

# St. Michael's Parish

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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.**



**CWL ANNUAL FALL BAKE SALE**



Back by popular demand – Home-made apple pies! The St. Michael's CWL will be hosting a sale of baked goods after all masses on **November 30 and December 1**. The League is looking for your support through donations of baking, as well as through the purchase of items on the sale weekend. The funds raised will be used to help the many groups and organizations that have come to count on the Catholic Women's League for their needs. Thank you to our CWL members and our parish community for supporting this event. Donations of baked goods may be dropped off in the church hall prior to masses on November 30 and December 1.

**CWL Christmas Party and Birthright Shower**

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the CWL Christmas Social and Birthright Shower on **Monday, December 2** at 7:00 pm in Room E. It will be a wonderful evening with holiday treats, caroling and a gift exchange (\$5.00 gift limit). Members are also kindly asked to bring a baby gift for our Birthright Shower, and all parishioners may add their baby gifts to boxes in the church foyer. Gift suggestions include: unisex clothing to fit children up to 6 months, baby bedding, diapers, bath supplies and Wal-Mart gift cards. Small items for the new mom are also welcome: travel size shampoos, shower gel, etc.

At St. Michael's Parish, we have many volunteers for various ministries for our celebration of the Eucharist. At the present time, we have a few sacristans to assist with the set up before Mass begins. We are in need of many more so that one person is not responsible for all Masses on the weekend or weekdays. The sacristan fulfills an important role in the preparation of the environment and altar before Mass begins. Sacristans are responsible for setting out the items prior to worship and ensuring that they are clean following Mass. If you can give 15 minutes before and after Mass to help set out the sacred vessels and other needed items, please contact Helen Green at 519-433-6689 X215 and she will contact you for the training needed to serve in this very worthwhile ministry. Many blessings to all who are considering this ministry.

**ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS**

Please notify Helen Green if you are not available for your ministry during January to March. She and her new helper will be setting up the new schedule in December and they need to have clarification as to your availability. Thanks in advance and blessings to all.

**Are you willing to represent the People of God by taking the gifts to the celebrant of the Mass?**

All it takes is putting your name forward to Helen Green, who will enter the info on the scheduler and you will be given a Mass, date, and schedule. A family is always a nice representation but it could be three individuals from different families. All we ask is that we have people who are willing to present the gifts at a Mass where you are already present. We need three people per Mass to take the gifts but if a family has more members, they can all go forward to the altar. This is the perfect ministry for those who want to be involved but do not want a speaking role. Please pray about this ministry and call Helen at 519-433-6689 X215 to have your name(s) included in the schedule.

**Mental Health Outreach**

**New Day**—An ongoing, faith-based, support group for those living with mental illness. Meetings at St. Peter's every Tues 1:30–3:00 pm. **For info call Theresa at 519-850-3627 or Cathie at 519-850-0600.**

**Y.A.N.A. You Are Not Alone**—has been temporarily discontinued. Telephone support is available for anyone who wants to talk and needs an understanding ear. Please call Cathie 519-850-0600.

**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!

**S.Y.N.C. TEEN COFFEE HOUSE – SUN DEC 1, 7:30-9:00pm**

Come on out to St. Michael's High School Coffee House on Sun Dec 1 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. for live music and poetry in our parish hall – Admission is free! Enjoy a hot cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate all for a good cause. Bring your loonies and toonies because all proceeds from coffee, tea and sweet treats will go to local charities in our community. If you are interested in performing, please contact Natalie at nmackay@dol.ca

**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 NIGHTS**

Our upcoming meeting dates are Sundays Dec 1 (coffee house, in parish hall) and Dec 15. SYNC Teen Nights are held from 7:30-9:00pm in St. Michael's parish hall. See you there! Bring a friend!



**Mark your Calendars St. Michael's Christmas Concert  
Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

There will be two more practices for those performing on Sat. Nov 30<sup>th</sup> and Sat. Dec 7<sup>th</sup> from 3-4pm.

**Preparing for the Last Things:** a four-part series continues running every Monday in November from 7 to 8 pm sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry and various Parish Groups.

**Nov. 25th:** Planning the Funeral Mass and Christian Burial: presented by Father Murray Sample – sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry at St. Michael's Church.

***No charge, invite your friends, all are welcome.***

**November is the Month of Holy Souls** when we focus upon the transitory nature of our life on earth and ready ourselves for our true home in heaven. Some families add this short prayer for the Souls in Purgatory to their blessing before meals:

**"Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls rest in peace. Amen."**

**London Food Bank Thank You**

Thank you for your recent donation of 1000 lbs of food! This kindness of individuals in our community is at times astounding and therefore uplifting. One important reminder to us of why we do what we do.

The citizens of London and the surrounding area, through the efforts of the London Food Bank have helped 12,000 different households during 2012. Throughout 2009 we saw significant increase in the number of families we were assisting. Unfortunately, this increase has become the new norm. We are currently, helping on average 3,600 families each month with our highest month being November 2012 with 3,863 families. The number of individuals helped in 2012 was between 105,000 and 110,000 and roughly 41,000 of these individuals were children and youth under the age of 18.

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".

**Family in Need of Ride to 5:00 pm Mass**

A couple who live in the Adelaide and Fanshawe area are in need of transportation to and from the 5:00 pm Saturday evening mass. Taking a cab is very expensive. If you can help out please contact the parish office at 519-433-6689. Thank you.

# NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 CHRIST THE KING

## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, November 26 - 12:00 noon**  
Virglio Lopes requested by Maria Yuliett  
Alfred O'Connor requested by Ron & Mary Hall  
Louie Saddy requested by Jean Cooper

**Wednesday, November 27 - 8:00 am**  
Intentions of Mabel Marshall requested by Alice Ducharme  
Jack Moir requested by George & Bonnie Moir  
Rita Lane requested by George Lane

**Thursday, November 28 - 12:00 noon**  
Wib Bruder & Family  
Angela Hickman requested by Jovit & Margaret Mendonca  
Intentions of Marcella Rijavec  
requested by Rosemarie & Bob Granger

**Friday, November 29 - 8:00 am**  
Elliot Gaston-Johnston requested by Helen Jimenez  
Tom Buck requested by Jane McCarthy  
Intentions of Steve & Marily Morgan

**Saturday, November 30 - 9:00 am**  
Peter D'Lima requested by Philomena & Norbert Patroo  
Matilda D'Souza  
Donna Higgins requested by Mauro & Sherri Castrilli

### December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 First Sunday of Advent

**First Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5  
**Second Reading:** Romans 13:11-14  
**Gospel:** Matthew 24:37-44  
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>



*All those who are sick, including:*

**Nick Greeson, Greg Giesen, Aldo Iurman,  
Doug Murray, Mabel Marshall, Adelina Ilir,  
Susan Medeiros-Wilcox, Lisa McPherson,  
Butch Cavender, Mary McCarthy-Dietrich & Julie Cooper.**

*And all those who have died, including:*

**Mary Vanderaa** Sister-in-law of Dorothy Solomon  
**Stella Baron** grandmother of John Zanin  
**Vierka Kovacic** sister of Alban Kovacic

**All the names written in the Book of Remembrance**

### 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.**

### 2014 Parish Offertory Envelopes

The 2014 envelopes will be available for pick up in the Parish Hall Nov 30 & Dec 1.

Parishioners who use envelopes are asked to pick up the box assigned to them. They will be set out alphabetically. If you used your 2013 envelopes you will have the same envelope number for 2014. 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.*

### Yearly Sunday Count

Each year the Diocese invites Parishes in the Diocese to take a count of the people who are attending Sunday Mass. Our past 4 weeks we have done this. Here are the averages for 2012 7 2013:

|               | 2012        | 2013        |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| 5:00 pm       | 326         | 407         |
| 8:30 am       | 264         | 282         |
| 10:30 am      | 535         | 534         |
| 12:30 pm      | 358         | 325         |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>1483</b> | <b>1548</b> |



### Sunday Collection

**November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Regular \$8,718

**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Regular \$8,716

Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,434

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*



### St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

SVDP Loose Collection is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of each month.  
*Please make cheques payable to St. Michael's Parish and write on the memo line SVDP.*

Prayer requests/petitions can be submitted to St. Michael's Prayer Line email address  
[prayerline@rogers.com](mailto:prayerline@rogers.com)  
or call 519-433-6823

## This Week at St. Michael's

### Monday, November 25

- 6:30 pm—CWL Central Committee—Room E
- 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm—English Learning—Library Room
- 7:00 pm—Planning the Funeral Mass—Hall

### Tuesday, November 26

- 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm—1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation—Church

### Wednesday, November 27

- 8:45 am to 10:30 am—Exercise—Hall
- 9:30 am—Mom & Dad's Group—Room E
- 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm—1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation—Church
- 7:30 pm—RCIA—Room E
- 8:00 pm—AA—Room B&C

### Friday, November 29

- 10:30 am to 11:30 am—Exercise—Hall
- 12:00 noon—YAH & SOTM Lunch—Hall
- 1:00 pm—Cards—Room E

### Saturday, November 30

- 11:00 am to 12:00 noon—1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation—Church
- CWL Bake Sale after 5:00 pm Mass—Hall

### Sunday, December 1

- CWL Bake Sale after all Masses—Hall
- 2:00 pm—Baptisms—Church
- 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm—Teen Night—Hall

### 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.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### Bereavement Ministry

"Grief is the natural response to loss. The more we love, the more we grieve. Grieving is done personally in one's heart, mourning is the external way one grieves; we all do it in different ways and it is healing."

Many thanks to Paul Vandenbosch, Doug Manners and Michael Whelan for sharing with us their professional skills in Estate Planning, the Funeral Home and Finances before and after the Funeral, from a Catholic perspective. Be sure to watch the bulletin for a mini-series in January for Caregivers and informative sessions on Dementia/Alzheimer's/Parkinson's and their stages.

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