



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Michael's Parish, October 11, 2020

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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Many are called but few are chosen.



Anointing of the Sick

Through this sacrament the believer is strengthened by Christ's grace through the anointing of Holy Oils. All who are seriously ill, hospitalized, or having surgery can receive this sacrament. Please contact the parish office if you wish to receive this sacrament.

Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated by appointment. All parents must attend a baptismal preparation meeting prior to the Baptism. Please call the office to schedule dates.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed: 6 pm, St. Michael Church
following 5:30 pm Mass
Benediction at 7 pm

First Friday: Following 7 am Mass
until 7 pm, St. Michael Church

Matrimony

A meeting with the parish priest should precede all other wedding plans. Couples contemplating matrimony should contact the parish office six months to a year before the celebration of the sacrament.

Reconciliation

Sat: 3:15 - 3:45 pm St. Michael
Wed: 6:15 - 6:50 pm St. Michael
(also available by appointment)

First Fridays

To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

C.C.D.

(Religious education classes held during the school year)
Sun: 8:15 am St. Michael hall
10:00 am St. John Nepomucene hall

Pastoral Council: David Brann, Beth Cole, Leslie Debach, Will Hawrylo, Jean Herman, Ralph Lepper, Sherry Vargson, Donna Wolf, Anna Bradford-youth representative

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"As members of the parish community of Saint Michael, Saint John and Saint Aloysius, we are rooted in a relationship with Jesus Christ passed on to our Holy Father and in communion with our Bishop. We joyfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and his real presence in the Eucharist. We serve the Lord through acts of faith, hope and charity by the graces given through the Sacraments. It is our intention to carry out this mission so that we may be the face of Jesus Christ in the world."

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 10	Weekday
Vigil for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:00 pm, Canton † Stephen O’Kula (Sheila Wilson)	
Sunday, October 11	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo	
9:30 am, Canton † Deceased members of the	
Knights of Columbus	
11:15 am, Troy † John & Eleanor Sullivan	
(Barbara Pulver)	
Monday, October 12	Weekday
7:00 am, Canton - For the intentions of Carol Asbury	
(Cathy Asbury)	
Tuesday, October 13	Weekday
5:30 pm, Troy - For the intentions of Donald Trump	
(The Myers Family)	
Wednesday, October 14	Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Bill Spencer	
(Bonnie Spencer & Elizabeth Cole)	
Thursday, October 15	Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, No Mass Doctor of the Church
Friday, October 16	Weekday
7:00 am, Canton † Living & Deceased members of the	
Knights of Columbus (Council #5517)	
Saturday, October 17	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr
Vigil for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:00 pm, Canton † Dan & Pat Spencer	
(Chris & Chrissi Stanton)	
Sunday, October 18	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo	
9:30 am, Canton † Dolores & Joseph Seiberlich	
(Rich & Marie)	
11:15 am, Troy † Lefty & Barbara Shanley (Denise Ives)	



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week for all people throughout the world to recognize and treat each person as a masterpiece of God’s creation. *Sanctuary lamp intentions may be requested by contacting the parish office.*

NATURAL DISASTERS RELIEF

In light of the recent natural disasters of Hurricane Laura and the California wildfires, the USCCB has asked all parishes to take up a special voluntary collection to assist those most ravaged by these emergencies.

In St. Michael Parish, offerings can be placed in the regular collection bag on the weekend of October 10 & 11. Please clearly mark them:

USCCB Natural Disasters Relief.

If you prefer, you can send your donation directly to:
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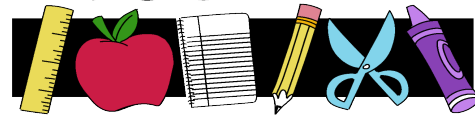
INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way for non-Catholics to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church and for Catholics who have not been fully initiated to receive Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. If you or any one you know is interested in becoming Catholic, RCIA is for you. For Catholics who would like a “refresher” on their faith, this is also an excellent continuing education opportunity. For more information or to register for classes, please contact Father Joe at 570-673-5253. The next session will be on Monday, October 12th at 7 pm in the rectory.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Our Religious Education program is going virtual. While disappointing in some ways, we can choose to make it an opportunity as well. Parents are the first people to introduce their children to Catholicism, and remain their primary catechist throughout their lives. The new online platform allows for greater family participation, opening up conversations that might not otherwise take place. ***Faith Alive!*** provides access to all of our regular curriculum as well as additional activities and formation opportunities for the entire family.

Virtual learning will begin the week of October 18th. Contact the parish office to register your child, ask questions, or volunteer.

We are still in need of additional catechists in Saint Michael’s Church for when in-person lessons resume. Classes meet on Sundays from 8:15 am until 9:15 am. The curriculum provides plenty of information and assistance, so no special teaching training is required. A heart for passing the faith on to the next generation is essential. We will assist you with completing Security clearance applications and Safe Environment training. This is a wonderful and fulfilling ministry. Please see Father Joe, Trina Beers, or call the parish office if you feel called to this ministry.

OCTOBER 12 - 18 READINGS

Mon	- Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1 Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7	Lk 11:29-32
Tues	- Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48	Lk 11:37-41
Wed	- Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-4, 6	Lk 11:42-46
Thurs	- Eph 1:1-10 Ps 98:1-6	Lk 11:47-54
Fri	- Eph 1:11-14 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13	Lk 12:1-7
Sat	- Eph 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-3b, 4-7	Lk 12:8-12
Sun	- Is 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10	1 Thes 1:1-5b
		Mt 22:15-21



POPE QUOTE: "Saint Therese of Lisieux invites us to practise the little way of love, not to let the possibility of offering a smile to slip by, or any small gesture that sows peace and friendship."

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION

OCTOBER: THE LAITY'S MISSION IN THE CHURCH: We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

PARISH LIFE

The staff is a great resource. When the pandemic began, they held weekly sessions online so we could share our concerns... Their two-day virtual Catechist Camp with national speakers gave me a new perspective... Our hope is to instruct our children to continue the faith and the work of the Church. We're grateful to Appeal donors for their support.



Karen Balestino, Director of Religious Education, St. Boniface and St. Lawrence Parishes, Williamsport

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*Our Parish Goal for the
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is \$12,000.00*

SAINT MICHAEL ALTAR & ROSARY NEWS

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in our area, the Harvest Supper Committee has determined, for the safety of our volunteers, to cancel this year's supper. Hopefully, everything will be better next year.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS SEPTEMBER 21 - 27, 2020

Weekly Offerings:	\$1,756.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,325.00
Fruit Pie sales & donations:	1,332.10
Other Parish Income:	48.00
Total Parish Income:	\$4,461.10
Average weekly expenses:	3,762.36
Difference:	698.74



Care & Education of Priests: 269.00

*Thank you for your continued support
during this difficult time.*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK!

Next week is World Mission Sunday. We are called through our Baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice, and support of the Mission Church through material aid. This year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to that call, saying, "Here I Am, Send Me!" To "send" ourselves, we can:

- PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work
- OFFER financial HELP and CHARITY through the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

Envelopes for next week's World Mission Sunday offering are next to the bulletins. If you would like your

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Allura Booker, Betty Brown, Paula Brown, Judy Callahan, Carol Davis, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Becky Evans, Douglas Greene, Melissa Gowan, Brenda Holloway, Robert Dale Hostetter, Ginny Jones, Karleigh Jones, Wanda Jones, Ben Kopetan, Sherry Lambert, Creighton MacGill, Patti Madigan-Pessoni, Darlene McCurdy, Marie Miele, Cathy Ostaszewski, Debbie Pawlak, Pauline Pazzaglia, Jody Schefsky, Mike Slocum, Andrea Smith, Sadie Smith, Bonnie Spencer, Rich Stankiewicz, Cassie Twist, Wanda Wennerholt, Steven Wilber, Anthony Wolf, Donna Wolf, Nicholas Wolf, Barb Yanak

Contact the parish office to add a name to the prayer list.

WHY DO CATHOLICS GENUFLECT IN A CHURCH?

**Catholics genuflect in Church
in order to show our reverence to the**

True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Imagine you've been transported to the middle ages. You're summoned by the king to come before him in his palace. Before you go you put on your best, middle ages outfit – which is probably brown. You even wash behind your ears. When you walk into the throne room you know you're supposed to bend one of your knees in admiration and respect of the king's authority and rank.

Jesus Christ deserves the same kind of admiration and honor that would be due a grand king. Now (back to present day) imagine that you are walking into the throne room of the King of creation, the Lord of Lords, the beginning and the end. **When we walk into God's throne room, the church, out of respect for His glory hidden in the Tabernacle we should genuflect.**

Genuflection is defined as 'A reverence made by bending the knee, especially to express adoration of the Blessed Sacrament' (CCC 1378). As we walk into the house of God, a church, we show our adoration for Him by kneeling before Him.

'Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.' (Psalm 95:6)
(<https://lifeteen.com/blog/why-do-catholics-genuflect-in-a-church/>)

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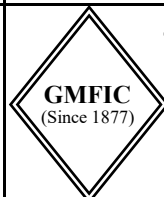
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