

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 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
(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

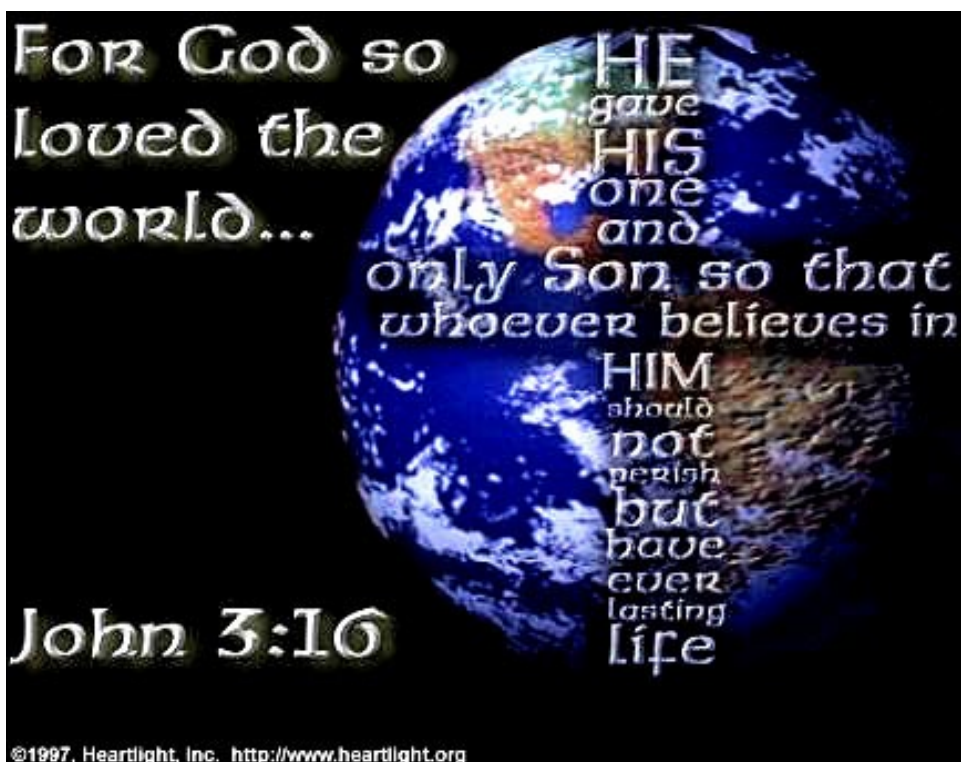
To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

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, March 13	Lenten Weekday
Vigil - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
4:00 pm, Canton † Judy Callahan (Roberta Arnold)	
Sunday, March 14	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo	
9:30 am, Canton † Eugene & Mary McMahon (Mike & Jean Herman)	
11:15 am, Troy † Fran Welch (Terri Kelley)	
Monday, March 15	Lenten Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Lynne Grieves (The Rushin Family)	
Tuesday, March 16	Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm, Troy † James Healy (St. Michael's A&R)	
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross	
Wednesday, March 17	Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Kermit L. Fitzwater (St. Michael's A&R)	
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross	
Thursday, March 18	Lenten Weekday
No Mass	
Friday, March 19	SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:00 am Rectory † Kerry Sommer (Mr. & Mrs. McDonough)	
Saturday, March 20	Lenten Weekday
Vigil - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
4:00 pm, Canton † Michael Neff (Bob & Diane Jones)	
Sunday, March 21	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo	
9:30 am, Canton † Carol Asbury (Alden & Rosemary Fitzwater)	
11:15 am, Troy † Steve & Audrey O'Kula (Shirley Grantier)	



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week for those nearing the end of life: May they be given the grace to persevere in faith and place their trust in God, as they prepare for eternity with Christ.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 03/08/2021 we have reached **110%** of our 12,000.00 goal, \$13,235.00! Remember, 75% of everything above our goal is returned to the parish. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far.

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 have entered into the period of purification and enlightenment which leads to the celebration of the Easter Sacraments. Please continue to pray for Greg Giess as he continues preparations to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation during the Easter Vigil. The next session will be on Monday, March 15th at 7 pm in the rectory.



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU.

There will not be any Deanery Penance Services during Lent this year. Father Joe will be available for Confessions in Saint Michael's Church on Mondays in Lent from February 22nd through March 22nd, 5:30 - 7:00 pm.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father hears Confessions in St. Michael's Church on Saturdays from 3:15 - 3:45 and by appointment in any of our three beautiful churches or in the Rectory chapel.

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, Chris Kopaczewski, 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

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

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.**

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

MARCH 2 - 8, 2021

Weekly Offerings:	3,491.00
Electronic Offerings:	495.00
Other Parish Income:	477.00
Total Parish Income:	\$4,463.00
Average weekly expenses:	3,762.36
Difference:	700.64
Care & Education of Priests:	258.00



Thank you for your continued support.

HELP *Jesus* IN DISGUISE



The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Funds from the collection support Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and other organizations that aid victims of natural disasters, immigrants in need of legal assistance and resources to help them adapt to life in their new home, and refugee children with special educational needs.



The years-long civil war in Syria has had catastrophic effects on the lives of millions of Syrians. More than six million people have been displaced within the country, while five million more have left their homeland for other countries as refugees. Neighboring Jordan

and Lebanon have taken in many Syrian refugees, over half of whom are children. With limited educational resources, Jordan and Lebanon cannot provide counseling for trauma and loss or meet other essential needs of the Syrian children living in the refugee camps.

To address the needs of refugee children, CRS and local church partner organizations provide educational opportunities for refugee children facing unique challenges. One boy, Ibrahim, had behavioral problems and poor academic performance that



hindered his learning. With the help of a CRS-sponsored educational program for special needs children, Ibrahim excelled in his studies and became happier, more sociable, and more engaged in the classroom.

You give children like Ibrahim opportunities to learn and grow when you contribute to The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Your Donations Help Our Brothers and Sisters . . . In the United States

Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

And Around the World

Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Syria and Niger . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . . through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

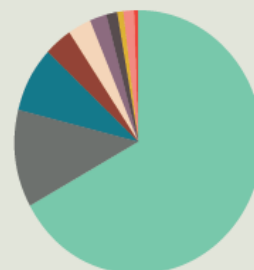
The Catholic Relief Services Collection 2019

Grants

Catholic Relief Services	\$11,119,987	67.1%
CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network)	\$1,976,905	11.9%
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Holy Father's Relief Fund	\$500,000	3.0%
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USCCB Asian & Pacific Island Affairs	\$228,361	1.4%
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Administration

Promotion & Education Costs	\$232,228	1.4%
Administrative Expenses	\$73,174	0.4%



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ES Jesús CON OTRO ROSTRO, ¿LE AYUDARÁS?



La The Catholic Relief Services Collection es una oportunidad para que ustedes ayuden a mejorar la vida de las personas más vulnerables alrededor del mundo y, aquí mismo, en los Estados Unidos. Los fondos de la colecta mantienen a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) y a otras organizaciones que ayudan a las víctimas de desastres naturales, a los inmigrantes que necesitan asistencia legal y los recursos que les ayuden a adaptarse a vivir en su nuevo hogar y ayudar a los niños refugiados que tienen necesidades educativas especiales.



La guerra civil en Siria, de varios años de duración, ha tenido efectos catastróficos en la vida de millones de sirios. Más de seis millones de personas han sido desplazadas dentro del país, mientras que otras cinco millones se han marchado del país hacia otros países y están en calidad de refugiados. Países vecinos como Jordania y Líbano han recibido a muchos refugiados, de los cuales más de mitad son niños. Jordania y Líbano, países que cuentan con limitados recursos educativos, no pueden brindarles asesoramiento para ayudarles a enfrentar el trauma y la pérdida, ni responder a otras necesidades básicas de los niños sirios que viven en campamentos para refugiados.

A fin de responder a las necesidades de los niños refugiados, CRS y organizaciones asociadas a la iglesia local, brindan oportunidades educativas a los niños refugiados quienes enfrentan unos singulares desafíos. Un niño, Ibrahim, tenía problemas

de comportamiento y un bajo rendimiento académico que obstaculizaban su aprendizaje. Con la ayuda de un programa educativo para niños con necesidades especiales, auspiciado por CRS, Ibrahim sobresalió en sus estudios y se volvió más feliz y sociable y participaba más en el salón de clase.

Cuando contribuyen a The Catholic Relief Services Collection, ustedes les brindan a niños como Ibrahim oportunidades para aprender y desarrollarse.

Tus donativos ayudan a nuestros hermanos y hermanas. . .

En los Estados Unidos

Alimentando el hambre de Jesús en los refugiados que sufren. . . a través del **USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Ofreciendo asesoría legal a Jesús en los inmigrantes que luchan por salir adelante. . . a través del **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Acercándose a consolar la soledad de Jesús en los trabajadores que se sienten aislados. . . a través de la labor pastoral del **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

Y, alrededor del mundo

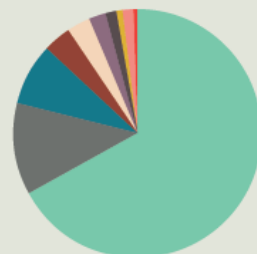
Dando agua para saciar la sed de Jesús en los pueblos de Siria y Níger. . . a través de la labor humanitaria de **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Abogando en nombre de Jesús por el pobre y el marginado. . . a través de la labor que hace en las políticas públicas el **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Enviando ayuda a Jesús en las víctimas de desastres naturales. . . a través del **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.



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POPE QUOTE: "The center of confession is Jesus who waits for us, who listens to us and forgives us."

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION:

MARCH: CATHOLICS IN CHINA: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

MARCH 15 - 21, 2021 READINGS

Mon - Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tues - Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wed - Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thurs - Ez 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

Fri - 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Sat - Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sun - Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, MARCH 28TH

Regular Sunday Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST

7:00 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Canton

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND

12:00 Noon, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Canton

7:00 pm, Stations of the Cross, Canton

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD

12:00 Noon, Blessing of Easter Baskets, Troy

1:00 pm, Blessing of Easter Baskets, Canton

8:00 pm, Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, Canton

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH

Regular Sunday Schedule

Attention Lectors!: If you are able to read at any of these liturgies, please contact the parish office.

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2021

WEEKDAYS OF LENT: There is no obligation to fast.

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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN SAINT ALOYSIUS CHURCH!

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in Saint Aloysius Church in Ralston on Friday, March 26th at 6:00 pm. We will be using the Saint Alphonsus Liguori stations. Booklets will be available, but if you have your own copy, feel free to bring it with you.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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