



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. & 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday: 12:15 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

15 minutes before daily Masses and

Tuesday 6:15-6:45 p.m., 7:45 -8:15 p.m.

Friday 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Sunday 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Father is also available before and after Sunday Masses if needed.



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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH PRAYER NETWORK

Our parish prayer network prays for those who are in need. To add an intention or become a member of the prayer network, please email us at parish@stmichaelw.ca

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Sir Edgar Bauer Elementary School	519-884-8480
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).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Sacrament of Marriage is normally celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Preparation is provided. Please contact Father 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.

HEALING MINISTRIES

"Heartache to Healing" is our Grief Support Group and "ACT II" is our Separated/Divorced Group. To find out more about the programs, please contact our parish office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food assistance in the Waterloo Region call 519-743-5576 Ext 340 to be directed to the program nearest you. SSVP is currently supporting the North of 60 project providing food assistance to Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut as well as creating Essential Hygiene Kits for newly arriving Ukrainian refugees.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Mk 4: 26-34)



Jesus presents two parables. He says that the Kingdom of God is like a seed planted in the ground. In the first parable, the seed grows without human efforts and in the second, though it is smallest at the beginning, it later becomes largest of all.

The two parables are a metaphorical way of saying that when God enters our life, what seems to be meaningless and without hope takes on deep meaning and purpose; what seems to be a desert in our life is transformed into a green and fruitful land.

Fr. Jamroz

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Welcome, we are glad you're here! For details on our parish life, please see our website: www.stmichaelw.ca

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

- 7:00 pm** + Special Intentions of Jilma Ruiz
– Kathy Shaw
+ Special Intentions of Kaly Cummings
– Candy Smith
+ Special Intentions of Tanya Smith
– Candy Smith

7:30pm-8:30pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

- 12:15 pm** + Cliff Aubie – Irene Aubie
+ Mary Jaye Roche – Jaye Rare

Thursday, June 20, 2024

- 12:15 pm** + Special Intentions of all fathers, sons & uncles at St. Michael Parish – Jaye Rare
+ Bill Bernhardt – Jenny Bernhardt

Friday, June 21, 2024

- 8:00 am** + Gertrude Bourque – Susan Bourque
+ Edward Proud – Susan Bourque
8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, June 22, 2024

- 5:00 pm** + Jacqueline Phelan – Yvette & Glen Loffree
+ Special Intentions of Kevin Cusson
– Eugenia Cusson

Sunday Homilies Online

Sunday homilies are available weekly online in audio and pdf version through our parish website – just click on the button 'SUNDAY HOMILY'.

The Church is Open for Prayer

The Church is open for quiet prayer Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Prayer Intentions

Prayer intentions are placed at the front of the Altar and are remembered privately at Mass during the Prayers of the Faithful. You can also have your request shared with our prayer group ministry. Please go to our website www.stmichaelw.ca and click on Request a Prayer or contact the parish office by phone or email.

Parish Email List

All parishioners are welcome to join a parish email list. If you are on this list, you will be notified of upcoming parish events including funerals. To join the list, please sign up on our website at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/contact-us>

A Father's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation ...

Refugee Sponsorship at St Michael's

St. Michael Parish has been actively assisting in the resettlement of refugees to Waterloo Region since 1997. The first family came from Bosnia. Since then, more than 20 families have been welcomed – from Iraq, Syria, Malawi, Afghanistan, Myanmar ... As of June 2024:

- Our latest arrivals (May 2024) are a large Rohingya family (originally from Myanmar)
- Still to come: A young Syrian man living in Iraq - anticipated arrival later this year.
- Next: A Syrian family living in Egypt. Anticipated arrival: 3-4 years.

Refugee Support Team

Please take a moment today to look over the display material in the narthex. If you would like to help support Abu and his family who arrived in May 2024, gift cards from Walmart or any food store would be greatly appreciated. Gift cards can be dropped off this weekend in the narthex, dropped off at the parish office during the week, or placed in the collection basket next weekend in an envelope clearly marked St. Michael's Refugee Program. Thank you for your support.

The Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Friday, June 21, Mass at 8 am

Aloysius Gonzaga (1568-91) is a patron saint of young men. ... Against great resistance, he gave up his rights as eldest son and joined the Jesuits, hoping to go to the missions. Instead, the plague broke out in Rome, and Aloysius offered himself to serve the sick and dying in the hospital. He caught the plague and died three months later, at just 23 years old. (*Living with Christ*)

The Marillac Place 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign wraps up this weekend. If you forgot to bring your bottle to Mass, you can still bring it to the parish office by **Monday, June 17**. Donations can also be made on-line at <https://marillacplace.ca/donate/>

Act II Separated/Divorced Support Group

Act II is an informal support group for those who are experiencing separation or divorce. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month following 7:00 pm Mass (7:30-8:30pm) in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. The next meeting is **June 18th**. Join when you can. Bring a friend. For more information call 519-884-9311 or visit our website: <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced>

Parish Pilgrimage to the Carmel of St. Joseph - Saturday, June 22, 10am

There are still a few openings. Parishioners, family and friends are welcome! We will begin with Father Jamroz celebrating Mass with us at the Monastery Chapel. We will then gather together in another room where the sisters will share their story. Please bring a lunch. There will be time to shop and enjoy their gardens.

For more information and to register contact the parish office at parish@stmichaelw.ca , or phone 519-884-9311. Carpooling can be arranged.

VBS - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 19-23, St. Michael Parish. Cost is \$30 per child. Registration is available on our website at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/vbs> or forms are available at the main entrance of the Church.



LISTENING TOGETHER: MEDITATIONS ON SYNODALITY

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is pleased to offer a summer book club to anyone who would like to explore the meditations of Father Timothy Radcliffe from the Synod gatherings in October 2023. Offered over four sessions, the book club will gather virtually on Wednesday afternoons in July (3,10,17,24) from 1:00-2:00pm for prayer and discussion. This series is free of charge, and all are welcome to participate!

Registration: <https://forms.gle/aLzYvo1C28BJ6aw36>

FAITH AFTER GRADUATION

The Office of Youth Ministry has produced a resource for those graduating grade 12. Please visit our webpage to access the brochure and the suggested resources to help you stay connected to the faith and your parish after graduating from your Catholic High School. <https://tinyurl.com/dohymresources>



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