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SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Children's Ministry for those in Age 2 - Grade 4 is offered at both 9:00am & 11:00 a.m. Mass.



Our Worship Space and Parish Centre are barrier free off of Hemlock Street entrance

WEEKDAY MASSES

Please consult inside of bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday 11:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Sunday 6:00-6:30 p.m. (effective September 2019)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PASTORAL TEAM

Father F. Freitas, Pastor
email: pastor@stmichaelw.ca

Father David Perrin - Assisting Priest

Deacon Philip J. Fernandez

Mrs Andrea Laughlin - Lay Pastoral Associate

Mr Joseph Goodwin - Campus Minister

Mrs Elizabeth King - Administrative Assistant

Ms Carolyn Snyder Milke - Director of Music

Mrs Merlie Ladroma - Cleaner

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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St Nicholas Elementary School 519-884-9198

Resurrection Secondary School 519-741-1990

St David Secondary School 519-885-1340

St Jerome University 519-884-8111

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to begin the process of preparing your child and family for this Sacrament.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

St Michael Parish welcomes post-secondary students to participate in the life of the parish. The St John Paul II Student Centre (adjacent to the Church) offers programming and pastoral care for all university and college students (jp2waterloo.ca). Our 7:00pm Sunday evening Mass is especially for our student community.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Church is Open Daily for Quiet Visit and Prayer. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Tuesday evenings following the evening Mass.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Sacrament of Marriage is normally celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Preparation is provided. Please contact Father Freitas before setting a date of marriage.

PASTORAL CARE TO SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Communion to the Sick bring communion to those who are sick or confined at home, in nursing homes or hospital. Anointing of the Sick takes place annually in the parish, and is celebrated personally upon request. To ensure a visit by our Pastoral Team when hospitalized please indicate you are a member of St Michael Parish.

BEREAVEMENT CARE

"Heartache to Healing" is our Grief Support Group. To find out more about the program contact our parish office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Provides emergency grocery assistance to needy persons and families in our parish area. If there is an urgent need, please call 519-747-1090. A monthly collection to assist the Society in its work takes place on the First Sunday.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS

The Blessing of Expectant Parents takes place after each Mass on the First Sunday of the month.

PARISH BEQUESTS

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember St. Michael Parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

WELCOME HOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Welcome, we are really glad you're here! Whether exploring, struggling or looking for a new Church Home - we extend a warm welcome to our parish and pray that you feel at home. Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith. *For details on our parish life, offering envelopes, pre authorized or on line giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website: www.stmichaelw.ca or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.*



December 3-7, 2019

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

6:30 pm Rosary
7:00 pm + Deceased former Pastors and Parishioners
7:30 pm Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

12:15 pm +Steve Oblak – Ana & Family

Thursday, December 5, 2019

12:15 pm +Gladys Schnarr – Family

Friday, December 6, 2019

8:00 am +Intentions of our Parish Schools
11:00 am +Mass at Clair Hills

Saturday, December 7, 2019

5:00pm +Rudy Ianni—Maria Ianni
 +Bernard Adlys—Sonia & Family
 +Maggie Straus—Lou Jordan & Family

LORD'S DAY OFFERING

November 23 & 24, 2019 – \$ 6,398.57
 Pre Authorized Giving– \$ 1,053.00
Thank you for your generosity

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

December 7 & 8, 2019 - Team B

(full schedule on our website - www.stmichaelw.ca)



Did you know....that you can park in Lot 32 right next door at the WLU Lazaridis Building during weekend Masses? Street Parking is also permitted on Hemlock Street – look for our designated spaces.

PARISH PRAYER NETWORK

Our parish prayer network offers us the opportunity to weekly pray for those in our community who are in need. To become a member of the prayer network, or to add an intention, email us at stmikesprayer@gmail.com

SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE

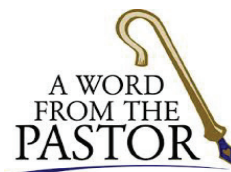
Sunday homilies are available weekly on line in audio version through our parish website – just click on the link.



CATHOLIC CAFÉ

DECEMBER 7/8, 2019

Please join us in the Parish Centre (lower level) after all of our Masses – Saturday at 5:00pm, Sunday at 9:00am & 11:00am and even after the 7:00pm Mass. Special treats, coffee, juice and more, and on Sunday night our students are serving pizza!! Several displays will also be present by our various Parish Groups. We will also have 2020 Sunday Offering Envelopes available for pick up.



Inserted in the bulletin this weekend is the Advent edition of our Parish Newsletter. It indicates many of the signs of life in our community. I wish to highlight our “Day of Mercy” on December 11th which invites us to prepare for Christmas in a unique and beautiful way. The Day also includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00am-8:00pm in our Church. Mark the date on your calendar and do come and experience the gift of Peace for Christmas.

Inserted in the bulletin this weekend is also information on our annual Christmas Floral Tributes. During the holy season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes for placement in the Church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. The floral tribute sheets will be placed near the altar in a gift-wrapped box, and your loved ones will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season.

Over the past few months consultation has taken place regarding the question of the time of the Solemn Mass of Christmas (traditionally held at Midnight). Over the last few years, I am told, that attendance has decreased at this Mass, and it has become difficult to obtain liturgical ministers. In addition, this year, it has also become apparent that we will not, due to various commitments, have a traditional choir present if the Mass time remains unchanged.

Therefore, following several discussions with parish groups, and in consultation with the Diocese of Hamilton, it has been decided that we will adopt a practice undertaken by other parishes, and **the Solemn Mass of Christmas will take place at 10:00pm this year** and not at Midnight. This decision, though not one all may embrace, will permit us to host a traditional choir, have more liturgical ministers present, and hopefully alleviate some attendance at other Masses to make it a more enjoyable experience for all. I thank all who have given input on this matter. Let us pray for God's graces as we continue to move forward as a Family of Faith.

DAY OF MERCY

- WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11 - 8:00AM-8:00PM -

We host our annual "Day of Mercy" - 12 Hours - 12 Confessors. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the most powerful encounter with divine mercy. During this time the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church for the day for Adoration. Save the date! The light is on for you.



CHRISTMAS SHARING PROJECT NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 8

Information is available in our Parish Centre this weekend. Please follow the gift tag directions and return all gift items (must be new) by Mon. Dec. 9th. Please note this year all items are to be returned to the Kateri Room. Financial donations are also appreciated – cheques should be made out to "St. Michael Parish" with "Christmas Sharing" in the memo section and Place either in the Sunday Offering or just place in the appropriate donation box in the Kateri Room.

DID YOU KNOW?

ENTERING AND LEAVING GESTURES

It is the Catholic custom, upon entering and leaving the Church, to make the sign of the cross with holy water. Traditionally, one uses the right hand, dips it into the holy water fonts, found at each entrance which symbolize the baptismal font, and then makes the sign of the cross by touching the forehead, chest, left then right shoulder. This action expresses our belonging to Christ, is a reminder of our baptismal share in the life of Christ, and a sign of our union with fellow believers as members of the Body of Christ. It is then most appropriate to genuflect before entering our pew or if physically unable to bow. These gestures also remind us that we are entering a solemn place where a spirit of silence permits people within the Church the quiet which prayer before Mass deserves. Thank you for keeping that spirit of sacred silence in our Church before and after Mass.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Current envelope users are reminded that Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2020 will be available in the Parish Centre on December 7 & 8th. Those *not currently using envelopes* but who are interested in obtaining Sunday Offering Envelopes, may use the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk. All are invited to consider Pre Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish family - forms at Welcome Desk.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can financially support our parish through pre authorized, debit or on line giving? To find how see our website, or inquire at our Welcome Desk or give the parish office a call. Your financial generosity makes it possible for us to be a welcoming community that has a place for all. Help us continue our good work.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOY DRIVE

Consider supporting our Knights in this worthwhile project which continues until December 21st. Toys may be dropped off at all Waterloo Fire Stations or at Waterloo Knights Centre at 145 Dearborn Pl.



CWL SOCIAL

Our Annual Social will take place at Golf Steakhouse **Tuesday, December 3rd at 6pm.**

If you wish to attend (and didn't sign up at our November meeting) please contact Chris McKenzie at 519-886-7444 or email chrismmckenzie@hotmail.com

Rides / carpooling can be arranged.

WANT TO LEND A HAND?

Are you looking for a simple way to volunteer. The Altar Society may be what you are looking for. For one to two months a year, a short weekly task of cleaning and refilling holy water bowls along with light washing and ironing of church linens is required. Please contact the church office. We would love to have your help.

BEAUTIFUL ICONIC CARDS

Once again, notecards will be available for purchase in support of the St. Michael Refugee Fund. There are two options this year, either the "*Holy Family Fleeing to Egypt*" or "*Icon of the Virgin Mary*". Cards are available in sets of 5 cards (\$10) or 10 cards (\$20). These may be purchased after Mass at the Catholic Cafe on December 7/8.

Kids Klub

Thank you to all who attended our first Kids Klub (our youth group for Grades 5-8). Watch for more events soon.

GRIEF SUPPORT POTLUCK SUPPER

Our Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group is hosting a potluck dinner on December 5, 2019 at 6:00pm (doors open at 5:30pm) in our Parish Centre. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, or supporting someone who is, please join us. This is an informal evening to be together with those who understand. Bring your favourite dish and come be part of our group. Please RSVP by December 1st parish@stmichaelw.ca or call 519-884-9311

SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2020

2020 Sunday Missals are available this weekend at our Welcome Desk for \$5.00 each. We will also have Children's Missals available. A limited number have been ordered. Make sure to get them early.

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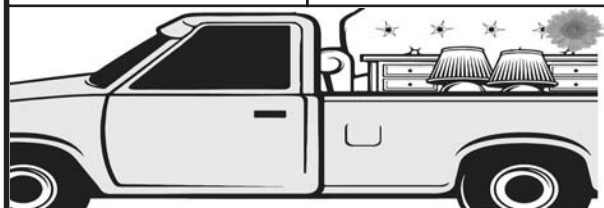
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