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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him.*

JANUARY 2ND, 2011 EPIPHANY

Stewardship Reflection

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to embrace. Each of us is called to open our gifts before Jesus, offering Him what He needs. We can remember that we are called to share our gifts by keeping one of the Magi from our Nativity set on our desk or dresser as a year-round a reminder to bring our gifts to Jesus.

First Friday Day of Adoration before Blessed Sacrament

Each first Friday from 8 am to 12 noon the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar for adoration. We invite you to spend some time in prayer for vocations, vocations to Marriage, Priesthood, Diaconate, Religious Life or Single Life. These vocations which are invitations to show God's love to the World. Next First Friday is **January 7th, 2011**.

Special Wedding Anniversaries During 2011

In February 12/13 is fast approaching and the Anniversary Committee would like to make sure that all couples are identified this year who are celebrating a "marker" wedding anniversary of 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 60 or more years. To help us in planning for our special Wedding Anniversary Mass and reception, please sign your names in the white binder at the Welcome Desk in the front foyer if you did not complete the survey which was in the December bulletin. Thank you.



St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

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

St. Vincent de Paul store located at 585 York Street has an **immediate need for men's clothing and furniture for the poor**. Please call 519-438-7071 for pick up or drop off at the store.

St. Michael's Moms and Dads Group

At the Moms and Dads Group we understand the unique needs, challenges and joys of this vital season of parenting, because we're there too. Every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am, you'll be welcomed just as you are. Come relax, connect with other parents, learn, share faith, scripture and life over coffee. Babysitting provided. Contact Penny 519-642-7662.

Young At Heart - Cards



Drop in for an afternoon of cards, on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Light refreshments, conversation, bridge and euchre in the Parish Hall. Cards are provided. Friends are welcome! Registration is not required - simply bring a loonie and pay as you go!



CALLING ALL KIDS!!



Attention children ages 3 yrs. to Grade 2! St. Michael's Sunday School is inviting You to join us every Sunday at 10:30 am mass for songs, stories and crafts about the gospel. All parents are welcome. Children under the age of 3 yrs. must be accompanied by an adult. Please have your children follow the Sunday School leader (carrying the green banner) to the Parish Hall once Father has given the blessing. All older children (Grade 2 to Grade 4) are welcome to join Children's Liturgy by meeting the leader at the back of the church (holding the red book) and venturing to Room E.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN! No registration required.

You are called and invited to Serve!

Did you know that once you are Confirmed, you are now 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 Natalie at the Parish Office 519-433-6689 ext. 206.

Music Ministry

The Parish of St. Michael's truly has the finest Music Ministry. Under the wonderful leadership of Mark David, Bruce Hewitt, Sue Cavender and Nando Favaro, we truly are blessed. Each of our choirs would love to have more vocal support. Please give your gift of voice to the community. If you are gifted as a musician, please show the talent with us.

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRIVATE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

There will be 3 mandatory Confirmation Preparation classes for all Confirmation Candidates who attend public, private or high school. The dates are **Tuesdays January 4, 11 and 18 from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall**. Please arrive with the Confirmation booklet that was handed to you at the November 2 meeting. Any questions? Call Natalie at the Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION REMINDERS

Attention all Confirmation Candidates! A reminder that your **Confirmation Journal Project** was due to the parish office on **Tuesday December 7**. Please hand it into the Parish Office.

If you do not yet have an **interview** set for January 31, February 3, February 8 or February 10 please call the Parish Office to book a time.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - SATURDAY JANUARY 15, 2011

All families are welcome to come together and enjoy a movie, fellowship and snacks on **Saturday January 15, 2011 from 6:00-8:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Stay tuned to find out what movie will be shown! There is no cost to attend.

SPORTS AFTERNOONS/NIGHTS! GRADES 5-8 AND 9-12

STAY TUNED FOR THE JANUARY-JUNE 2011 SPORTS SCHEDULE...

CHRISTMAS CARD ART GALLERY

Come and enjoy Christmas artwork which is on display in the main foyer of the church. We thank all of the youth in Grades 5-8 that entered the Christmas Card Art Contest for their creativity and for sharing their faith through their drawings.

Please join the **Social Justice Committee** on **Wednesday, January 12, 2011**, to welcome Rayjon Share Care - a charitable non-profit organization from our Diocese, located in Sarnia. Rayjon will give a slide presentation on "Haiti - 12 months after Earthquake" on the evening one year ago when the disaster struck. Rayjon will speak from experience about how the country is recovering with the additional burdens of cholera and political unrest. They will also discuss the earthquake's impact on Rayjon's faith-based work in Haiti that includes health care, agriculture, education and environmental activities. Students interested in their awareness trips are also welcome. Please join us from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Parish hall. Contact Mary Ann for more information at tun-dramac@sympatico.ca or 519-432-4763.

Pre-Authorized Offertory Gifts

At St. Michael's Parish we have an Automatic Bank gift giving program to make your regular donations to the Parish easier for you. Your Offertory donation may be made by authorizing a monthly deduction from your bank account. You will never need to worry about forgetting your envelope and your regular support of St. Michael's Parish.

If you would like more information about this program please call Jolanda Squire at the Parish Office at 519-433-6689 ext. 208.

"Have you ever thought about making a legacy gift to St Michael's Parish in your Will?"

"A legacy gift can leave a legacy of faith and hope to future generations." If you would like to help St Michaels with such a gift, we encourage you to consult with your financial advisor or lawyer.

New Horizons Support Group Separated, divorced and widowed men and women meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at St. Michael's Church (Room E), 511 Cheapside London. Contact: Don at 519-451-2829.

Coping With Relationship Loss is a healing program for the separated and divorced. The ten week program will meet Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at St. Michael's in London and will begin as soon as we have ten participants. The fee is \$30.00. Contact Don at 519-451-2829.

JANUARY 2ND, 2011 EPIPHANY

Mass Intentions for January 4th to 8th

Tuesday, January 4 - 12:00 noon

Rose Marie Beretta requested by The Family
Lorna Jordan requested by Bob & Diane Van Kleek
Josephine China requested by Gerald Dozois

Wednesday, January 5 - 8:00 am

Antonio Michienzi requested by Tony & Rose Castrilli
Joe Tornabuono requested by Sam, Joan & Jenny Tornabuono
Fr. Frank White requested by Marilyn & Jack O'Brien

Thursday, January 6 - 12:00 noon

Loyal Brunt requested by Helen Garton
Elaine Prindeville requested by Kay Hallinan & Sandi Johnson
Fr. Frank White requested by Helen Devereaux

Friday, January 7 - 8:00 am

Mrs. G. China requested by Maria Hugo Collavino
Bernie Lampitt requested by Kevin & Mary Catherine Flynn
Ken Montagano requested by Teresa Montagano

Saturday, January 8 - 9:00 am

Harvey Wilbur requested by Steve & Marilyn Morgan
Bernard Flanagan requested by Mary Flanagan
James T Sandford requested by The Sandford Family

Readings for Next Weekend

January 9th, 2011 Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17



All those who are sick, including:

**Aiden Burns, Rita Irving, Ryan O'Quinn,
Rosemary Darmanin, Cyril Petersen,
Lucille Charron, Paul Bossons, Len Crover,
Linda Plooard & Mary Thompson.**

And all those who have died, including:

Robert Kokron father of Betty Geddes,
Herbert Firth father of Nancy Brook &
Raymond Palangdan brother of Avelina Mina.

Teacher References: It is the policy of Separate School Boards to ask for a Pastoral Letter from a candidate who is applying for a job. This letter requires the Pastor to witness that the candidate goes to Mass each Sunday and is involved in parish ministry. If you plan on asking for a letter of reference, make sure you are fulfilling the obligation.

Medaille Retreat House

Has many upcoming programs, retreats. For more information phone (519) 641-1379 or email medaille@csj.london.on.ca.

Holy Family Retreat House - Oxley ON

For information on retreats at the Holy Family Retreat House please visit their web site at www.holyfamilyrh.com or phone 519-738-6136.

Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

As we celebrate the 49th International Eucharistic Congress, Saint Mary's parish invites everyone to visit the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration which is open 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

Join the many adorers who regularly visit, and come and spend one hour with Jesus by praying before the Blessed Sacrament, as He asks us to. Come and experience the peace that comes from adoring Him. Our chapel is located at 345 Lyle St., London. To sign up you can call 519-434-9121.

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

Babysitting Schedule January 9th, 2011

10:30 a.m.
Jacqueline Mboko
Deborah Mboko

Sunday Collection Dec 19th, 2010

Regular \$15,205
Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,515
SVDP \$1,095
Refugee Fund \$60

Parish Hall Roof /Capital Fund
envelope collection to date \$51,144

*Thank you for your
continued generosity!*

*For those who would like
information about the Christmas
Collection, please contact
Fr. Murray Sample at
519-433-6689 ext. 202.*

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

ALTAR SERVERS JANUARY 8TH & 9TH

5:00 p.m.

Stephanie Li
Vivian Li
Aakaash Dominic
Mackenzie Mason

8:30 a.m.

Elyse Scheid
Ian Talbot
Claire Talbot
Timothy Rebelo

10:30 a.m.

Stephen McIver
Connor Couchman
Henry Nguyen
Timmy Nguyen

12:30 p.m.

Alyssa Young
Giuliana Strano
Andrew Ngo



*"Serving God With
Gladness!"*

THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Tuesday, January 4

- 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm—Confirmation Catecheses—Hall
- 7:30 pm—Knights of Columbus—Room E

Wednesday, January 5

- 8:45 am—Exercise—Hall
- 9:30 am—Moms & Dads Group—Room E
- 7:30 pm—RCIA—Room E
- 8:00 pm—A.A.—Rooms B & C

Thursday, January 6

- 1:00 pm—Cards—Hall
- 7:30 pm—Cursillo Executive—Room D

Friday, January 7

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

Saturday, January 8 & Sunday, January 9

- Coffee Sunday after each Mass—Hall
- Sunday, January 9**
- 2:00 pm—Baptism—Church

Hospital Chaplains

As you know, there have been many changes in Hospital Procedures, including Pastoral Care. Now, 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.

www.stmichaels.dioceseoflondon.ca

The St. Michael's website contains a lot of information and pictures relevant to our Parish/Community life. Please visit the website often and let us know your thoughts and comments. We are actively seeking content from all areas of our Parish and welcome your input to the attention of Terry McBride at stmichlon@dol.ca

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