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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 4TH, 2011 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stewardship Reflection

"John was clothed in camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist." - Mark 1:6

St. John the Baptist's Advent message is, "Prepare, Prepare, Prepare." This is very different from the media's Christmas message of "Buy, Buy, Buy." At this time of the year the good steward is most definitely challenged to embrace the simplicity of St. John the Baptist more than the commercialism of the season.

Christmas Fund Raising Concert Dec 4th at 4:00pm to 6:00pm

The four Choirs from the Parish and guest performers will provide a concert with a sing-a-long of great Christmas Carols. Funds raised to go to the Capital Projects of the Parish.

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.

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 helpful 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.

CWL Christmas Social and Birthright Shower

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the CWL Christmas Social and Birthright Shower on **Monday, Dec 5 at 7 pm in Room E**. It will be a wonderful evening with holiday treats, carolling and a gift exchange (\$5.00 gift limit). Members are also kindly asked to bring a baby gift for our Birthright Baby Shower.

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 11th, 2011 marked with the age and gender** - please note we cannot accept donations after Dec. 11th.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

Check out the Youth Ministry bulletin boards at the main entrances to the church for other good news in Youth Ministry!

TEEN NIGHT Christmas is Coming...

THIS Sunday December 4, 7-9pm

All high school students are welcome to come join us for games, prizes, snacks, and prayer as we prepare for the season of Christmas. The first two Teen Nights were a huge success! You won't want to miss this one! New youth are always welcome, so bring a friend.

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.**

CHRISTMAS CARD ART CONTEST

Show us your creative side! **All youth in grades 5-8** are invited to enter the Christmas Card Art Contest by drawing a Christmas scene/theme that reflects your Christian faith. Please use 8.5 x 11 paper for your drawing and include your name, grade and school on your artwork. This contest will have a number of prize winners in different categories. All other entries will have their art displayed at the church in Advent. **The deadline to hand in your art to the parish office is Sunday December 11.** Please see the Youth Ministry bulletin boards for further instructions!

CHRISTMAS PARTY, GRADES 1-6 Sun Dec 18th, 1:30-3:30pm

Our Parish Youth Ministry is hosting a Children's Christmas Party on Sun Dec 18 in the Parish Hall from 1:30-3:30pm. Come meet some new friends, share some snacks, make a craft and have fun. See you there!

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

ATTENTION ALL GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

If you still wish to register for Confirmation, you must contact Natalie in the Parish Office at 433-6689 ext 206. If you are registered for Confirmation already but missed the Parent/Candidate Meeting this past Tuesday November 29, please make sure that you pick up the **three forms** with the journal project, frequently asked questions, important dates and service hours. You must also pick up a copy of the workbook *Confirmation for Teens* at the office.

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.

Please Note:

No Children's Ministries

Christmas-Dec 25, 2011 & New Year's Day-Jan 1, 2012

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.

Thank you

A special thank you to all of our Parish families who are participating in our monthly Pre-Authorized Gift Giving (PAG), it certainly helps with our ongoing financial planning and expense management. We presently have 185 families participating.

DECEMBER 4TH, 2011 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for December 5th to 10th

Monday, December 5 - 12noon

Jeanne Britton & Oneita Prosser requested by Tom & Marg Prosser
Cathy Marinelli requested by Ann Tonkin
Pauline Mohan requested by Patrick McConkey

Tuesday, December 6 - 12:00 noon

Leo & Cecile Meidinger requested by The Family
In Celebration of Pauline Geiger requested by Paul & Bunny Harris
Charlotte Pichard requested by Margaret & Grant Sgariglia

Wednesday, December 7 - 8:00 am

Peter McIntyre
Clem Moir requested by Mary Moir & Family
Cathy Overholt requested by Kathleen VanAlphen

Thursday, December 8 - 12:00 noon

Danilo Topia requested by The Topia Family
Raymond Moir requested by Ilene Moir & Family
Jo-Anne Walker requested by Ron & Mary Hall

Friday, December 9 - 8:00 am

Clem Moir requested by George & Mary Vannie
Intentions of Sr. Mary Immaculate requested by Mary Ann Moughtin
Doddie Keller requested by The Shearon Family

Saturday, December 10 - 9:00 am

Lin Swee Lee requested by Linda Lee
Gertrude Scheid requested by Rita Trainor & Family
Wib Bruder requested by Rita Trainor & Family

Readings for Next Weekend

December 11th, 2011 Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28



All those who are sick, including:

**Ryan O'Quinn, Lillian Inglis,
Phil Shepherd, Kathleen Graham,
& Blanche O'Connell.**

And all those who have died, including:

Erman Cavaliere husband of Lucia Cavaliere,
John Dunning brother of Peter Dunning,
Aire Hochstenbach brother of Marlis Timbeck.

Refugee Committee Update on New Refugee Family

Our Iraqi refugee family arrived Wednesday, November 30, 2011. 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

Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast Sun Dec 11, 2011

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM St. Michael's Parish Hall
Tickets available at the Door

St. Mary School Choir and Orchestra Program

St. Mary School has begun the application process for entrance to Grade 5 for 2012/2013.

For details on the application and audition process or call St. Mary School at 675-4423. Applications are due to St. Mary School by December 23, 2011.

Application to the program is open to all Grade 4 students of the London District Catholic School Board

Babysitting Schedule

December 11th, 2011

10:30 a.m.

Erin N., Victoria & Alex



Sunday Collection

Nov 27th, 2011

Regular \$9,109
Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,396
SVDP Outreach \$610

*Thank you for your
continued generosity!*



St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

Loose Collection for SVDP is the 2nd Sunday of each month. The SVDP stores are in need of furniture donations particularly kitchen tables & chairs, dressers and end tables.

ALTAR SERVERS

DEC 10TH & 11TH

5:00 p.m.

Vikaash Dominic
Aakaash Dominic
Mackenzie Mason
Olivia Gatt

8:30 a.m.

Angela Denomme
Andrew Denomme
Elyse Scheid
Stephen McIver

10:30 a.m.

Ryan Ahlers
Alex Bradbury
Keaghan Campbell
Braedan Campbell

12:30 p.m.

Mauricio Rocha
Valeria Rocha
Alex Gyenis
Daniel Gyenis



*"Serving God With
Gladness!"*

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 5

- 1:00 pm—Faith Sharing Group—Cloak Room
- 7:00 pm—CWL—Room E
- 7:00 pm—English learning—Cloak Room

Tuesday, December 6

- 7:30 pm—Knights of Columbus—Room E

Wednesday, December 7

- 9:30 am—Moms & Dads Group—Room E
- 7:30 pm—RCIA—Room E
- 8:00 pm—A.A.—Rooms B & C

Thursday, December 8

- 1:00 pm—Cards—Hall

Sunday, December 11

- Knights of Columbus Breakfast—Hall
- 2:00 pm—Baptisms—Church

Please Mark Your Calendars

CWL - Dec 5 - 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus - Dec 6 - 7:30 pm
Property & Maintenance - Dec 13 - 4:00 pm
Social Justice - Dec 13 - 7:15 pm
Youth Commission - Dec 14 - Room D
Christmas Party (Gr. 1-6) - Dec 18 - Hall
African Caribbean Catholic Mass - Dec 18 - 2:30 pm
Reconciliation - Dec 14 - 9:00am to 8:00pm (note :NOT on 16th)
Reconciliation - Dec 20 & 21 - 10-11am, 3-4pm & 7-8pm
Reconciliation - Every Saturday 10-11am & 4-4:30pm

St. Michael Catholic School – 100th Anniversary (1912-2012)

The school community of St. Michael Catholic School is pleased to announce that we will be celebrating our 100th anniversary in 2012. We encourage former students, parents and staff to come out and learn how to get involved. Please contact the school for more information (519) 675-4424.

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