

# St. Michael's Parish

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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 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## Stewardship Reflection

*"She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." - Luke 2:7*

Where is Jesus in your life? Have you made room for Him or is He still in the manger wrapped in rags? If we are living our lives like all the rest of the modern and commercial world, we may be leaving Jesus out. It might be time to pick up this Infant Child and make Him a priority in our lives.

## 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

*Thank you to the Decorating Committee who made the Church so wonderfully decorated for Christmas*

## 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.

**Parish Christmas Newsletter** was recently mailed out. If you have not received one by mail and would like to, please contact the Parish Office. Extra copies are located at the usher stations at the back of the church.

## Gr. 8 Parent Information Night John Paul II Secondary School

Wed. Jan 11, 2012 7:00 pm Come learn about registration & course options. Take a guided school tour.

**Teacher References:** It is the policy of Separate School Boards to ask for a Pastoral Letter from a candidate who is applying for a job. This letter requires the Pastor to witness that the candidate goes to Mass each Sunday and is involved in parish ministry. If you plan on asking for a letter of reference, make sure you are fulfilling the obligation.

## You are called and invited to Serve!

**Did you know** that once you are Confirmed, you are invited to serve the parish as a lector, a Eucharistic Minister or an Usher? You can also serve at Mass by joining one of our choirs or by being an altar server. We would love to have more youth serving as leaders at Mass. Please contact the Parish Office 519-433-6689.

## "Have you ever thought about making a legacy gift to St Michael's Parish in your Will?"

"A legacy gift can leave a legacy of faith and hope to future generations."

If you would like to help St Michaels with such a gift, we encourage you to consult with your financial advisor or lawyer.

[www.stmichaels.dioceseoflondon.ca](http://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](mailto: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!**

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

*God of joy, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may your love inspire us to take extra time to deepen our relationship with you. During this Christmas season may we become faith-filled people who help spread the Gospel in all that we say and do. May the comfort of your presence in our lives lighten our hearts and bring us great joy and peace. Amen!*

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY – Thank You!**

Thank you to all children who attended the Christmas party, it was a fun afternoon. A special thank you to all of our youth volunteers and to our Christmas Party coordinator, Rosa.

### **SPORTS SUNDAYS**

Thank you to all youth in grades 5-8 who have joined us for Sports Sundays. We are grateful especially for the leadership of our coordinator, Chris, and our volunteer, Aurene. Stay tuned for the winter schedule...

### **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 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 place-mats 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 place-mats that need to be decorated.

**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 Fabro will preside. This special celebration is sponsored by the CWL and the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**You Are Not Alone:** - A friendship and faith-sharing group for people in recovery from mental illness and people supporting a loved one with a mental illness. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, 7:00 to 8:30 P.M., at St. Michael's Parish, in Room D. For information, call Cathie Gauthier 519-850-0600, or Deacon Bob/Joanne Hartman 519-473-2263.

### **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 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## Mass Intentions for December 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>

**Tuesday, December 27 - 12:00 noon**

Jose (Joe) Rodrigues requested by Noemia (Emma) Rodrigues  
Flourence Festo requested by St Michael's Pastoral Team & Staff  
Marion Cortese requested by Doug & Terry Brewster

**Wednesday, December 28 - 8:00 am**

Jean Runnalls requested by Richard & Marian Zientara  
Aletha & Aire Hochstenbach  
requested by Marlis Timbeck & Joe Hochstenbach  
Frank Caruana requested by Rosemary Caruana

**Thursday, December 29 - 12:00 noon**

Greg Webb requested by Karin & John Lansink & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. G. China requested by Rose Durand  
Betty Haggarty requested by Frank Haggarty

**Friday, December 30 - 8:00 am**

Tom & Mary Killen requested by Andy & Mary McGuigan  
Pearl Campbell requested by Andy & Mary McGuigan  
John Iwon requested by Mary Wisniewski

**Saturday, December 31 - 9:00 am**

Special Intentions of Ivanke Vuksaic  
requested by Rev. Murray Sample  
Special Intentions of Sr. Kathy O'Keefe  
requested by Rev. Murray Sample  
Wib Bruder and Family

### Readings for Next Weekend

**January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 Mary, Mother of God**

**First Reading:** Numbers 6:22-27

**Second Reading:** Galatians 4:4-7

**Gospel:** Luke 2:16-21



*All those who are sick, including:*

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

*And all those who have died.*

### Thank you

A special thank you to all of our Parish families who are participating in our monthly Pre-Authorized Gift Giving, it certainly helps with our ongoing financial planning and expense management. We presently have 184 families participating.

### Medaille Retreat House

Has many upcoming programs, retreats. For more information phone (519) 641-1379 or email [medaille@csj.london.on.ca](mailto:medaille@csj.london.on.ca).

### Holy Family Retreat House - Oxley ON

For information on retreats at the Holy Family Retreat House please visit their web site at [www.holyfamilyrh.com](http://www.holyfamilyrh.com) or phone 519-738-6136.

### Land of St. Paul and St. John

Have you ever read the Letter of St. Paul or the Gospel of St. John and wondered about where did they proclaim this message about Jesus?

September 6-19, 2012 I will be acting Chaplain to a Group of Pilgrims, who are going to walk in the footsteps of St. John and St. Paul. We are going to visit Turkey and go to Istanbul, Cappadocia, Pamukkale, Kusadasi, Ismir and Ephesus. If you are interested in the details please contact Joan Bolt at 519-471-6373.

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

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

### St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

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

### 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 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**

**Parish Office will reopen Tuesday, Jan 3, 2012**

**Wednesday, December 28**

- 8:00 pm—A.A.—Rooms B & C

**Bus Service at the 10:30 am mass will run regular schedule on Sunday January 1st, 2012**

**Mom and Dads Group will start up again in 2012 on Wednesday, January 11th at 9:30 am**

### First Friday Day of Adoration before Blessed Sacrament

Each first Friday from 8 am to 12 noon the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar for adoration. We invite you to spend some time in prayer for vocations, vocations to Marriage, Priesthood, Diaconate, Religious Life or Single Life. These vocations which are invitations to show God's love to the World. Next First Friday is January 6th, 2012.

**Young at Heart cards will start up again in 2012 on Thursday, January 12th at 1:00 pm**  
**Wishing a happy and blessed Christmas to all.**

### 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_Justice/Refugee%20Committee/RefugeeNeeds-2011/RequirementsList_a.pdf)

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