

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 14, 2021**



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(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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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.

Confessions

Sat: 3:15 - 3:45 pm St. Michael

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

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed: 6:00 pm, St. Michael's Church
following 5:30 pm Mass

Benediction at 7:00 pm

First Friday: Adoration after
7 am Mass until 7 pm,
St. Michael's Church

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. (2020/21 - virtual classes)

(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, February 13	Weekday
Vigil - 6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
4:00 pm, Canton † Robert Fleury (The Fleury Family)	
Sunday, February 14	6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Ginny Jones (Donna Wolf)	
9:30 am, Canton † Pro Populo	
11:15 am, Troy † Deceased members of the Shon Family (Terri Kelley)	
Monday, February 15	Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Monty Spencer & Mike Acresti (Bonnie & Beth)	
Tuesday, February 16	Weekday
5:30 pm, Troy - For the intentions of President Joseph T. Biden (Shirley Grantier)	
Wednesday, February 17	ASH WEDNESDAY
12:10 pm, Troy † Tony Waldron	
5:30 pm, Canton - For and end to abortion (Susan Schiess)	
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross	
Thursday, Feb 18	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
No Mass	
Friday, February 19	Friday after Ash Wednesday
7:00 am Rectory † Lois Rook (Jeff & Beth Cole)	
Saturday, February 20	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Vigil - 6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
4:00 pm, Canton † Lefty & Barbara Shanley (Walburga Koval & Children)	
Sunday, February 21	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo	
9:30 am, Canton † Judy Callahan (Alden & Rosemary Fitzwater)	
11:15 am, Troy † Russell Watkins (Chris & Chrissi Stanton)	



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week in memory of Ginny Jones by Donna Wolf. *Sanctuary lamp intentions may be requested by contacting the parish office.*

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To request a statement to use for your tax returns.

- 1) Write "Statement" on the front of your offertory envelope and put it in the collection bag.
- 2) Call the parish office at: 570-673-5253.
- 3) Email the parish at: stmichaelparish@frontiernet.net
Please let Cathy know if she can send your statement by e-mail. **Thank you for your generosity.**

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS are continuing in all three churches until further notice. Local pantries are in great need due to the pandemic and are extremely grateful for your continuing generous support. Donations of nonperishable food items, paper products, personal hygiene items, or gift cards to local stores are greatly appreciated.



FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?

We are now in the catechumenate phase, the period of formal preparation for entrance into full membership in the Catholic Church. The catechumenate period is a time of focused learning on topics related to Catholic belief and practice, training you in the Christian life. It is a time of "more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation". The next session will be on Monday, February 15th at 7 pm in the rectory.



SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Allura Booker, Betty Brown, Carol Davis, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Becky Evans, Douglas Greene, Melissa Gowan, Robert Dale Hostetter, Karleigh Jones, Wanda Jones, Ben Kopetan, Sherry Lambert, Creighton MacGill, Patti Madigan-Pessoni, Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Marie Miele, Cathy Ostaszewski, Debbie Pawlak, Pauline Pazzaglia, Ronald Rudnicki, 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

FEBRUARY 15 - 21, 2021 READINGS

Mon - Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21
Mk 8:11-13
Tues - Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10
Mk 8:14-21
Wed - Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17
2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs - Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25
Fri - Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15
Sat - Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32
Sun - Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

FEBRUARY 1 - 7, 2021

Weekly Offerings:	2,979.00
Electronic Offerings:	495.00
Other Parish Income:	195.00
Total Parish Income:	\$3,669.00
Average weekly expenses:	3,762.36
Difference:	(93.36)
Care & Education of Priests:	323.00



Thank you for your continued support.

VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

While we are unable to host our traditional Valentine Breakfast in Saint Michael's Church hall this year, we would like to thank you all for your generosity to the ongoing food drive. **FREE Breakfast sandwiches** will be available to pick up after the 9:30 am Mass in St. Michael's Church on Sunday, February 14th.





POPE QUOTE: “When we read the Gospel by ourselves with an open heart, a little of its light and beneficial power always reaches us, enlightening, healing, consoling.”

POPE FRANCIS’S PRAYER INTENTION:
FEBRUARY: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Lent Is...

Lent is a time of preparing,
A time for forgiveness and a time for sharing;
A time to give to others and show some caring,
Lent is a direction with just the right bearing.
A forty day period of penitence and fasting,
That should remain in our hearts for a time everlasting.
Although it's observed from Ash Wednesday to Easter
by many churches,
It should affect everyone's life, for we're all searchers;
Looking for a purpose in life, a new direction;
And Lent is a way filled with affection,
For it paved the way for Christ's resurrection.
Lent is a time for feeling sorrow for our misdeeds.
It provides us with a way of fulfilling our needs;
The need to abstain from what is wrong,
And follow in the footsteps of Christ all along.

Author: Father Joe Kutch (1981)



Our Parish Goal for the
2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal is \$12,000.00.

As of 01/25/2021 we have reached

104% of our goal, \$12,440.00!

Remember, 75% of everything above our goal is returned to the parish. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far.

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This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this Collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the Collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2021

WEEKDAYS OF LENT: There is no obligation to fast.

However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY: These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE: (All Fridays in Lent) All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION: After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains suspended.

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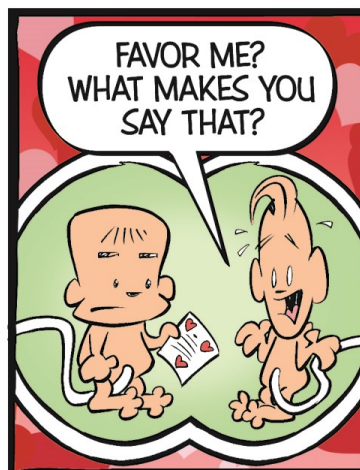
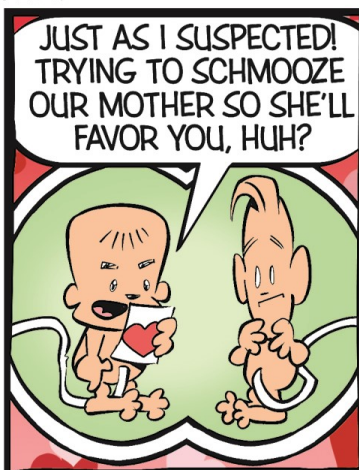
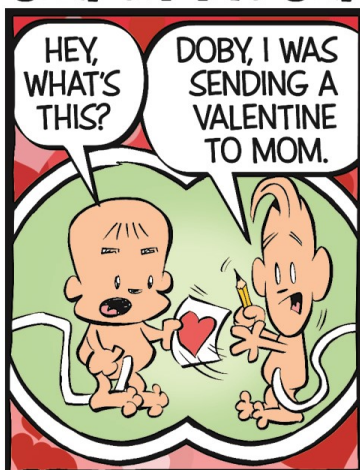


Saint Michael Church, Canton
Mondays in Lent
February 22nd
through March 22nd
5:30 - 7:00 pm

If you have not yet submitted your Altar & Rosary Society Dues / Madonna Plan envelope, please turn it in at your earliest convenience.

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2021 Lent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>February</p> <p>*Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying* (Catechism of the Catholic Church).</p>						
<p>21</p> <p>After Mass, decide what you need to move aside in your life in order to truly experience Jesus during Lent.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Raise the level of your prayer and really think about the meaning of the words you are saying.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Put a cross, crucifix, or other image of Jesus in each room of your home to help keep you focused.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>As an extra Lenten offering, give up something you enjoy — just for today.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Resolve to say only positive things about yourself today.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Pray for the people in the world who can't afford to have meat as a regular part of their diets.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Make a list of the ways you can support the poor and resolve to do one activity each week.</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Choose someone who has passed away or needs extra help as your Mass intention today.</p>	<p>1 March</p> <p>Pray an extra Rosary today and every day this week.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Forgive someone who has hurt you.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Ask Jesus to heal whatever separates you from feeling God's bountiful love.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Read the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) and renew your commitment to keep them.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Eat a meatless meal and remember why you are abstaining.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Adopt a local nursing home. Make cards for the residents, and offer prayers for each of them.</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Take one idea from today's Gospel reading or homily to implement during the coming week.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>At the end of the day, make an examination of conscience. Resolve to amend your life.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Look for evidence of God at work in your life today.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Deal with anyone in your life who may be interfering with your relationship with God.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Try to find the time to read an entire Gospel at one sitting.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Make a fresh start on your Lenten journey today. Renew your Lenten observances.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Attend a parish Reconciliation Service, if you feel safe, or go to Confession on your own.</p>
<p>14 Lactare Sunday</p> <p>Celebrate the halfway point of Lent. Do something fun after Mass today.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Go to a private room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Ask God for a new grace today that will bring you closer to him.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Resolve to go the entire day without judging or criticizing anyone.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pick one way you can simplify your lifestyle to make more room for God.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Figure out how much money you saved by not eating meat today and give it to the poor.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Trim down your possessions and give what you don't need to the poor.</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Look around your neighborhood today for signs of new life.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Get up an extra 15 minutes each day for the next two weeks and spend that time in prayer.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS; www.catholicrelief.org) to see how you can help.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Make a conscious effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Today, pray for someone you don't like.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Eat pretzels today as a reminder that Catholics used to fast from milk, butter, eggs, cheese, cream, and meat.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Perform some act of service for your parish. Ask at the rectory for suggestions.</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Place Palms around each of the images of Jesus in your home. Welcome the Messiah into your heart.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Recite the Profession of Faith or the Apostle's Creed each day this week.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Notice someone who may be hungry for love or attention and satisfy that hunger.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Try to find a reasonable explanation for some offense you may have suffered and let God be the final judge.</p>	<p>1 April</p> <p>Look for someone who is poor or homeless and share your food.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Meditate on the Stations of the Cross today. Try to imagine yourself at the scene of each one.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Think about a way in which you might have betrayed Jesus today. Ask his pardon.</p>