously and fully”.

DECEMBER 2ND, 2012 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for December 3rd to 8th

Monday, December 3 - 12:00 noon

Olga Delima requested by Jovit & Margaret Mendonca
Bob Peirce requested by Brenda Beretta
Rufina T. & Manue Satorre requested by Maria Theresa M. Batucan

Tuesday, December 4 - 12:00 noon

Bill Smith requested by Elaine Feeney & Peter
Dorothy Tufford requested by Marg Hanlon
Harold Bruder requested by Sarah Wills

Wednesday, December 5 - 8:00 am

Leo & Cecile Meidinger requested by The Family
Wib Bruder & Family
Genowefa Amszej requested by The Buggy Family

Thursday, December 6 - 12:00 noon

Intentions of Sister Cathleen Flynn's Diamond Jubilee
requested by Kevin & Mary Catherine Flynn
Special Intentions of Pauline requested by Bunny & Paul Harris
Genowefa Amszej requested by Irene Gilpin

Friday, December 7 - 8:00 am

Bill Smith requested by Isabell Grylok
Souls in Purgatory requested by Sarah Wills
Florence Stevenson

Saturday, December 8 - 9:00 am

Danilo Tapia Sr. requested by Lulu Delizo & Family
Michael Said requested by Salvina Said & Family
Herbert & Joan Dietrich requested by Jim & Rita Thorne



Readings for next week

December 9th, Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6



All those who are sick, including:

Pauline Akumu, Marie White, Lillian Inglis,
Brian Irving, Harold Bruder, Sharon Scribner,
Mary Thompson, Arnold McKee,
Walter Janavicius & Giuseppe Favaro

And all those who have died, including:

Lawrence Burns brother of Mabel Dodds &
All the names written in the Book of Remembrance

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

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
Ext. 5. Leave a message and someone will return your call.**

Babysitting Schedule

December 9th, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Laura Farquhar,
Andrea Proctor
& Katie Roffey



Sunday Collection

November 25th, 2012

Regular \$7,871.25

Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,231

Thank you for your
continued generosity!



Please Note: Some of our Parish-
ioners have allergies and are sensi-
tive 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 8TH & 9TH

5:00 p.m.

Emma Coelho
Madelaine Coelho
Robert Coelho
Isabell Manuel
Christina Safar

8:30 a.m.

Ian Talbot
Claire Talbot
Timothy Rebelo
Elyse Scheid

10:30 a.m.

Luis Barrios
Jennifer Lopez
Mark Beukeboom
Raleigh Henderson
Ashley Inglis

12:30 p.m.

Helen Lang
Ethan Fisher
Drew Lefebvre
Julien Tremblay



"Serving God With Gladness!"

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 3

- 1:30 pm—Faith Sharing Group—Library Room
- 7:00 pm—CWL—Room E

Tuesday, December 4

- 7:30 pm—Knights of Columbus—Room E

Wednesday, December 5

- 9:30 am—Mom's & Dad's Group—Room D
- 7:30 pm—RCIA—Room E
- 8:00 pm—A.A.—Rooms B & C

Thursday, December 6

- 1:00 pm—Cards—Room E
- 3:30 pm—Blood Donor Clinic—Hall
- 7:30 pm—Cursillo Executive—Room D

Friday, December 7

- 8:30 am to 12:00 noon—Exposition—Church
- 12:00 noon—Benediction—Church

Please Mark Your Calendars

Property & Maintenance - Dec 11 - 4:00 pm

Social Justice - Dec 11 - 7:15 pm

You Are Not Alone - Dec 12 - 7:00 pm

Youth Committee - Dec 12 - 7:00 pm

All Day Confessions - Dec 14 - 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Coffee Sunday - Dec 15-16 - after each mass

African Caribbean Catholic Mass - Dec 16 - 2:30 pm

Baptismal Preparation - Dec 18 - 7:30 pm

Hospital Chaplains

As you know, there have been many changes in Hospital Proce-
dures, including *Pastoral Care*. As a Catholic, when you are ad-
mitted 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 as-
signed to them by the Bishop.

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