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FEBRUARY 19TH, 2023 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Be perfect,
therefore, as your
heavenly Father
is perfect.*
- Matthew 5:48

Today, the Word of God teaches us that the source of holiness, as well as its measure, dwells in God alone: "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). It is he who inspires us and it is towards him that we walk. We walk the path under the aegis of the new law, that of Love. Love is the true guide to our ideals, which are so well



expressed in this fifth chapter of the Gospel of Saint Matthew. To win, Jesus tells us we must have very good self-control, and enough clarity of mind to know the law we obey: that of unconditional, gratuitous and magnanimous love. Love, Jesus brought it to the Cross because hatred is conquered by love. This is the path to victory, without violence, with humility and with joyful love, because God is Love in action.



St. Mary's, Blenheim Mass Times

WEEKDAY MASSES
 Tuesday to Friday at 8am
SUNDAY MASSES
 Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 10:30am
SUMMER MASSES
 St. Anne of the Lakes, Erieau
 Sat at 3:45pm, May - September

St. Michael's, Ridgetown Mass Times

WEEKDAY MASSES
 Tuesday to Friday at 8:30am
SUNDAY MASSES
 Saturday at 5pm, Sept to May
 Sunday at 9 & 11am
SUMMER MASSES
 St. Gabriel's, Rondeau
 Saturday at 5pm, May - Sept.

Mass Times for St. Paul's, Thamesville

WEEKDAY MASSES
 Tuesday at 6:30pm
 Thursday at 6:30pm
 Saturday at 8:30am
SUNDAY MASSES
 Saturday at 7pm, Sunday at 8:30am

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***The Deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at 10am for St. Mary's & St. Michael's
and Tuesday at 11am for St. Paul's***

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Half an hour after the following: weekday Masses; after St. Mary's Sunday Mass; after St. Michael's Sundays Masses; and after St. Paul's Saturday Masses, or by appointment

Please phone the parish office concerning the Sacrament of Baptism, Anointing of the Sick and Communion visits.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please phone the parish office at least six months before your planned wedding date.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Function	Location
Feb 21	9:00am	Burden Bears	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Feb 21	4:30-6:30pm	K of C Pancake Supper	St. Michael's Hall, Ridgetown
Feb 22	6:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Feb 22	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	St. Michael's, Blenheim
Feb 22	8:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	St. Paul's, Blenheim
Feb 24	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross	St. Paul's, Ridgetown
Feb 24	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	St. Mary's, Ridgetown
Feb 24	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	St. Michael's, Ridgetown
Feb 25	9:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Paul's, Thamesville

Mass Intentions for the week of February 21st - February 26th, 2023

St. Mary's

Tue	8:00 am	- Bernice Lunn and Ruby Hayman
Ash Wednesday	8:00am	- For Our Parish Family
	6:00pm	- For Our Parish Family
Thurs	8:00 am	- †Frank Slemensky
Fri	8:00 am	- †Linda Brasier Prett
	8:00 am	- Cecelia Pawlowicz
Sat	5:00 pm	- For Our Parish Family
Sun	10:30 am	- For Our Parish Family

St. Michael's

Tue	8:30 am	- †Aileen Duffy
	8:30 am	- Int of Johnathon & Cindy Farrugia
Ash Wednesday	8:30am	- For Our Parish Family
	7:00pm	- For Our Parish Family
Thurs	8:30 am	- †Irene Stepniak
	8:30 am	- †Dolly Tanquay
Fri	8:30 am	- †Gerry Noordhoek
	8:30 am	- †Donald, Violet and Joseph Borg
Sat	5:00 pm	- For Our Parish Family
Sun	9:00 am	- For Our Parish Family
	11:00 am	- For Our Parish Family

St. Paul's

Tue	6:30 pm	- †Joseph & Rose Vereecken
Ash Wednesday	8:00pm	- For Our Parish Family
Thurs	6:30 pm	- Capuchin Intention
Sat	8:30 am	- Capuchin Intention
Sat	7:00 pm	- For Our Parish Family
Sun	8:30 am	- For Our Parish Family

Please Pray for Healing: Bessie Kominek (R), Helen Vajdijk (B), Mary Kluka (B), Eugene Barron Piggott; Lorraine VanDamme (T), Monica Banovic (R), Joe Kormendy (B), Barbara Graham (B), Jim Shaw (R), Amy Smith sister of Jeff Kemp, Marilyn Chauvin (T), Bob Fisher (T), Sue Kormendy, sister of Joe Kormendy (B), Shirley Fraser (B), Jeannie Havens (R), Mike DeCook, Sister Emerita, Connie Murray (B), Michelle MacLean (B), Denise DeWitte (B), Bill Van Loon (B), and all others in our parish who need prayers.

Please Pray for the Deceased: Please pray for those who have died, and for all the deceased members of our families.

Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar: Rev. Ross Bartley; Rev. Mark Poulin; Rev. Cecil Nunez; Mrs. Margaret Olszewski, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Ronaldo (Ronnie) Tagnines; Mrs. Kim Bornais, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

FAMILY OF PARISHES RETREAT DAYS

Our Family of Parishes has the great privilege of welcoming two priests from the Home of the Mother, an International Public Association of the Faithful of the Catholic Church with pontifical approval. The three missions of the Home of the Mother are: the Defence of the Eucharist, the Defence of the Honour of Our Blessed Mother, and bringing Youth to Jesus Christ. The family retreat on Sat. March 4th will begin with Mass at 8:30am. The day will include talks and reflections, fellowship, adoration, and a pot luck lunch, with the day ending at 4:00pm. A free will offering will be taken to cover the priests' airfare and travelling costs. (Activities will be available for younger children in our Sunday school rooms). Sunday, March 5th will be a retreat for all youth ages 12-18. Their day will begin with 9:00am Mass followed by fun activities, prayer, supplied lunch, and time spent with the priests. For organizational purposes please register at stmichridge@dol.ca. Hope to see you there!

Day of Confessions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

Penance and Prayer in Every Parish



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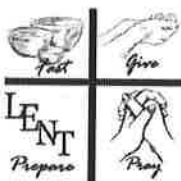
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Visit our website at <https://southkenticatholicfamilyofparishes.ca/>
and click on the 'Watch Sunday Mass' link to view Masses.
Morning Masses Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30am and weekend Mass on
Sundays at 11am will be livestreamed from St. Michael's.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"the lord is merciful and gracious!"

COUNTDOWN TO LENT

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and penance. Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, and we should attend the way of the cross. Paschal Fast is to be observed on Good Friday. There will be no singing of alleluia until the Easter. Lent has a penitential character. During lent spend more time in prayer, penance, and fasting, and almsgivings.



ST. MICHAEL'S K OF C PANCAKE SUPPER



The Ridgeway Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 21st from 4:30 til 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. The cost is a "Free Will Offering".



ST. PAUL'S CWL CREPE BREAKFAST

St. Paul CWL will be having a crepe breakfast following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 19th in the church basement for a goodwill offering.

ST. MARY'S FUNERAL CHOIR

When a family is grieving, through the death of a loved one, providing a beautiful mass with music and singing is always appreciated. We are looking for people who love to sing or play an instrument and are available during the day. This is an open invitation to everyone, in the cluster of parishes, with hopes of building community. There will be no commitment to sing at every funeral, but an email or phone call, if you do not have a computer, will be sent out with the list of the music the family has chosen. We also practice one hour before the funeral time. If you wish to join or know someone who would, please email Chyrl Roelans, at cjbjm@live.ca or phone 519-676-3089.

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Canadian Food For Children does not collect old magazines. Please do not leave any magazines in the church entries. Thank you for your consideration.

OFFERTORY FEBRUARY 11TH & 12TH, 2023

St. Mary's: Offertory - \$1,826.25
St. Michael's: Offertory - \$1,197.00
St. Paul's: Offertory \$1,315.00

Thank you to all who continue to support our Parishes, both spiritually and financially.

****Please make cheques payable to the Church you are attending. The banks will not cash cheques made out to North American Martyrs or South Kent Catholic Family of Parishes.**

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WORKSHOP

If you have ever thought of becoming either a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, this is the time to come and see what it is all about. We are in need of new people, young and young at heart. This workshop is for the veterans, the new and thinking about it, parishioners or the curious. Sometimes we just need to take that first step and come and see. We will go over all there is to know about these ministries. You will even be able to speak at the microphone. It is open to the SKCFamily of Parishes and will be held on FEB. 28th at 7:00 pm in St. Mary's church. We are hoping to be around an hour long, but there will be lots of time for questions and one on ones.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

A local World Day of Prayer service will be held at New Scotland Ridge United Church, at the corner of Kent Road 15 and New Scotland Line, on Friday, March 3 at 1:30 p.m. The church is fully accessible and the service will be followed by a time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome. Visit their website, WICC.org for more information.

ST. MARY'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

During 2022 we were able to help local people with food, clothing, rent and medical supplies. We were also able to support local food banks, breakfast program and charities working with the homeless. We are always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested please call Brenda 519-676-8747. We would like to thank our parishioners for their continued support.

Stewardship - A Way of Life - Sharing God's Gifts
The call to spiritual perfection or holiness dominates our readings today. We are called to be perfect as the heavenly Father is perfect, and to demonstrate that holiness in the way we treat one another and in our knowledge that we are temples of God's Holy Spirit.



St. Michael's Catholic Women's League

The year 2023 began while we were still in a pandemic, so many aspects of our duties were still modified. However, we continued to donate and help the poor and the needy in any way that we could. Throughout the year we donated to the following organizations:

- Save a Family Plan- financially helping our adopted family in India so they can become independent
- Canadian Food for Children- financially as well as donating necessary good to countries in need
- Chatham Kent Women's Centre- where 700 women needed help during the year 2022
- Chatham Kent Community Living which helps those living with disabilities
- Salvation Army- donations towards the Christmas Hamper Program
- St. Vincent de Paul- which gives aid to the poor in our community
- Development and Peace- an organization through the church which helps the impoverished in the world
- Royal Canadian Legion- Poppy Program, placing a wreath at the cenotaph, raising money for war veterans
- Donations toward "Esprit de Corps Awards" at St. Michael's School toward the most deserving male and female grade 8 graduate
- New Testament Bibles for all grade 8 graduating students
- A bursary for a male and female student graduating from R.D.H.S. who exemplifies Christian values
- Snacks and prize money for bingos for residents living at *The Village*- which is coordinated by one of our CWL members
- Right to Life- we held a Right to Life Baby Shower in October for mothers in need. We donate money, as well as many clothes and necessities from parishioners as well as the community. We also collected money for the Baby Bottle Boomerang which helps mothers in need and supports life
- This year, we gave a donation towards the T-shirt program, celebrating Canada's 155th Birthday
- Donated for a mass for Pope Francis' intentions
- Monetary gift for Fr. Michael's ordination, as well as helping to host a celebration for him in our parish hall.
- Donation of money towards a freezer for ROCK Missions (Reach Out Chatham Kent)

Members give of their time and countless hours of volunteering to help others in our own community and throughout the world. We held a very successful bazaar in November and give thanks to parishioners and individuals in our community who supported us, so we could raise funds for our donations in 2023. One member is working to help the homeless and those facing

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BLenheim FOOD BANK

Blenheim Baptist Church,
24 Talbot St. E.
Wed. 1pm-4pm, Thurs. 1pm-4pm

RIDGETOWN FOOD BANK

Salvation Army,
18 Main St. 519-674-3765
Tues. & Fri. 10am-4pm, Wed. & Thurs. 10am-12pm

THAMESVILLE FOOD BANK

Thamesville United Church,
107 Elizabeth St.

FOOD BANKS:

A basket is available at St. Mary's for anyone wishing to drop off donations for the Blenheim Food Bank for distribution to those in need.

There is a cubby by the driveway at Thamesville United Church, open 24/7. Take only what you need.

If you are able to help with donations, please bring to the front entrance of the United Church Monday through Friday.

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