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Opened - October 2, 1938

Est. as a Parish - January 1, 1986

Pastor: Rev. Krzysztof Szczepanik

Office Administration: Patti Belancic

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Office hours:

Monday: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Closed all Statutory holidays

Website: www.sthelenscatholic.ca

Sacraments:

Baptism:

Sundays at 12:30pm

Call parish office.

1st Communion & Confirmation

Contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation:

Every Saturday 4:00pm - 4:30pm or by appointment with the priest.

Marriage:

Arrangements six months in advance.

Marriage preparation is required.

RCIA & RCIC:

Contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please let us know when someone has a serious or prolonged illness or is to have surgery.

Chronic Care Facilities:

Pastoral visits are made monthly.

Reception of Holy Communion is available to Catholic residents.

Catholic Funeral Rites:

When a death occurs in your family, please call the Parish Office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

Homebound:

Notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs. When the sick, aged or incapacitated are confined to home for an extended time, pastoral visit can be arranged.

Schools:

St. Mark School

Principal: Jennifer DeCoff

Vice-Principal: Angela Villella

St. Edward School

Principal: Jeff Moccia

Contacts:

Music Ministry:

Anthony van Engelen

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am

(unless otherwise posted in the bulletin)

Adoration:

Daily after morning Mass weekdays

Ministry Scheduling & RFM:

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Parish Pastoral Council:

Chairperson: Anthony van Engelen

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Kindly complete the following and place in the collection box.

Envelopes will be on the round table in the foyer the following weekend.

New Parishioner*

Name _____

Address _____

I would like to use offertory envelopes*

Change of address

Phone _____

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Epiphany of the Lord - Year C

January 5, 2025

Mass Intentions January 7-12, 2025

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

- Tue.~****St Andre Bessette.....Jan. 7th**
6:00pm + Jose Natividad
(by Yvonne MacNiven)
- Wed. ~****Jan. 8th**
9:00am Special Int: Helen & Andy Hendriks
(by Mary Smeenk)
- Thurs.~****Jan. 9th**
9:00am Special Int. of Jean Barlow
(by Jean Barlow)
- Fri. ~****Jan. 10th**
9:00am Special Int. of Clara Argo
(by Anna & Sylvano Sabucco)
- Sat. ~****Jan. 11th**
5:00pm + Pierino & Silvia Izzo
(by Maria Marrese)
- Sun. ~****The Baptism of the Lord..... Jan. 12th**
9:00am Special Int. of Pauline O’Gorman
(by Viola & Pietro Izzo)
11:00am Deceased members of Gennaro
 Elia family
(by Giuseppina Elia)

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH?

If you are new to the parish or have been attending Mass here, ensure that you are registered by completing the tear off section at the front of this bulletin. Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass here. In the future, should you be in need of a pastoral letter (godparent, school, sponsor for confirmation, teacher referral, etc.), it would be difficult to issue one if you are not formally registered with the parish. If you are not sure that your family is registered, call or email the office.

PRAYER TEAM/WARRIOR



To become a member of this ministry or to submit your prayer request, please contact sandbmac@gmail.com

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

Last year we emailed most of the tax receipts which was both convenient and cost saving. If you would like your 2024 tax receipt emailed when it's ready in January, send a new email to the office with the subject line **PLEASE EMAIL MY 2024 TAX RECEIPT.**



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

DECEASED MEMBERS OF CIPRO & SOLERNO FAMILIES

The Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The next available opening for the Sanctuary Lamp is **May 18 & 25, 2025**. If you would like to book the lamp in memory of your loved one or any intention please contact the office sooner rather than later as the year is filling up. Cost is \$35.00 per week.

DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

We meet every second and fourth Monday at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre. There will be NO meeting on December 23, 2024, but next session will take place on **Monday, January 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**
Topic: The Catholic Faith and Divorce
 For more information please call 905-356-4113 or email: separateanddivorced@saintcd.com.

POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTION

For the right to an education:

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Unfortunately, this year's Christmas Pageant and Christmas social won't take place.

To receive the weekly bulletin via email, make your request by email: sthelen@saintcd.com



THURSDAY MORNING BINGO
 In the St. Helen Church Hall
 4106 Mountain Rd., Beamsville, ON
 Doors open at 10:00am, Bingo games start at 11:00am
 Delicious Lunch Available

FRIDAY EVENING BINGO
 Pizza available at 6pm, games start at 7:00pm

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (*Isaiah 60*)
Now the mystery has been revealed: now the Gentiles
have become fellow heirs of the promise. (*Ephesians 3*)
We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.
(*Matthew 2*)



Epiphany calls us to a new vision of the world that sees beyond the walls and borders we have created and to walk by the light which has dawned for all of humankind, a light by which we are able to recognize all men and women as our brothers and sisters under the loving providence of God, the Father of all.

The magi's following of the star is a journey of faith, a constant search for meaning, for purpose, for the things of God that each one of us experiences in the course of our own lives.

What we read and watch and listen to in search of wealth, fame and power are the "stars" we follow. The journey of the magi in Matthew's Gospel puts our own "stargazing" in perspective, calling us to fix our search on the "star" of God's justice, peace and compassion.

CHRISTMAS SEASON, NOT SIMPLY ONE DAY

While so many of our cultures only celebrate the build-up to Christmas, as a faith community we celebrate Christmas for the next several weeks. And, there is much to celebrate here, much to enter into more deeply. Too often, the days before Christmas are too busy to enter into the meaning of the feast or to reflect on the daily scriptures and the graces that are offered to us, in our concrete life circumstances. The first week is a time for us to enter into the stories of special saints who are associated with the Birth of our Lord because of their innocence: our first martyr and the Disciples Jesus loved. Next week, we return to stories of Jesus' life and ministry.

ST. MICHAEL MEN'S SPEAKER SERIES



Gentlemen of all ages are invited to this monthly talk and social about a spiritual topic relevant to men in our time. Held at a different church each month in order to bring together men

from across the diocese and provide guidance and support with a spiritual talk and activity designed to strengthen our faith and fight spiritual battles. This month's topic: *Spiritual lessons from a life of solitude & Shielding yourself against dark forces.* + Blessing and distribution of icons of Christ.

Date: Thursday, January 9th at 7:30pm

Location: St. Cyril & Methodius Church, St. Catharines

Speaker: Fr. Roman Dusanowskyj

Confessions at 7:00pm;

talk starts at 7:30pm,

Social hr 8:30pm

CWL GENERAL MEETING OF 2025



The first CWL General meeting of 2025 will be on **Tuesday, January 7th** starting with Mass at 6:00pm, followed by the Installation of the new Executive, a Coffee-Tea Social and a very brief meeting downstairs.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025



From our Holy Father Pope Francis:

"In our journey towards the Jubilee, let us return to Scripture and realize that it speaks to us in these words: *"May we who have taken refuge in him be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered"* (*Heb 6:18-20*). Those words are a forceful encouragement for us never to lose the hope we have been given, to hold fast to that hope and to find in God our refuge and our strength.

The image of the anchor is eloquent; it helps us to recognize the stability and security that is ours amid the troubled waters of this life, provided we entrust ourselves to the Lord Jesus. The storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death. This hope, which transcends life's fleeting pleasures and the achievement of our immediate goals, makes us rise above our trials and difficulties, and inspires us to keep pressing forward, never losing sight of the grandeur of the heavenly goal to which we have been called.

The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation. May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth (cf. *2 Pet 3:13*), where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises.

Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: *"Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!"* (*Ps 27:14*). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



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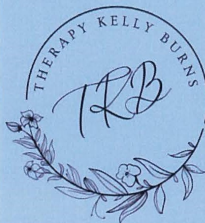


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