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PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY SUNDAY OFFERTORY GIFT (PAG)

Contact Jolanda Squire at ext. 208

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON Gail Brown

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

St. 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 2:00pm or mass of your choice.

Baptismal Preparation - Contact Fr. Seejo John

Marriage - Arrangements to be made at least six months in advance

Marriage Preparation - Feb 27th, 28th and March 1, 2015

Priesthood/Religious Life - Fr. Murray

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.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL): President - Margaret McGee

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Grand Knight - George J. Rogister

PRAYER LINE: Prayer requests are received at prayerline@rogers.com or call 519-433-6823

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.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW CATHOLICS
AT THE EASTER VIGIL**

Congratulations to the following persons who were fully received into the Catholic Church on Nov 22, 2014:

Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation:

Abigail Andersen, Nina Andersen, Mading Chuang, Nyanbeny Chuang, Agar Lueth, Riak Lueth.

Sacraments of Profession of Faith, Eucharist and Confirmation:

Barbara Christensen and Nella Christensen

Sacrament of Eucharist:

Makuac Riak Aculh

We pray for all these young people and hope that now that the seeds of faith have been planted, that we as a faith community will "water and fertilize" them to grow stronger in their faith.

A huge "THANK YOU" to Louanne Henderson who journeyed with them, encouraged them and prepared them to be fully received into the Catholic faith."



S.V.D.P. Angel Tree

St. Vincent de Paul Outreach are asking for assistance to help the needy children in our community. On the Angel Tree in the Church, we have placed tags with the age and gender of a child. Please consider being an 'angel' and taking a tag from the tree and return an unwrapped gift that would be appropriate for that child by the weekend of December 13-14th. Please return your gift with the tag ATTACHED to the gift. Monetary donations would also be gladly accepted. We cannot accept gifts after December 15. Also, any extra wrapping paper would be welcomed. It could be placed under the tree also. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Michael's Annual Christmas Concert

Sun Dec 7th at 7:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Hall



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.

Christmas Social Coffee Sunday

The Social Committee would like to invite parishioners to donate some of their Christmas baking for our Christmas Social Coffee Sunday next weekend, December 13/14. Please bring your family's favourite cookies or squares to the church kitchen before all masses that weekend. We look forward to our parish family gathering together in the Parish Hall to enjoy these delicious Christmas treats along with some warm mulled apple juice and refreshments. To help with your Christmas shopping, our parishioners who came from Cameroon, will be selling their handmade crafts which would make a perfect and unique Christmas gift. All profits from their sales will be sent to villages in Cameroon to support their families.

CAPITAL CORNER:

How would you like to take an active role in helping the Give to Grow campaign achieve our goal? We are still requesting volunteers to assist us in various roles of the upcoming campaign to ensure the Foundations for our Future. Please contact Mike Whelan at 519-518-2025 ext. 22 or Greg Masse at 519-902-9494 to take part. Thank You!

Please visit the facebook page linked from the parish website or at <https://www.facebook.com/givetogrowfoundations/timeline> "Lord, teach me to be generous" – St. Ignatius of Loyola

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!

ADVENT: WAIT FOR THE LIGHT

Gabriel appeared to Mary and said, "Congratulations, favoured lady! The Lord is with you." Luke 1:28

Do you sometimes find yourself in a sticky situation and wonder what God wants you to do? A few people in the Bible didn't have to wonder at all. An angel told them exactly what to do! The angel Gabriel told Mary that God wanted her to be the mother of his Son. Imagine getting a message like that. Angels don't usually talk to us, but we do have God's promise that his angels protect us. And that gives us courage to be God's people – in every situation.

After dinner, talk about situations in which you didn't know what to do. A bully at school? When your friends gossiped? Remember you are God's child. Pray for God's help.

"JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM" CHRISTMAS FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

SUN DEC 7, 11:30am-2:30pm, Parish Hall

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

Join us in the hall after the 10:30am or 12:30pm masses.

TEEN NIGHT

ALL TEENS IN GRADES 9 TO 12 ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR TEEN NIGHTS THAT TAKE PLACE ON THE 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY'S OF THE MONTH. COME JOIN US FOR GAMES, PRAYER, PRIZES, SNACKS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH. INVITE A FRIEND!

Upcoming Teen Nights: SUN DEC 7 (Meet in Church for 7pm to enjoy parish Christmas Concert), SUN DEC 21 (Meet at Parish Hall at 7pm for Christmas Caroling in neighbourhood followed by treats in the hall)

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING SUN DEC 21, 7-9PM

All families are invited to meet in St. Michael's Parish Hall at 7pm - from there we will go out in the neighbourhood for caroling, followed by a social with hot chocolate and treats. Come out and join us!

YOUTH CHOIR

Calling all youth in grades 4-12 who are interested in joining our NEW youth choir! Do you love to sing or play a musical instrument? We are looking for young people to lead our parish in giving God praise and worship at a mass once a month. We are planning to get started in Jan 2015. Practices will be held on the 1st and 2nd Sat of the month from 3-4pm at the church. The youth choir will lead music on the 2nd weekend of the month, at a different mass each month (Jan 10 at 5pm, Feb 15 at 8:30am, March 15 at 10:30am, April 12 at 12:30pm, May 9 at 5pm, June 14 at 8:30am). If you are interested in signing up, please email Holly Langohr at: holly.langohr@gmail.com

The Knights Table



Dec 14/14 Immaculate Conception Prayer Program
Dec 16/14 7:30 pm Executive Meeting

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.

Your generous donations of baby items for Birthright are also greatly appreciated.

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

Thanksgiving Appeal Collection remains open.

All funds generated during this appeal remain in the parish and help us to meet our financial commitments and to support our many parish ministries, liturgy and outreach. Please consider making a donation to this year's Thanksgiving Appeal. Thank you.

DECEMBER 7TH, 2014 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 8 - 12 noon

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mario Palmieri requested by Sofia Palmieri
Teresa Skrinda requested by Majella Skrinda & Family
Deceased Members of the Komarek & Sidlo Families
requested by Blanche & Henry Komarek

Tuesday, December 9 - 12 noon

Danito Tapia Sr. requested by The Delizo Family
Dr. Vincent & Angela Callaghan requested by The Family
Lucy Quigley requested by Mary & Ron Hall

Wednesday, December 10 - 8:00 am

Huguette Arsenault requested by Omer Arsenault
Bill & Marianne McLaughlin
Norm Jolicoeur requested by Jim & Rita Thorne

Thursday, December 11 - 12 noon

Harry & David vander Linden requested by Adrian vander Linden
Paul Beales requested by Tom & Kath Kinahan
Bill Metcalfe requested by Kath & Tom Kinahan

Friday, December 12 - 8:00 am

Intentions of Fr. Frank O'Connor requested by Irene Poelmann
Donna Koenen requested by Joan Jasinski
Sara Wills requested by A friend

Saturday, December 13 - 9:00 am

Mary Josephine Joseph requested by Jennifer
Josephine Said requested by Mary Bugeja
Silvia Gentile requested by Anne Marie & Peter Verlaan

December 7th, 2014 Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-8

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



All those who are sick, including:

**Kathleen Kay, Jeff Talbot, Greg Giesen, Fred Sinko,
Wendy Irving, Nel Baltus, Peter Bissell,
Nick Greeson & Mary Storey.**

And all those who have died, including:

Ken Squire father of Phil Squire, grandfather of Jake and Kendra
Lucien Sandrin

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.

Tues, Dec 9/14 & Jan 13/15.

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th
5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm & 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th
8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday, December 12th - 8:30am-7:30pm

Tuesday, December 16th - 10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm

Wed, December 17th - 10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7-8:00pm

Each Saturday - 9:30-10:30 am & 4:00-4:30 pm

2015 Parish Offertory Envelopes

Parishioners who use envelopes are asked to pick up the box assigned to them. They have been set out alphabetically. If you used your 2014 envelopes you will have the same envelope number for 2015. 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.



Sunday Collection

November 23rd, 2014

Regular Offertory \$8,069
Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,293
Thank you for your continued generosity!



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.

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 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Library Rm.

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 8

- 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm—Community Meal—Hall
- 5:30 pm—English Learning—Library Room

Tuesday, December 9

- 10:00 am to 11:00 am—Art Club—Hall
- 4:00 pm—Property & Maintenance—Library Room
- 7:15 pm—Social Justice—Room D

Wednesday, December 10

- 9:30 am—Mom's Group—Room E
- 7:00 pm—You Are Not Alone (YANA)—Library Room
- 7:00 pm—Rosary Guild—Babysitting Room
- 7:30 pm—RCIA—Room E
- 7:30 pm—Youth Commission—Room D
- 8:00 pm—AA—Room B&C

Thursday, December 11

- 1:00 pm—Cards—Hall
- 1:30 pm—Faith Sharing—Library Room
- 7:00 pm—Usher's Meeting—Church
- 7:30 pm—Bible Study—Room E

Friday, December 12

- 8:30 am to 7:30 pm—All Day Confession—Church

Saturday December 13 & Sunday December 14

- Coffee Sunday after all masses—Hall

Advent Books

Our selection of books for Advent prayer and preparation continue to be on sale this weekend at the back of the Church. They are guides for Advent preparation and reflection. The children's books are nearly all gone. What an engaging way to help your children prepare for Christmas. Each book is offered at \$3.00 each or 2 books for \$5.00.

Hospitality

Hospitality is one of the hallmarks of being a Christian. We continue to seek your assistance in welcoming people into the Church before Masses. We would like at least 4 people at each Mass; 2 at the Maitland St. entrance and 2 in the main foyer. I know that we have so many friendly people here, please consider sharing that joyful spirit with others. We have had some positive response, we would welcome more! Please contact the office to volunteer. Thank you.

You Are Not Alone

Are you giving support to a person with a mental illness? Come share your wisdom and resources, lighten your worries and deepen your faith. Our last meeting before Christmas is 7:00 on Wed. Dec. 10th at St. Michael's. Christmas can be stressful! Mark your calendar. All welcome. For more information call Cathie at 519-850-0600

Two Pilgrimage Opportunities


Holy Land 13-day Mar 5-17/15 with Fr. Jim Higgins
Turkey 15-day May 7-21/15 with Fr. Vince Gulikers
For info call Joan Bolt 519-471-6373

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