

MAY 7, 2023



# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 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

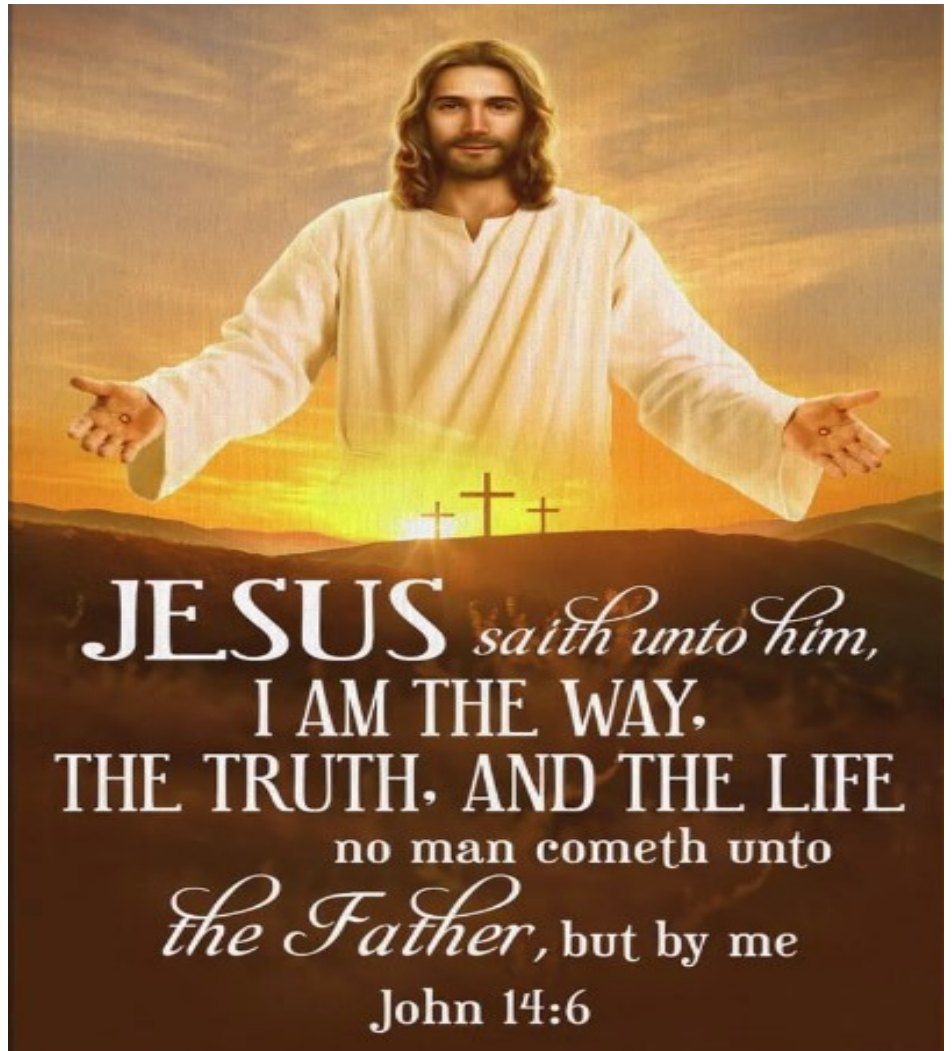
To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

#### C.C.D. (2022/23)

(Religious education classes  
held during the school year)

Sun: 8:15 am, St. Michael hall

Tue: 6:00 pm, St. John Nepomucene hall



#### Pastoral Council

David Beahm, David Brann, Leslie Debach, Will Hawrylo,  
Jean Herman, Ralph Lepper, Sherry Vargson,  
Sarah Watson - 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, May 6** Easter Weekday  
VIGIL: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

**Sunday, May 7** 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
8:00 am, Ralston † Gerri Mansuy (St. Michael's A&R)  
9:30 am, Canton † Marie O'Hara (Dot Hopkins)  
11:15 am, Troy † Mr. & Mrs. Joe Szczech  
(Tim, Barb & Leona)

**Monday, May 8** Easter Weekday  
7:00 am, Rectory † Donald Chilson  
(Chris & Chrissi Stanton)

**Tuesday, May 9** Easter Weekday  
5:30 pm, Troy † Dennis Mizdail (Margaret Horton)

**Wednesday, May 10** Easter Weekday  
5:30 pm, Canton † Catherine Bratkovicz (David Beahm)  
6:00 pm, Holy Hour

**Thursday, May 11** Easter Weekday  
No Mass

**Friday, May 12** Easter Weekday  
7:00 am, Rectory † Walter Beers (St. Michael's A&R)

**Saturday, May 13** Easter Weekday  
VIGIL: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

**Sunday, May 14** 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
8:00 am, Ralston † Mother's Day envelope intentions  
9:30 am, Canton † Mother's Day envelope intentions  
11:15 am, Troy † Mother's Day envelope intentions

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 those in public office to work to enact laws that protect and safeguard the gift of human life. *Sanctuary lamp intentions may be requested by contacting the parish office.*

### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, Bob Abbott, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Tom Ambruch, Cleta Barton, Karl Barton, April Bilbrey, Joseph Blaszczyk, Gus Branish, Betty Brown, Todd Congdon, Paul Dean, Mark Desborough, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Leon English, Melissa Gowan, Cassie Hamburger, Robert Dale Hostetter, Victoria Johnson, Beatrice Jones, Antoinette King, David Kule, Jo Kule, Paula Longacre, Mike Losey, Tom McBlane, Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Orlando Moralez, Delina Morgan, Donna Noble, Gary Polly, Rich Stankiewicz, Frank Sullivan, Joe Turk, Matthew Warren, Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, Anthony Wolf, Donna Wolf, Nicholas Wolf  
*Contact the parish office to add a name to the prayer list. Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.*

## FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

### MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS

In addition to the Mother's Day intention envelopes that are in your offertory packets, Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are in all three churches. If you choose to use these cards, there is an envelope for your intentions and donation that goes in the collection basket, and another envelope with a beautiful Mother's Day card that you can give to your living mother, grandmother, or great grandmother. Just take that card out of the intention envelope and only bring the sealed intention envelope with the information filled out on the envelope, back to the church on Mother's Day.

### 2022-2023 CCD YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE

This Sunday and Tuesday are the final days of CCD for the 2022-2023 year in St. Michael's and St. John's Churches, respectively. Confirmation classes will continue through May 23rd. Thank you to all the children, parents, and catechists for a wonderful year.

**SEE YOU AT MASS!**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR BASKET BINGO

**Sunday, June 25th, Saint Michael Church Hall**  
**Time to start thinking about ideas for baskets!**

A Communal Rosary is prayed at 9:30 am Thursday mornings in St. Michael's Church. All are invited to participate.



### ASCENSION THURSDAY (a Holy Day of Obligation)

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 17

5:30 pm, St. Michael's Church

Thursday, May 18

7:00 am, St. Michael's Church

5:30 pm, St. John's Church

*Holy days of obligation are feast days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass and to avoid (to the extent that we are able) servile work.*



### NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

The food donation bin is available for those who wish to make donations. Hunger never ends.



### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

**April 24 - May 1, 2023**

Weekly Offerings:	3,060.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,570.00
Other Parish Income:	73.00
Total Parish Income:	4,703.00
Average weekly expenses:	4,267.09
Difference:	435.91
Care & Education of Priests:	4.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal:	409.00



*Thank you for your continued support.*





**POPE QUOTE:** "Saint Joseph teaches us that, in the midst of life's tempests, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course."

**POPE FRANCIS'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION:**

**FOR CHURCH MOVEMENTS AND GROUPS:** We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



**WEEK OF MAY 7, 2023**

**SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD**

**THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE SHOW**

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Sr. Maris Stella for a conversation on the vocation of every woman, that of motherhood. Although all women will not be called to be physical mothers, every woman is called to be a spiritual mother.



**THE 13TH DAY**

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, *The 13th Day* dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.



**REAL WOMANHOOD BY LISA COTTER**

What does it mean to be a real woman in today's culture? Join Lisa Cotter in her talk *Real Womanhood*, as she draws on modern-day saints, St. John Paul II to define what it means to be an authentic woman.



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**MAY 8 - 15, 2023 READINGS**

**Mon** - Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16

**Tues** - Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

**Wed** - Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

**Thurs** - Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

**Fri** - Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10, 12 Jn 15:12-17

**Sat** - Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1-3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

**Sun** - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 1 Pt 3:15-18  
Jn 14:15-21

**SAINT MICHAEL PARISH SACRAMENTS**

Saint Michael's will celebrate **First Holy Communion** on Sunday, May 21st at both the 9:30 am Mass in Saint Michael's and the 11:15 am Mass in Saint John's. Please pray for: **Cole Bradford, Laurel Golembewski, and Isaac Watson** and their families as they make final preparations for this important day in their lives.



The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate **Confirmation** on Wednesday, May 24th at 5 pm in Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Towanda for Confirmandi from St. Michael, Epiphany, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Ss. Peter & Paul Parishes. Please pray for all the Confirmandi, especially **Hailey Cummings, Haylie Davies-Grove, and Bella Wood** from Saint Michael Parish.



A reception for the girls will be held in St. John's hall on Sunday, May 28th following the 11:15 am Mass.

Thank you for your generous support of last week's

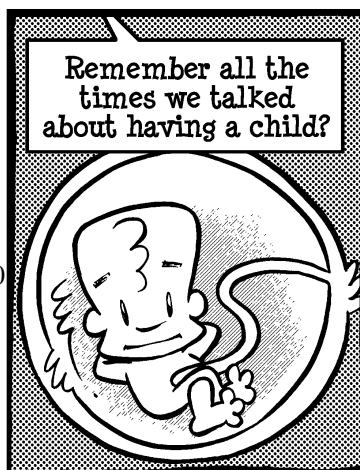
**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS**

**APPEAL.** As a parish, we raised \$409.00 to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](https://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



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at 12:30 pm. We always wel-  
come new members.

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