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**Stewardship Reflection**

“Beloved, see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.” (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let’s also remember the gifts that God has given to us, including the gift of making us His children. Are we as grateful for that wonderful gift as we are for all the material gifts we have received? How do we show our gratitude to God for the gifts He gives to us all year?

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

Monday, December 31, 2012 - 5:00pm

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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

At the 12:30 pm 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.

**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 class on Dec 31**)

**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.

**John Paul II High School Gr. 8 Parent Info Night**

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

**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.

**First Communion Parents Meeting Date Changed**

First Communion parents meeting has been changed from January 15, 2013 to **February 5, 2013 at 7 p.m.**

**London Cursillo Weekends**

**Make a friend, Be a Friend, Bring a friend to Christ**

Men’s Weekend Feb 21-24, 2013

Women’s Weekend Feb 28-Mar 3, 2013

Contact Rick & Dorothy Kay 519-633-0716 or rdkay@rogers.com

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

**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!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FROM ST. MICHAEL’S YOUTH COMMISSION. MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH JOY, HOPE AND PEACE.**

**SYNC TEEN NIGHTS**

This year we continue our successful Teen Night events and we’ll meet twice every month. If you are in grades 9-12 come on out and have a great time playing wacky games and fun sports, listening to thoughtful speakers, joining in with intimate prayer times and making a lot of new friends. Our meeting dates in January are Sun Jan 6 and Sun Jan 20 from 7:30-9:00pm in the parish hall. See you there! Bring a friend!

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

A reminder that the Confirmation Journal Project is now due to the Parish Office.

The first Confirmation class for those who attend public school, private school or high school will be held on Tues Jan 22 from 7-8:30pm in Room E. The other classes are Tues Jan 29, Tues Feb 5 and Tues Feb 12. No need to register, just show up!

**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.

**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.**

**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.)

**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/>.

**Bulletin & Newsletter Advertisements** A special thank you goes out to all who purchase advertising space in our parish newsletter and on the back of the bulletin. The purchase of these spaces helps offset the cost of the newsletter and bulletin. Please support these businesses as they support us.

# DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 HOLY FAMILY

## Mass Intentions for January 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

**Tuesday, January 1– 9:00 am & 12:00 noon**  
Feast of Mary Mother of God - No Intentions

**Wednesday, January 2 - 8:00 am**  
Bob Peirce requested by The Brennan Family  
The Intentions of Almerinda Machado  
Amedee Janisse requested by Sr. Caroline Bering

**Thursday, January 3 - 12:00 noon**  
Rose Marie Beretta requested by The Family  
Intentions of Dave Kennedy requested by Nick & Candace Schiestel  
Deceased members of the Scottu & Granger Families  
requested by Bob & Rosemarie Granger

**Friday, January 4 - 8:00 am**  
Genowefa Amszej requested by Regina Przytulski  
John Neo requested by Mary DeCoste  
Intentions of the Van Der Hoff Family  
requested by The Crombeen Family

**Saturday, January 5 - 9:00 am**  
Bernard Flanagan requested by Mary Flanagan  
Jim Sandford requested by Agnes Sandford & Family  
Michael Said requested by Salvina Said & Family

### Readings for next week January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Epiphany of the Lord

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6  
**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12



## Babysitting Schedule

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
10:30 a.m.  
Ann Thompson  
& Megan Hopkins

## Sunday Collection December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Regular \$11,332  
Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,234

*Thank you for your  
continued generosity!*



## Tax Receipts

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



## St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

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

## ALTAR SERVERS

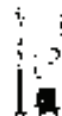
JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup>

**5:00 p.m.**  
Madison Westlake  
Vivian Li  
Sachu Jinson  
Cyriac Jinson  
Ian Bagnas

**8:30 a.m.**  
Zachary Colquhoun  
Kaitlyn Colquhoun  
Kallen Merrison

**10:30 a.m.**  
Christopher Lawrence  
Jacob Lawrence  
Keaghan Campbell  
Braeden Campbell  
Jaeden Gubbles

**12:30 p.m.**  
Stephanie Rae  
Brennan Rae  
Alyssa Young  
Christian Allison



*"Serving God With Gladness!"*

*All those who are sick, including:*

**Greg Giesen, Marie White, Lillian Inglis,  
Steven Miles, Brian Irving, Arnold McKee,  
Garry Goddard, Roberto Mrakicht,  
Kathleen Graham & Walter Janavicius.**

*And all those who have died, including:*

**Sister Rita Coyne** of the Sisters of St. Joseph,  
**Eva Gauthier** mother of Bob Gauthier &  
**Joseph Miles** son of Jean Miles.

## 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 176 families participating.



## This Week at St. Michael's

### Monday, December 31– New Years Eve

- Parish Office Closed
- 5:00 pm—Mass

### Tuesday, January 1– New Years Day

- Parish Office Closed
- 9:00 am & 11:00 am—Mass

### Wednesday, January 2

- 8:00 pm—A.A.—Rooms B & C

### Friday, January 4

- 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Exposition—Church
- 12:00 noon—Benediction—Church

### Sunday, January 6

- 8:20 pm—Baptism—Church
- 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm—Teen Night—Hall

## Please Mark Your Calendars

No Sunday School on Dec 31 & Jan 1  
No Children's Liturgy (Gr. 2 to 4) Dec 31 & Jan 1  
No Babysitting Dec 31 & Jan 1  
Parish Office reopens on Jan 2/13  
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  
Knights of Columbus - Jan 8/13 - 7:30 pm  
Seniors On The Move Exercise restart - Jan 9 & 11  
Cards restart - Jan 10/13 - 1:00 pm

## 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.



## PENNIES FOR POVERTY CAMPAIGN SPONSORED BY YOUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THIS FEBRUARY 2013 the Canadian penny is going out of circulation. Currently we are collecting as many of these pennies as we can to provide support to those in NEED. 25% of the proceeds will go to St Vincent de Paul. Please support the Knight's THE PENNIES FOR POVERTY CAMPAIGN.

Two containers are located at the back of the church (by the usher stations) they are labeled Pennies for Poverty with a KOC sign. The be placed inside the church during all masses with the exception of the second week of the month which is for the St Vincent de Paul loose change collection. For security reasons they will be removed from the Church after the 5 pm mass on Saturday and after the 12:30 pm mass on Sunday.

**YOUR GENEROSITY & SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED**  
**Bud Jardine -GRAND KNIGHT -COUNCIL 12820**

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