



# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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](mailto: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

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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](http://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](http://www.stmichaelw.ca) or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.*

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

**6:30 pm** Rosary  
**7:00 pm** Ints of Louise McColeman – Karl & Donna Riddiough  
 Ints of Marilyn Merkle – CWL Friends  
**7:30 pm** Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

**12:15pm** +Ralph Freiburger –Family

**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

**12:15pm** Intentions of Marianne

**Friday, January 17, 2020**

**8:00 am** Intentions of Father Jim Malone  
**11:00am** – Mass at Columbia Forest

**Saturday, January 18, 2020**

**5:00pm** + June Smith – Peter & Noreen Michels  
 + Gladys Schnarr – The Family  
 + Feudjio Jacques – Jemetio Family

**LORD'S DAY OFFERING**

January 4/5, 2020 – \$ 6,155.00  
 Pre Authorized Giving – \$ 1,023.00  
*Thank you for your generosity*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

**January 18/19, 2020 – Team C**

*(full schedule on our website - [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://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.

**SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE**

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

**SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2020**

Sunday Missals for 2020 are available at the Welcome Desk for \$5.00 each. Children's Missals available for \$10.00 each.

**CATHOLIC CAFÉ  
THIS WEEKEND**

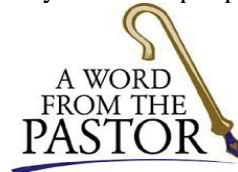
Please join us in the Parish Centre (lower level) after all of our Masses. Special treats, coffee, juice and more, and on Sunday night our students are serving pizza!! Several displays will also be present by our various Parish Groups.

**PASTORAL REFERENCE LETTERS**

Many young adults come looking for a Pastoral Reference Letter when they apply for teaching positions with Catholic Boards. Father Freitas can only provide letters to those who are active weekly in our parish life. Think ahead. Get involved and consider connecting with our parish programs.

**HAVE YOU VISITED OUR PARISH LIBRARY?**

Our parish library is located in the lower level of the church. There are a wide variety of spiritual books, videos and even children's videos and books. It's a lending library with a two week loan period - check it out after Mass today. We will soon be reviewing the best ways to utilize this space so if you have input please let us know.



We will welcome many of our Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Lord's Day Masses this weekend. This is our opportunity to remember these young people in our prayers as they enter their next phase of preparing for this Sacrament celebrated in May.

We continue to welcome many new members to our Family of Faith. We also are seeing a great increase in visitors who come to join us in worship as they explore us as a new home. Our spirit of hospitality and welcome depends on our Welcome Desk, Parking Lot and Ushers Ministry. We need some more people to join the teams. Consider lending a hand - leave your name at the welcome desk or see me.

This coming week, I will mark "one year" as your Pastor and as University Chaplain with the St John Paul Student Centre. It has been a year of grace, growth and personal gratitude. I wish to express my thanks to Bishop Crosby for his confidence in appointing me to this pivotal position, to our parish team (past and present), to the members of our Finance Council and our parishioner leadership teams, to our CWL, St Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, Student Centre leaders, Liturgical Ministers, and to each and every one of you who have offered prayerful support. Rarely does a priest have the chance to 'come home' to the parish which inspired his priestly vocation – I am glad that I do! Please keep praying for me as I strive to be a good Pastor for all, and as we continue to work together so that St Michael Parish is a place for all to Come Home.

### SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Current envelope users are reminded that Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2020 will be available in the Parish Centre **THIS WEEKEND**. 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.



### CWL NEWS

**2020 Membership dues** – remain at \$30. These can be placed in the Sunday Offering. Please clearly mark your envelope to “Attention CWL.”

### 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.

### LIGHTING OF CANDLES



In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of Our Lord: *“I am the Light of the World.”* In the lighting of candles we not only pray, but our prayers become smaller symbols of the One Light of Christ. In burning candles, our prayers rise up to Heaven day and night; prayers for the intercession of saints are also common because of their friendship with God in Heaven. The lighting of candles has been observed since the time of the early martyrs. *We ask for a \$2 offering for each lit candle. Candles may be lit anytime the Church is open.*

### THE FLU....

The flu is relentless and continues to escalate into the New Year. It is a good reminder that we must be holy but in doing so, we must also be prudent in practice at Mass so that we may all continue to be healthy. If you are not feeling 100%, please remember that there are many wonderful and warm expressions that can be used at the Sign of Peace - a gentle wave and smile, a few thoughtful words, a gentle bow of the head. All these also express the peace we want to share as a holy and healthy community of faith. Prayers for your health this week.

## Kids Klub

### TUBING AT CHICOPEE

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020**

If you are in Grades 5-8 we invite you to join us for **Tubing at Chicopee** on Friday January 31, 2020. Our adventures departs via bus at 5:30pm and we will return by 9:30pm. Cost is \$17.00 per person which includes bus transportation. Get your form at the Welcome Desk at St Michael Parish after Mass or you can also check our website – [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://www.stmichaelw.ca) – all are welcome!

### OLDER ADULT LUNCH TO BEGIN IN 2020

We are excited to announce that beginning early in 2020 we will be hosting monthly lunches for “Older Adults”. What is an Older Adult? – Well whatever you think – but we are thinking 55+. It is an opportunity to come together for a lite lunch, listen to a speaker and grow in faith and fellowship all right in our own Parish Centre.

We need your input.... Who might you suggest as a speaker or topic? Let us know as we put together the calendar for 2020. Drop us a note or email. We would love your ideas!

P.S. – Thanks to a great suggestion we already have our first speaker booked – you will love it- watch for details soon!!!



### DON'T FORGET.....

.....if you're traveling over the Winter months to save personal size soap, shampoo and lotion for donation to St. John's Kitchen for those in need in our community. The collection bin is at the top of the stairs near the main vestibule in the drawer marked “Personal Size Toiletries”.

### 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.

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