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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 22, 23, 24, 2013

Priesthood/Religious Life - Call Fr. Amszej 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 9TH, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stewardship Reflection

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God.

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 15th/16th, 2012 marked with the age and gender - please note we cannot accept donations after Dec. 16th.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th-5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm and Midnight

Midnight is the traditional time for Mass when He, who is light, breaks the darkest time of the year and night.

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th-10:00am & 12:00 noon

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

Monday, December 31, 2012- 5:00pm
Tuesday, January 1, 2013 - 9:00am & 11:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday, December 14th - 9:00am-8:00pm
Tuesday, December 18th-10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm
Wednesday, December 19th-10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7-8:00pm
Every Saturday -10:00-11:00am & 4:00-4:30pm

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

At the 12:30 P.M. 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.

Tax Receipts

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

Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute: *Bioethics Matters* are available on line at www.utoronto.ca/strikes/bioethics

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.

SYNC TEEN NIGHTS

Come on out to our next SYNC Teen Night on Sun Dec 16 from 7:30-9pm we will meet in Room E and then go out caroling. Bring a friend! All youth in high school are welcome to join us!

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If you missed the Confirmation parent/candidate meeting on November 6th, make sure you contact Natalie at the parish office to pick up forms that were handed out that evening. **A reminder that the Confirmation Journal Project is now due to the Parish Office.**

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.

Trust and Hope in the Darkness: Living with Loss at Christmas

This is a retreat experience for individuals who are wondering how to survive the holidays. Your grief may be new or may resurface at special times over the years. The Facilitator, Sr. Pat Hogan, CSJ, is a Certified Grief Counsellor. Join her on Sat. Dec 8/12 from 9:30am to 3:00pm at the CSJ Residence (485 Windermere Road, London, ON in the 4th Floor Auditorium). Brochures are available in the foyer of the church or contact Sr. Kathy O'Keefe, CSJ (519-433-6689 Ext. 203).

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.)

Christmas Outdoor Urns Thank you

A special thank you to Markus Weber and his assistants who created the beautiful warm urns outside the Church. They are a work of beauty. Another wonderful way the People of God assist and celebrate their love for their Parish Church.

DECEMBER 9TH, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for December 10th to 15th

Monday, December 10 - 12:00 noon

Bud Goetz requested by Doug & Terry Brewster
Bargio Aprile requested by The Family
William Coderre requested by Kindred Spirits Associates

Tuesday, December 11 - 12 noon

Margaret Bresbois requested by Sharon & Stephan Bresbois
Dr Vincent & Angela Callaghan requested by the Family
Bill Smith requested by St Michael's Ushers

Wednesday, December 12 - 8:00 am

Genowefa Amszej requested by The Buggy Family
Marion Gelker requested by S & J Denys
Raechel Denys requested by S & J Denys

Thursday, December 13 - 12 noon

Savio Jacques requested by Philomena Jacques & Family
Wib Bruder & Family
Intentions of Pat & Jack Pearson requested by Maureen & Jim Kirwin

Friday, December 14 - 8:00 am

For all deceased Family Members requested by Caterina Pizzuti
Custoda Varallo
Betty Haggarty requested by Frank Haggarty

Saturday, December 15 - 9:00 am

Deceased Family Members requested by Marg Jacyno
Lois Baker requested by Mary Dawdy
John Flynn requested by Terry & Doug Brewster

Readings for next week

December 16th, Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18



All those who are sick, including:

**Greg Giesen, Marie White, Lillian Inglis,
Brian Irving, Sharon Scribner, Arnold McKee,
Mary Thompson, Garry Goddard &
Walter Janavicius.**

And all those who have died, including:

Giuseppe Favaro husband of Lidia and father of Nando
Lawrence Burns brother of Mabel Dodds
Bernadine Riordon aunt of Marilyn Morgan

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.**

St. John the Divine Parish is in need of a **Choir Director** for Saturday evening Mass starting in the summer or fall of 2013. We want to focus on contemporary music that is appealing to youth and young adults for this particular Mass. If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please contact Fr. Pio D'Oria at 519-471-7022 or pdoria@dol.ca

Sacred Heart Parish, Ingersoll, is seeking a part-time Coordinator of Youth Ministry. Details available at www.dol.ca.

St. Peter's Cemetery, London, is seeking a part-time Administrative Secretary. Details available at www.dol.ca.

Babysitting Schedule

December 16th, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Philomena Jaques
& Shalini Venga



Sunday Collection December 2nd, 2012

Regular \$8,832

Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,234

*Thank you for your
continued generosity!*



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



St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

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

ALTAR SERVERS

DECEMBER 15TH & 16TH

5:00 p.m.

Stephanie Li
Vivian Li
Sachu Jinson
Cyriac Jinson
Ian Bagnas

8:30 a.m.

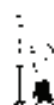
Sarah VanEerdewijk
Zachary Colquhoun
Kaitlyn Colquhoun
Kallen Merrison

10:30 a.m.

Mauricio Rocha
Valeria Rocha
Patrick Rocha
Amar Venga
Anjali Venga

12:30 p.m.

Stephanie Rae
Brennan Rae
Alyssa Young
Christian Allison



"Serving God With Gladness!"

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 10

- 1:30 pm—Faith Sharing Group—Library Room
- 7:00 pm—English Learning—Library Room

Tuesday, December 11

- 4:00 pm—Property & Maintenance—Library Room
- 7:15 pm—Social Justice—Room D

Wednesday, December 12

- 9:30 am—Mom's & Dad's Group—Room D
- 7:00 pm—You Are Not Alone—Library Room
- 7:00 pm—Youth Committee—Room D
- 7:30 pm—RCIA—Room E
- 8:00 pm—A.A.—Rooms B & C

Thursday, December 13

- 1:00 pm—Cards—Hall
- 7:00 pm—Parish Council—Room E

Friday, December 14

- 9:00 am to 8:00 pm—Confessions—Church

Sunday, December 16 (Coffee Sunday after each mass)

- 2:30 pm—African Caribbean Catholic Mass—Church
- 7:30 pm—Teen Night—Room E

Please Mark Your Calendars

Baptismal Preparation - Dec 18 - 7:30 pm

Confessions Dec 18 & 19 - 10-11am, 3-4pm & 7-8pm

Finance Committee - Dec 20 - 3:30 pm

No Children's Ministry on Dec 24 & 25 and Dec 31 & Jan 1

No Children's Liturgy (Gr. 2 to 4) & Sunday School on Dec 30



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

John Paul II High School Gr. 8 Parent Info Night

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

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