



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 (Jn 20:19-23)



Today we celebrate *Pentecost*. Fifty days after the Resurrection we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. The Holy Spirit is truly God. In theology, the Holy Spirit has been defined as “the Love between the Father and the Son.” As such, the Holy Spirit cannot be seen by Himself but by the effects that He does in our hearts and lives.

Whenever we find charity in ourselves, whenever we are faithful amid hardship, whenever we forgive or approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a contrite heart, we can be sure, the Holy Spirit is at work within us.

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.

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>

Rosary at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays in May

During the month of May, we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. The CWL will lead the Rosary in the church on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 prior to the 7pm Mass. All are welcome to join together in this wonderful prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

6:30 pm Rosary led by the CWL

7:00 pm + Special Intentions of Kathy Shaw

– Candy Smith

+ Special Intentions of a Parishioner & Her Family – A Friend

+ Carmen de Ruiz – Jilma Ruiz

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

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

12:15 pm + Deceased Members of the Simonka Family
- Cousins

Thursday, May 23, 2024

12:15 pm + Gertrude Bourque – Doug & Gai Brown

+ Rohan Jayasundera – Diane Jones

Friday, May 24, 2024

8:00 am + Sara Barros – Maria Ianni

+ Romano Vincent Tony Peresini Jr. & Jacqueline Pearl Peresini – Tracy Peresini

8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, May 25, 2024

5:00 pm + George Chrysler, Jr. – The Family

+ Ron Quinlan – Doug & Gai Brown & Family

+ Sophie Sporbek – The Micah & Pineda Family



PENTECOST SUNDAY

What is Pentecost?

Pentecost comes from the Greek *pentekoste*, which means *fiftieth*. On the Feast of Pentecost, Christians commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, gathered around the Mother of the Lord (Acts chapter 2). The Feast is celebrated on the 50th and final day of the Easter Season. (EWTN)

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Catechism: To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess that the Holy Spirit is one of the persons of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial with the Father and the Son. ... "Holy Spirit" is the proper name of the one whom we adore and glorify with the Father and the Son. The Church has received this name from the Lord ... The term "Spirit" translates the Hebrew word *ruah*, which, in its primary sense, means breath, air, wind. ... (CCC 685, 691)

NORTH OF 60 – 2024 Food gathering

St. Vincent de Paul is hosting our annual food gathering to support our northern neighbours in the community of Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut. The following products will be collected on the weekends of June 1/2 and June 8/9: **SUGAR – 2KG BAG, TANG JUICE CRYSTALS – BOXED SLEEVES, TINNED FRUIT, MR NOODLES. Please place food items in the white bins at the Church entrances.**

Act II Separated/Divorced Support Group

Act II is an informal support group for those who are experiencing separation or divorce. With the support of others you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual devastation of 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 **May 21st**. 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>

Update on the Ukrainian Support at St. Michael Parish

The war in Ukraine continues... which means that Ukrainians continue to arrive in Canada in large numbers. Guest houses for Ukrainians are managed by the local organization "*Grassroots Response to the Ukrainian Crisis*". Most operate year-round but a summer house has opened on King St. N. near Columbia. This will be home for up to 16 Ukrainians from May until August as they settle into life in Canada, trying to find employment, learn English and search for more permanent housing. Life in Canada for the Ukrainians can be very difficult - no income, worry about the family that were left behind, new culture and language etc. If you would like to assist, please visit: www.wrgrassrootsresponse.ca. You can email: wrgrassrootsresponse@gmail.com or call Steph directly: 519.242.8524. Our faith encourages us to be a positive influence in our world. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference!

VBS - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 19-23, 9 am – noon

St. Michael Parish

Registration is now open for VBS. 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.

Parish Volunteer Opportunities

Thinking about volunteering with us? We are currently recruiting for Parish and Community Outreach, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Homebound and at Mass, and Ministers of the Word. Visit our website for details [Volunteer opportunities at St. Michael Parish Tri-Fold June 4 2023.pdf](#), or contact parish@stmichaelw.ca for further information.



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REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL Join us on **May 23, 7:00 – 9:00 PM** for the screening of **The Biggest Little Farm**. The film chronicles the eight-year quest of John and Molly Chester as they trade city living for 200 acres of barren farmland ... Guest speaker Lisa Conroy, Farm Educator from the Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelph will offer insight into their model of organic agriculture and the programs they provide. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at:** <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>



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