

Bits & Bits

First Friday Day of Adoration before Blessed Sacrament

Each first Friday from 8 am to 12 noon the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar for adoration. We invite you to spend some time in prayer for vocations, vocations to Marriage, Priesthood, Diaconate, Religious Life or Single Life. These vocations, which are invitations to show God's love to the World.

Parish Bulletin

We have made a decision about announcements before and after mass. Announcements will be made only when absolutely necessary. This means everyone needs to take a bulletin home and read it carefully. Please do not leave the bulletin in the pew, if reading this prior to mass we invite you to take the bulletin home with you.

Hospital Chaplains

As you know, there have been many changes in Hospital Procedures, including Pastoral Care. Now, as a Catholic, when you are admitted to the hospital you need to request the services of the Priest for a visit or Blessing of the Sick through the Pastoral Care Department. Each of the hospitals in London has a Chaplain assigned to them by the Bishop.

Communion for All

Is your participation in communion limited due to an inability to take gluten? We now have access to approved low-gluten hosts (approx. 0.01% total gluten content) that might enable you to partake more fully in the communion rite. Please call Fr. Murray Sample at ext. 202 for more details.

Teacher References

It is the policy of Separate School Boards to ask for a Pastoral Letter from a candidate who is applying for a job. This letter requires the Pastor to witness that the candidate goes to Mass each Sunday and is involved in parish ministry. If you plan on asking for a letter of reference, make sure you are fulfilling the obligation.

Altar Servers for Funerals

We are looking for men and women to help with this very special Ministry. No previous experience necessary, as you will be trained. If you are interested in this Ministry and would like more information, please call the parish office 519-433-6689.

Memorial Donations

Memorial donations to St. Michael's Parish are available at London Funeral Homes. Parishioners are respectfully asked to consider designating to St. Michael's Parish as recipient of memorial donations.

Pre-Authorized Offertory Gifts

At St. Michael's Parish we have an Automatic Bank gift giving program to make your regular donations to the Parish easier for you. Your Offertory donation may be made by authorizing a monthly deduction from your bank account. You will never need to worry about forgetting your envelope and your regular support of St. Michael's Parish.

If you would like more information about this program please call Jolanda Squire at the Parish Office at 519-433-6689 ext. 208.

"Have you ever thought about making a legacy gift to St Michael's Parish in your Will?"

"A legacy gift can leave a legacy of faith and hope to future generations."

If you would like to help St Michaels with such a gift, we encourage you to consult with your financial advisor or lawyer.

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Gentle Reminder

Mass ends with the final word of the final hymn of mass.

Cell Phones at Church

This is the age of a phone on your hip or in your purse, however they are annoying to people and disturb the great prayer of the Church. As mass begins, we invite people to turn off their cell phones for the celebration of mass.

St. Michael's Parish Newsletter - Advertising

If you own or manage a company please consider advertising in the St Michael's Newsletter. It is published three times each year and is mailed directly to approx 2,600 homes in the parish. The multi-faceted content of interesting stories and information in the Newsletter, make it a publication that may be kept around a home for some time. First come – first served – to date some space is still available for the next three issue year! Please call the parish office for the contact name.

A Discussion on Ontario's Catholic Schools and Their Future

For more than 150 years Catholic schools have enriched communities through the education of students rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Under the auspices of the Institute for Catholic Education, Ontario's Catholic education partners came together to sponsor an initiative that asked the Catholic community to think about and to discuss the meaning, value and future of Catholic education. The purpose was to deepen and broaden the level of support for our Catholic schools. A summary report was prepared from responses from 27 Catholic school boards in Ontario. It can be read in its entirety at www.ldcsb.on.ca. Catholic schools provide the most effective means for the evangelization of our children and all stakeholders need to be involved: home, school, parish, and Catholic educational partners. Get involved. Be part of the discussion!

Archbishop Thomas C. Collins Scholarship

Students interested in information or applying for the Archbishop Thomas C. Collins Scholarship for Catholic Student Leadership should visit www.kings.uwo.ca/pub/ac

Salt & Light Television

Salt & Light Television is Canada's Catholic Network, focused on sharing inspirational stories that bring people closer to Christ and the Catholic faith. For information about Salt + Light Television, visit www.saltandlighttv.org or call 1-888-302-7181. Salt + Light Television is available nationally on Bell ExpressVu (654), in Ontario on Rogers Digital (395), Cogeco Digital (185), Mountain Digital (387).

Sisters, Spirituality, Social Justice & Social Media

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph is thrilled to share their new "virtual home" with you at www.csj.london.on.ca. Following an 8-month intensive and transformative process, they have created a vibrant and interactive space that invites people locally and globally to learn about and engage in issues of contemporary spirituality and justice.

They hope you will explore the new site and share it with your friends, colleagues and partners to help us spread the exciting news and to engage as large and as diverse a population as possible in our shared work on important global issues.

Holy Family Retreat House - Oxley ON

For information on retreats at the Holy Family Retreat House please visit their web site at www.holyfamilyrh.com or phone 519-738-6136.

Medaille Retreat House

Has many upcoming programs, retreats. For more information phone (519) 641-1379 or email medaille@csj.london.on.ca.

Cyberspace: A Sampling

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