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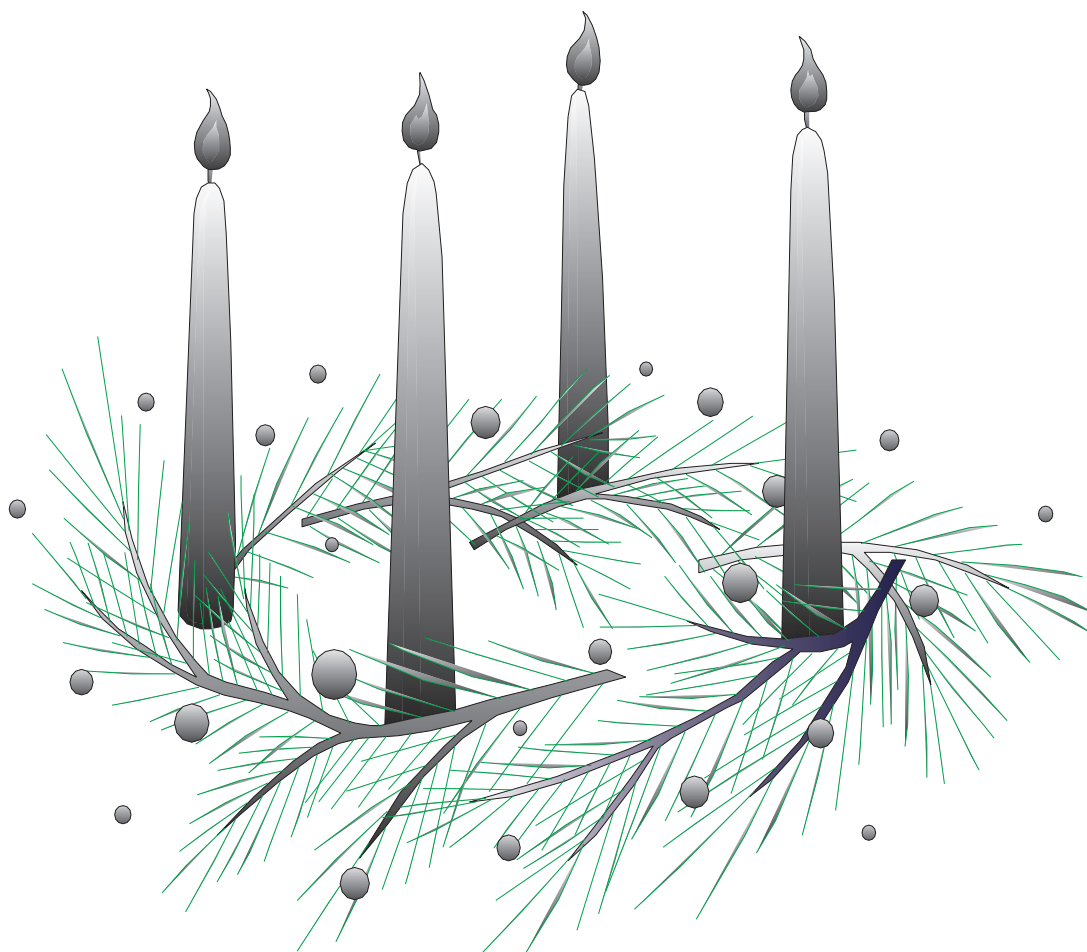
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prepare the way...



ADVENT

DECEMBER 20TH, 2015 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mon, December 21st- 10:00-11:00 am, 3:00-4:00 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th
4:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm & 12:00 midnight
Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th
10:30 am & 12:30 pm



Saturday, December 26 & Sunday, December 27

Regular Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

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

Friday, January 1st, 2016 - 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

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 4:30 pm Mass the overflow crowd has, in the past, spilled over into the foyer, sometimes extending beyond the first washroom and there has been no room to maneuver in the church. We have been very fortunate that an emergency situation has not occurred. Once the church is full, 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.

Baptism

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

*Carly Grace Capone, Kelechi Daniel Uche-Nwankwo,
Karolina Viera Vukšinic, Noelle Easton Winder &
Hayden Elizabeth Winder.*



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.

Seasons Greetings



On behalf of all KNIGHTS from St. Michael's Parish Council 12820 - I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every Parishioner on this very special season

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR

Knights of Columbus George Rogister-Grand Knight

Reduce your Taxes - As the year winds down, you may be thinking about your tax return. As an effective way to reduce your taxes, contributions to the Capital Fund can be claimed as a charitable donation and is a very helpful way to support the parish as 100% of your gift stays within the church. Envelopes are available in the pews.

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!

Sun Dec 20th, YOUNITE & TEENNIGHT

Christmas Caroling

Come sing your heart out with family and friends, we'll be out on the town for an hour and then sipping hot chocolate and snacks afterwards

Meet us in lobby for 7PM!



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)

The Christmas edition of the parish newsletter is now available in the Church! Remember to take home your copy for holiday reading. Take a few copies and share with family, neighbours and friends when you go to Christmas parties or dinners. A wonderful way to share and evangelize!

*On behalf of Father Murray, Father Don and the entire parish staff we wish you a very healthy, happy and blessed Christmas! Thank you for such a wonderful year.
We look forward to more great things in 2016.*

2016 Parish Offertory Envelopes

The 2016 envelopes are still available for pick up in the Parish Narthex this weekend. Parishioners who use envelopes are asked to pick up the box assigned to them. They are set out alphabetically. If you used your 2015 envelopes you will have the same envelope number for 2016. 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. We will not reorder envelopes in 2017 for boxes not picked up this year.

Pre-Authorized Giving – As we move into a new year, please give some thought to joining the preauthorized giving plan for regular offertory. It is safe, it is simple and helps with both administration in the office as well as is considerate of our ecology in reducing the need for the printing of envelopes. A part of effective household budgeting as it is taken the first day of each month

St. Michael's Thanksgiving Appeal

The Thanksgiving campaign continues until the end of the year. If you have not yet made a gift to the Parish, please consider doing so. Remember that your entire donation remains right here at St. Michael's to continue with our programs and for our outreach into the community. Thank you for your commitment and generosity to St. Michael's. Envelopes are available at the usher stations.



CWL News - Bake Sale Great Success! Thank you to our CWL Members and our Parish Community for supporting this event. Funds raised will be used to help the many groups and organizations that count on the Catholic Women's League for their needs. Reminder that there is no January Meeting!
Next Meeting will be on February 1st 2016!

Do you like to read? Is writing an interest of yours? Looking for a way to share your interests with the parish? The Newsletter Committee is actively seeking interested persons to join them in helping to edit and assemble the Parish Newsletter. Sharing the news of all of the ministries, outreach and events with our parish family is important in keeping everyone informed and engaged. If you have the interest in helping out and your gifts can be shared with this committee, please contact the office and leave your name and contact information. Thank you!

DECEMBER 20TH, 2015 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 22 - 12:00 noon

Bill & Marianne McLaughlin
Diane Belanger requested by Claire & Dan Vickery
Margaret Sgariglia requested by Grant Sgariglia

Wednesday, December 23 - 8:00 am

Intentions of Peter VanTol requested by Rev. Murray Sample
Rev. David Butler requested by L. Mary Magliario
Intentions of Rev. Don Pumptis requested by a Parishioner

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm Mass
9:00 pm mass
12:00 Midnight Mass

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:30 am Mass
12:30 pm Mass

Saturday, December 26 & Sunday, December 27

Regular Eucharistic Celebrations
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

December 27th, 2015 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Alternate Readings:

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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



All those who are sick, including:

**Greg Giesen, Gabriel Paiva, Bea Kinahan,
Nick Greeson, Jane Tyers, Eleanor Gil
& Stefan Konigsberger.**

And all those who have died.

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.

Parking - Please remember our parking arrangement here at St. Michael's. Parking during the week is available ONLY along the fence line. All spots beside the church and against the School building are for school staff ONLY. Thank you for continuing to be courteous and respectful.

Tax Receipts - In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2015 they **MUST** be received by the Parish Office by December 31st 2015. (Note donations collected at the New Year's Eve Dec 31st 5pm and New Year's Day Jan 1st masses will be receipted in 2016).

Retrouvaille Weekend: Jan 15-17, 2016

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about, or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 15th-17th, 2016 call 519 243-0687 or email: retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

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



Sunday Collection

December 6th, 2015

Regular offertory \$9,495
Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,216
Thank you for your continued generosity!

Prayer requests/petitions can be submitted to St. Michael's Prayer Line email address prayerline@rogers.com or call 519-433-6823



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.

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 21

- 10-11 am, 3-4 pm & 7-8 pm—Confessions—Church
- 5:30 pm—Community Meal—Hall

Wednesday, December 23

- 8:00 pm—AA—Room B&C

Thursday, December 24

- Parish Office will close at 12 noon

Please Mark Your Calendars

No Sunday School on Dec 24, 25, 27, 31 & Jan 1 & 3
No Children's Liturgy (Gr. 2 to 4) Dec 24, 25, 27, 31 & Jan 1 & 3
No Babysitting Dec 24, 25, 27, 31 & Jan 1 & 3
Community Meal - Dec 28 - 5:30 pm
Exposition - Jan 8/16 - 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Benediction - Jan 8/16 - 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm
CWL - No Meeting in January
Knights of Columbus - Jan 5/16 - 7:30 pm
Art Club - Jan 6/16 - 10:00 am
Seniors on the Move - restarts - Jan 6/16 & Jan 8/16
Young At Heart Cards - restarts - Jan 7/16
Moms Group - restarts - Jan 12/16

Father Don's Bible Study,

'The Bible Timeline—The Story of Salvation' by Jeff Cavins

SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS: All at 7:00 pm

HALL: 01/7, 01/14, 01/28, 02/25, 03/3, 03/10, 03/31, 04/14, 04/28, 05/12, 05/26, 06/9, 06/30

Room E: 02/4, 02/11, 04/7, 05/5, 06/2, 06/16, 06/23

GET FIT IN 2016!

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 6 to May 18 from 8:45am-9:30am-\$45.00 &
Session 2 - Fri Jan 8 to May 20 from 10:30am-11:15am-\$45.00
For more information contact Ollie Wolanski at 519-455-1078. Registration forms located in the foyer.



For your listening pleasure/education/evangelization, select CD topics are available on loan to sign out in the Parish Library located behind the welcome desk in a white binder. ENJOY!

Theology on Tap is a discussion series for Catholic young adults and their friends, married and single, in their 20s & 30s hosted by Holy Family and St. George parish communities. For info visit https://www.facebook.com/ToT.SGHF/timeline?page_internal

London Area Catholic Cursillo Weekend

Men's: Mar 3-6, 2016 & Women's: Mar 10-13, 2016

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