



St. Michael's Messenger

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Our mission: To raise joyful disciples of Jesus Christ to become apostles.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month let us be reminded that it is more than just one day, but rather a continuous, daily attitude of praise and thanksgiving!

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Weekday Mass Times: Mon, Tue, Thurs and Fri 8:30 am, Wed 9:30 am

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 5 pm & Sunday 10 am

Spanish Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1pm

Confessions: Saturday 4:00- 4:30 or call the parish office to make an appointment.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are available to bring the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are homebound. Please contact the church office to be included in this service.



COFFEE SUNDAY is October 4th



Join us after 10 am mass for coffee and a treat in our Hospitality Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"
1 Chronicles 16:34

A note from one of our Spring Alpha participants.

Hi Carmel,

It was so lovely to attend the gathering last evening and hear about the experiences of the CCO. No matter what brings me to the parish hall, I never leave there without feeling inspired and uplifted and in general awe of the goodness of the people of St. Michael's parish.

I would love to take part in a CCO Faith Studies group next time they're available so if you could put my name down, I would greatly appreciate it. Also, and I don't know if this is your department and if not, perhaps you could point me in the right direction, but after a great deal of prayer and reflection, I would like to commit myself to the Catholic faith. I was christened in the Church of England as an infant (I was born in the UK) but that's about the extent of my religious exposure up until Alpha last autumn which was, quite literally, life-altering :) Anyway, I would really appreciate it if you could let me know what that might entail.

Thank you again, for creating such a welcoming space for us seekers...having wandered into various other faith communities in the past (and back out again!) I can confirm that you really are living your mission as it was recited last evening.

Many blessings, Melanie

Angie is part of our Alpha Team and wants to share with you her Alpha experience.

As a Catholic my knowledge of my faith was so basic. We pray, go to mass on a regular basis and we were taught that Jesus is our Lord and Saviour. When I heard about Alpha through a church announcement, I decided to give it a try to see what it is about.

I wanted to know more about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

To anyone not sure about giving Alpha a try, I would tell them it might help any doubts or questions they may have with their faith.

The first session was very pleasant. We enjoyed a sit-down dinner and got to know everyone in the group. Watching the video, followed by a discussion where we were free to share our thoughts in a safe environment was key to the experience. There was no judgement of our thoughts and we were encouraged to ask questions as we explored the basics of Christian faith. Learning about Jesus through some discussions, which included Bible scripture and prayers, enabled me to broaden my faith. I truly enjoyed the sessions and the Holy Spirit away day and was happy to give back to Alpha, by joining the Alpha Team as a table helper.

As a Table Helper we look after the needs of the guests as if they were in our homes, starting with welcoming them to the table. All the while we make sure the guests have what they need, even if it is only a glass of water! Having discussions about faith in a fun, friendly and nonjudgmental environment is an important part of every Alpha. *Angie G*

Our Prayer Focus through our Parish Rosary

Bishop Bergie has said that Jesus is calling the Diocese of St. Catharines, our parishes, our leaders and every one of us into a deeper hope.

- A hope for a Spirit-led Church, alive with missionary purpose.
- A hope for communities filled with people whose hearts are set ablaze with the love of Jesus.
- A hope that seeds already planted will bear fruit in ways we cannot yet imagine.

St. Michael's Intercessory Prayer Group Meets via ZOOM the last Sunday of the month at 7pm
Sign up at the entrance to the church or contact the parish office for more information



Alpha continues....
Please pray for our Alpha guests and team as they continue their journey in faith together on Thursday evenings.



**ST. MICHAEL'S CWL
WELCOMES YOU TO SOCK-TOBER.**

During October we are collecting new socks for all ages to be donated to Strong Fort Erie Neighbourhoods for distribution.



TAKE OUT...PICK UP DINNER!!
PENNE, 4 MEAT BALLS & ROLL
>> \$10.00 << 4:30-6:30PM
Saturday, October 24
ST MICHAEL'S PARISH HALL
Sponsored and supported by
Knight of Columbus Council
3320 Fort Erie
Proceeds to OLV



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>For daily mass intentions please consult our website stmichaelfe.com</i>	The monthly devotion for October is the Holy Rosary. During this time of Praying the Rosary, we pray for peace and deeper meditation on the Gospels. 			1 Mass 8:30am St Therese of the Child Jesus Alpha 6:30 pm Parish Hall	2 Mass 8:30am Holy Hour The Holy Guardian Angels	3 Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm
4 Mass 10:00am Coffee Sunday 	5 Mass 8:30am St Faustyna Kowalska CWL 6:30pm Hospitality RM	6 Mass 8:30am Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, St Bruno	7 Mass 9:30am Our Lady of the Rosary	8 Mass 8:30am St Denis and companions, St John Henry Newman and St John Leonardi	9 Mass 8:30am	10 Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm
11 Mass 10:00 am Spanish Mass 1 pm 	12 Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving Day 	13 Mass 8:30am Connect Group 11:00am-1:00pm K of C 6:30pm Hospitality RM	14 Mass 9:30am St Callistus I	15 Mass 8:30am St Teresa of Jesus SVDP 10am Hospitality RM Alpha 6:30 pm Parish Hall	16 Mass 8:30am St Marguerite D'Youville	17 St Ignatius of Antioch Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm
18 Mass 10:00am	19 Mass 8:30am St Paul of the Cross	20 Mass 8:30am St Hedwig and St Margaret Mary Alcocque	21 Mass 9:30am	22 Mass 8:30am St John Paul II Alpha 6:30 pm Parish Hall	23 Mass 8:30am St John of Capistran	24 St Anthony Mary Claret Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm K of C Take Out Dinner parish hall 4:30-6:30
25 Mass 10:00am Spanish Mass 1 pm Intercessory Prayer 7pm ZOOM	26 Mass 8:30am Newsletter submissions due	27 Mass 8:30am Connect Group 11:00am-1:00pm Hospitality RM	28 Mass 9:30am ST SIMON AND ST JUDE, APOSTLES	29 Mass 8:30am Alpha 6:30 pm Parish Hall	30 Mass 8:30am	31 Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm 

Prayer Requests: Peggy, James Pautler, Frank, Alaura, Joey Brancato, Marylou Deschamps, James Mc Carthy, Brian Murphy, Judie Ann Lalgie, Rachel Jessop, Patty Boychuk, Geoff, Steve Lo-Stracco, Ann Marie Flake, Don, Janet Pierce, Betty Ann Schnicks, Bernice Schnicks, Josh Deschamps, Angela, Vilma, Stan Waszynski, Jerry Grey, Bob, Derek, Kevin, Deanna, Mike Reidy, Bill Lashbrook, Silvanna Pontello, Ray Rosettani, Fern, Anna Benforte, David D., Rosalie, Kimberly Murphy, Dawn S, Sharon Dickson, Maria G, Keith W



Summer Memories

July 12th – They're off to St. Vincent de Paul's Summer Camp at Cave Springs in Beamsville, Ontario. Eight Greater Fort Erie Children were selected by the St. Michael's SVdP Conference and St. George's Conference to participate. Thanks to all our private sponsors and the Knights of Columbus eight children received a summer gift they will not forget!
Theresa McKellar, President St. Michael's SVdP



Donations to the Strong Fort Erie Neighbourhoods Personal Products Bank are always welcome!
These are collected in the front entrance to the church. Items most needed: Toilet paper, Liquid dish soap, bar soap, toothpaste and antiperspirant.
Thank you for your continued support of our neighbours who are most in need!

Leave a Legacy of Faith: When updating your estate plan, please remember St. Michael's Parish. Prayerfully consider leaving a legacy that supports our parish's future.