

FEBRUARY 13, 2022



THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MICHAEL

CATHOLIC PARISH

(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. (2021/22)

(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 12 Weekday

VIGIL: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His estate)

Sunday, February 13 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Kathie Lepper (Dan & Betsy Clark)
9:30 am, Canton † Robert Fleury (Christina Fleury)
11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

Monday, February 14 Saints Cyril, Monk, and

Methodius, Bishop
7:00 am, Rectory † Lois Rook (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Tuesday, February 15 Weekday

No Mass

Wednesday, February 16 Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His Estate)
6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, February 17 Weekday

No Mass

Friday, February 18 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Patricia Mack (St. Michael's A&R)

Saturday, February 19 Weekday

VIGIL: 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Rich Carlonas (Cheryl Carlonas)

Sunday, February 20 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Skip Cole (Jeff & Beth Cole)
11:15 am, Troy † Pat Mack (Bob & Diane Jones)

Fellowship is held in St. Michael's Church hall following the 9:30 am Mass each Sunday.



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week for the openness to new life of all married couples to bear witness to the generous love of God.

Sanctuary lamp intentions may be requested by contacting the parish office.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Jason Bellows, Allura Booker, Tom Ambruch, Betty Brown, Jeremy Colony, Paul Dean, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Melissa Gowan, Robert Dale Hostetter, Ben Kopetan, Ralph Lepper, Lanny Lutz, Creighton MacGill, Richard Margeson, Tom McBlane, Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Cathy Ostaszewski, Pauline Pazzaglia, Mike Slocum, Andrea Smith, Rich Stankiewicz, Rev. Joseph Staszewski, Frank Sullivan, Elias Vroman, Wanda Wennerholt, Steven Wilber, Anthony Wolf, Donna Wolf, Johnathan Wolf, Nicholas Wolf, Barb Yanak

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

Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.



Tuesday, March 1st

Saint Michael's Church Hall

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Activities for all ages!

Bring a Dish-to-Pass

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SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

January 31 - February 6, 2022

Weekly Offerings:	2,067.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,500.00
Other Parish Income:	150.50



Total Parish Income:	3,717.50
Average weekly expenses:	3,762.36
Difference:	(44.86)

Care & Education of Priests:	384.00
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Thank you for your continued support.

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS NOW AVAILABLE

To request a statement, contact the parish office or write "Statement" on the back of your offertory envelope (the side with your name & address). Please advise if you want your statement sent via email or USPS.

As of February 7, 2022, we have reached \$13,690 in pledges and donations, which is 114% of our Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal of \$12,000!

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One Minute Meditations

Want to make better decisions?

The best decisions are those made in harmony with God's will. And, a close relationship with God brings a strong sense of what He wants for us. When we grow distant and distracted, our perception of His will grows dim and the right course of action becomes less obvious. Prayer and Scripture reading help to bring clarity.



The right way to pray

Think of prayer as a focused conversation between two people who love each other. There is no one right way to pray. It is most rewarding when you talk to your loved one as often as possible, giving Him the best of your attention. Pope John Paul II said, "Pray any way you like, so long as you do pray." God is always ready to listen.

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."
St. Teresa of Calcutta



Rediscover God's love for you

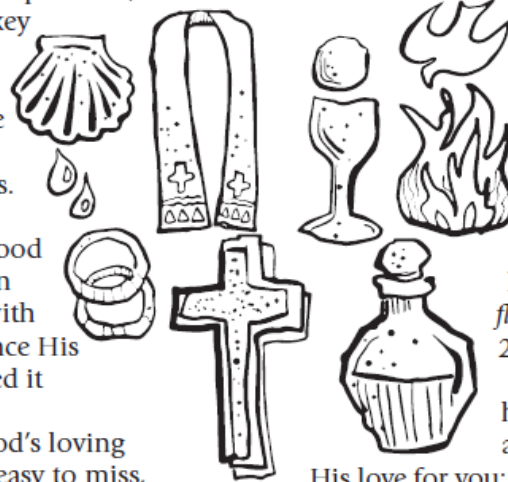
"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). In these challenging times, being grounded in God's personal, powerful love is key to staying strong, positive, at peace, and able to handle whatever happens. A time of uncertainty is a good time to strengthen our connection with God and experience His love when we need it most.

Make room. God's loving presence may be easy to miss, especially if we do more talking than listening. Sometimes prayer means we talk at God instead of to Him. It is best to listen in the silence of our hearts. In prayer, open your heart to hear what He has to say. "Speak, Lord, for your

servant is listening" (1 Sam 3:10).

Embrace the Sacraments. More than just symbols, Sacraments are personal encounters with God's unlimited love and grace. For example, in Confession, we receive Christ's powerful, healing love. In the Eucharist, we encounter Jesus and his love for us, "in the flesh" (Matthew 26:26-28) at every Mass. Find a devotion that helps you focus on God and better understand

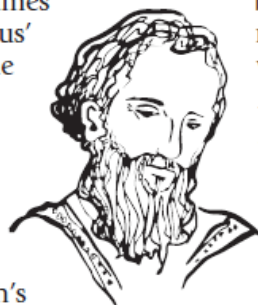
His love for you: the Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, praying novenas, reciting litanies, attending daily Mass. Devotions highlight some aspect of God's intensely personal love for us and gives us ways to respond.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call St. James the "brother of the Lord?"

St. Mark's Gospel names St. James as one of Jesus' "brothers" (6:3). In the original languages of the Bible, "brother" included other male relatives. Additionally, tradition holds that Cleopas was St. Joseph's



brother and James was his son, making him Jesus' cousin. Either way, the Church has always taught Mary's perpetual virginity, meaning Jesus (who was miraculously conceived) was her only child. This explains why Jesus entrusted Mary to St. John and not a sibling He didn't have (John 19:26-27).

Find peace in difficult times

If you follow news about national or world events, the reporting can rob you of peace. With stories of financial insecurity, unemployment, disease, depression, and division, how can we find peace?

Talk it out. Bringing worries into the light and confiding them to someone we trust can cut them down to size. Even better – talk about worries with God. Prayer has the added advantage of surrendering your problems into powerful hands.

“Jesus, I trust in You!”

Focus on what you can do, not what you can’t.



Stress results from feeling powerless. Focusing on what we can’t do can “paralyze” our problem-solving abilities. Start making a list of steps you can take toward solving your problem. Whatever is beyond your control, leave to God.

Immerse yourself in God’s all-powerful love. Whether we feel it or not, whether we believe it or not, we are God’s precious children. He watches over us very closely. He knows what we can handle and is more than ready to help us with all the rest.

from Scripture

Luke 6:39-45, Fraternal correction begins with “me”

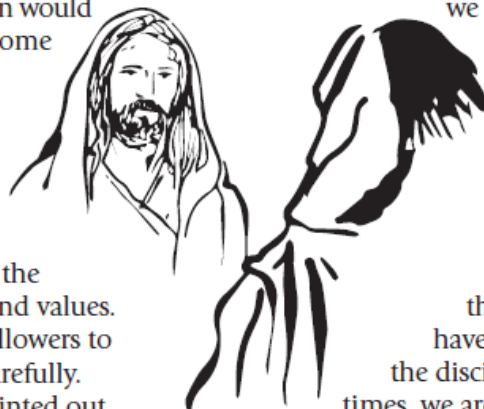
There is a danger to following someone who doesn’t know the way to God. In Jesus’ time, a young man would apply to a rabbi to become one of his students.

The student would live with the rabbi, study with him, and assist him with his work. As a result, the student might take on the teacher’s philosophy and values. Jesus cautioned His followers to choose their leaders carefully.

Then again, Jesus pointed out that it’s easier to see someone else’s faults and miss our own. Jesus gave the example of a man trying to warn his friend of a speck of dust in his eye, when

he himself is blind to the plank of wood in his own. Therefore, Jesus said we must first deal with our own faults before correcting others.

We are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ – God Himself – through whom we have eternal life. Like the disciples in Biblical times, we are called to stay close to Christ, let His grace transform us, and to live according to His values. Finally, we are called to bring Him to others.



Q & A How can we celebrate the Presentation?

The Presentation is when Jesus’ parents brought Him to the Temple to consecrate Him to God, in accord with ancient Jewish Law. Celebrating the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord began as early as the fourth century AD.

The candle connection. We recall Simeon’s prayer, in which he honored Jesus as “a light to reveal [God] to the nations” (Luke 2:32). Priests bless hundreds of candles and give them to the faithful for home use, lending this feast its other name: Candlemas.

Pancakes and crêpes are the traditional food for this day because of their light color. Treat yourself to anything that reminds you of the light and joy of this last “Christmas” feast day, like white chocolate, ice-cream, popcorn, mashed potatoes, etc.

Give back. God gave everything He had to save us because we mean everything to Him. Mary and Joseph made a ritual sacrifice in gratitude for their Son. In gratitude for His sacrifice, put something extra in the poor box at church in His honor.

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Feasts & Celebrations

Feb. 2 – Presentation of the Lord. In accordance with Moses’ Law, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple forty days after his birth. Simeon praised God for revealing the long-awaited Savior, saying, “Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace, according to thy word” (Luke 2:29).

Feb. 5 - St. Agatha (251). St. Agatha dedicated herself to God and kept this vow despite torture and imprisonment. God sent her a vision of St. Peter to comfort her, heal her, and fill her dungeon with heavenly light.

Feb. 22 – St. Margaret of Cortona (1297). St. Margaret’s conversion came after the sudden death of the man she was having an affair with. Shaken, she repented and became a Franciscan tertiary. She founded a hospital and an order of Tertiary sisters to operate it.

Feb. 28 – Sts. Romanus and Lupinus (460). Saint Romanus became a hermit when he was 35. Later, his brother St. Lupinus joined him in religious life. Together they founded two monasteries and a convent.





POPE QUOTE: “With baptism, we belong to Christ. We are rooted in an everlasting communion with God and each other. Baptism is the source of every form of consecrated, and also the strength to separate us from worldliness.”

POPE FRANCIS’S PRAYER INTENTION:

FEBRUARY- FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS AND CONSECRATED WOMEN: We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

FEBRUARY 14 - 20, 2021 READINGS

Mon - Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76 Mk 8:11-13
Tues - Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-3a, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21
Wed - Jas 1:19-27 Ps 15:2-4b, 5 Mk 8:22-26
Thurs - Jas 2:1-9 Ps 34:2-7 Mk 8:27-33
Fri - Jas 2:14-24, 26 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 8:34—9:1
Sat - Jas 3:1-10 Ps 12:2-5, 7-8 Mk 9:2-13
Sun - 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND
SENDING FORTH FOR
BISHOP-ELECT JEFFREY J. WALSH
SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 15**

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to participate in a Mass of Thanksgiving and Sending Forth for Bishop-elect Jeffrey J. Walsh on Tuesday, February 15, 12:10 pm in the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Everyone is invited to participate and greet Bishop-elect Walsh, who was appointed by Pope Francis to be the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan, on December 21, 2021. His episcopal ordination and installation is scheduled for early March.

Many parishioners and friends of Bishop-elect Walsh plan to attend the Mass.



FORMED

Saint Michael Parish will be using a program on FORMED called *The Search* during Lent. The first episode will be viewed during the week of February 27th, with the final episode during Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday, April 10th.

You are invited to form a small group to go through *The Search* together. It could be your family, a breakfast crew, your dinner gang, or a friend. A weekly discussion question will be printed in the bulletin to help start the conversation. There are also printed materials available to dig deeper into *The Search* that can be found at: <https://catholic.market/programs/the-search/>

WHAT IS THE SEARCH?

The Search is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

Whether you're a practiced inquirer or a jaded skeptic, *The Search* will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts, and challenged by others. Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, life's questions demand to be answered. Questions like:

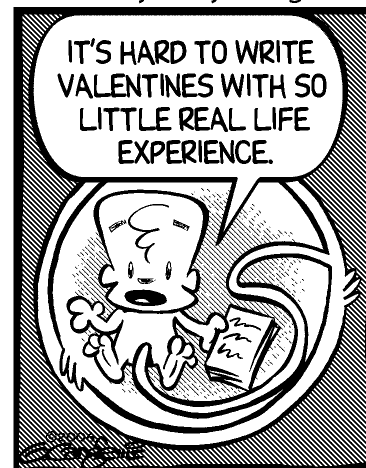
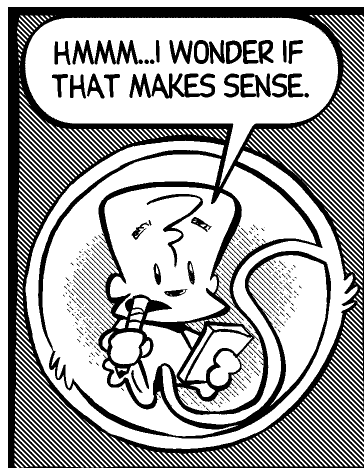
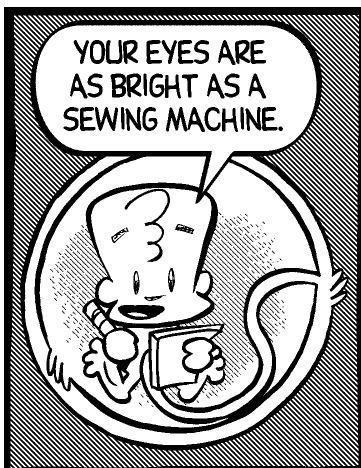
- ◇ What is this journey in between the event we call “birth” and the one we call “death”?
- ◇ Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath?
- ◇ What do you want from your life during the in between?

The questions are there. And, the answers are too. Are you ready for *The Search*?

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Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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