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PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY SUNDAY OFFERTORY GIFT (PAG)

Contact Jolanda Squire at ext. 208

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON Corrie Gicante

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 Anne Hanley

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

Marriage Preparation – Feb 28-Mar 2, 2014 Call the Parish Office

Priesthood/Religious Life – Call Fr. Amszej or 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Grand Knight - Bud Jardine

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: President - Margaret McGee

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.

Baptism

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

*Zachary Kevin Bordin, Ridley Michael Cresswell,
Adriana Brooklyn Kish, Eleanor Sage McHardy,
Emmett Reid Szabo & Luke Michael Vergeer*



Congratulations to
Benoit Pinoit & Jessica McIlmoyl
Who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage
On November 23rd, 2013



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. Special thanks to Corrie Gicante and Bill McIver for their donation of apples for the pies. 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.



St. Michael's Christmas Concert
Sunday December 15th at 7:00 pm



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 14th/15th, 2013 marked with the age and gender - please note we cannot accept donations after Dec. 16th.** Thank you for your generosity.



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.

Recall of new Sunday Missals for 2013 – 2014

Please look in your new Missals around mid April into May 2014 for misplaced or missing pages. New copies have arrived in the Parish Office. If you have a faulty copy please bring it into the Parish Office and exchange it for a complete copy.

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, **Dec. 14/15**. Please bring your family's favourite cookies or squares to the church kitchen on Saturday afternoon between 2 and 5 pm or Sunday between 8:30 and 10:30 am. We look forward to our parish family gathering together in the Parish Hall after each mass to enjoy these delicious Christmas treats along with some warm mulled apple juice and refreshments. Thank you!

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.

THE STAR OF CHRISTMAS FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

SUN DEC 8, 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.

S.Y.N.C. TEEN NIGHT – Christmas Caroling

All high school students are invited to join us on Sun Dec 15 at 7:30pm in the parish hall. We will then go out Christmas caroling in the parish neighbourhood and return to the parish hall for some hot chocolate and goodies. Parents are invited to join us!

Synod 2014: Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization

Pope Francis recently announced that an Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops would be held in Oct 2014 on the theme of Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization.

You are invited to participate in the preparation for this Synod by responding to a series of online survey questions, at www.synod.dol.ca.

Responses **deadline is Dec16** so that they may be collated and forwarded to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) by Dec 31. The CCCB will collect all of the responses from all the dioceses in Canada and send them to the Vatican by the end of Jan.

Disaster relief donation cheques for "Philippines Relief Fund" to be directed to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) should be **made payable to St. Michael's Parish** and on the memo line written "Philippines Relief Fund".

Mark your Calendars for the

January Saturday Series 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Parishioner Carole Murphy will share with us her learning, experience and expertise in the area of Caregiving and concerns around Dementia.

Saturday, January 11th: Healthy Habits for Caregiving

Saturday, January 18th: Information on Alzheimer Disease and other Dementias

Saturday, January 25th: Learning to speak Alzheimer's

To accompany the lunch you will bring, those who RSVP Anne Hanley before Wednesday, January 8th will partake of tasty, hot homemade soup!

Laudate Catholic App - Free

"Laudate" includes Daily Mass Readings, Liturgy of Hours, Rosary, the Bible, Stations of the Cross, Daily Meditations, Vat II documents and much, much more. You can bookmark prayers and create your own. Go to: <http://catholicapps.com/laudate/>

DECEMBER 8TH, 2013 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 9 - 12 noon Immaculate Conception

Mary Romaniszyn requested by Joanne Merner
Jack Moir requested by Virginia Walker
Silvano Rijavec requested by Marcella Rijavec

Tuesday, December 10 - 12 noon

Intentions of the Jacques Family
requested by Philomena Jacques & Family
Dr. Vincent & Angela Callaghan requested by The Family
Huguette Arsenault requested by Omer Arsenault

Wednesday, December 11 - 8:00 am

Tom Buck requested by Edna Milne
Leo Difelice requested by Pietro Rirocchi
Kimberley Gibbons

Thursday, December 12 - 12 noon

Intentions of Mabel Marshall requested by Alice Ducharme
Betty Haggarty requested by The Haggarty Family
Tom McCabe requested by Cecile Tourigny

Friday, December 13 - 8:00 am

Wib Bruder & Family
In Thanksgiving to the Infant Prague requested by A. Iurman
Eufrasia Sacchetti requested by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Marotta

Saturday, December 14 - 9:00 am

Jack Moir requested by Cathy & Connie
Donna Higgins requested by Mauro & Sherri Castrilli
Deceased & Living Members of the McLeod & Gray Families
requested by Helen McLeon

December 15th, 2013 Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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



All those who are sick, including:

**Nick Greeson, Greg Giesen, Aldo Iurman,
Doug Murray, Mabel Marshall, Judy Sandford,
Monday Lawrence, Hans Bischoff,
Hans Beretta, Butch Cavender, Rita McAndrew
& Julie Cooper.**

And all those who have died, including:

Lise Levac aunt of Phil Laviolette

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.

Upcoming mass dates: **Dec 10.**

Catholic Cursillo Weekends

Men's: Mar. 20 - 23, 2014 **Women's:** Mar. 27 - 30, 2014
at Michaelite House, Melrose (north of London), \$200 (funding available to those unable to meet this expense)

For info contact: Tom & Laurie Diemand 519-595-4806
or tldiemand@gmail.com

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.

Tax Receipts

In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2013 they must be received by the Parish Office by December 31st 2013.



Sunday Collection

December 1st, 2013

Regular \$12,312

Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,434

*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 9

- 12:00 noon—Mass—Immaculate Conception—Church
- 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm—English Learning—Library Room

Tuesday, December 10

- 6:30 pm—St. Michael's School Advent Celebration—Church

Wednesday, December 11

- 9:30 am—Mom & Dad's Group—Room E
- 6:30 pm—St. Mark's School Advent Celebration—Church
- 7:00 pm—Youth commission—Room D
- 7:30 pm—RCIA—Room E
- 8:00 pm—AA—Room B&C

Thursday, December 12

- 1:00 pm—Cards—Hall
- 1:30 pm—Faith Sharing—Library Room
- 3:30 pm—Finance Committee—Library Room

Friday, December

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

Saturday December 14

- Coffee Sunday after 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 15

- Coffee Sunday after each Mass
- 7:00 pm—Christmas Concert—Church
- 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm—Teen Night—Hall

If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment please contact Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan 17th-19th, 2014, in London, call 519-842-7370, email: retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

INSPIRE FAITH THIS CHRISTMAS!

The perfect gift this Christmas is learning to live everyday with "Passion and Purpose". Inspire your faith or that of someone close to you with tickets to this life-changing event:

-PASSION & PURPOSE LIVE-with renowned speaker and author, MATTHEW KELLY and special musical guest, ELIOT MORRIS Fri Apr 4th 2014, 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Holy Trinity Catholic Parish - Woodstock, ON Tickets just \$39! Includes all event materials and take-away items. *Matthew simplifies Catholic faith in relation to our everyday lives. Learn what brings true happiness to our lives as God intended. This Christmas, transform a life and inspire faith! Be bold. Be Catholic.* Tickets contact Trisha: **519-936-1141.**

Theology on Tap - Ask Your Burning Questions!

All young adults are invited to join us on **Tuesday, December 10th, at 7:30pm** at Bernie's Bar & Grill (1225 Wonderland Rd N) for a special evening of Theology on Tap! This month, we are having a Grill the Priests event, with Fr. Jim Mockler, Fr. Peter Amszej, Fr. Brian Klooster, and Fr. John Jasica. So bring your burning questions and join us for this special evening.

Theology on Tap is a discussion series for Catholic young adults and their friends, married and single, 19 to 39 years of age that takes place on the second Tuesday of every month. Connect with us online: www.facebook.com/ToT.SGHF. Sponsored by St. George and Holy Family Parishes.

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