

JUNE 4, 2023



# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 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

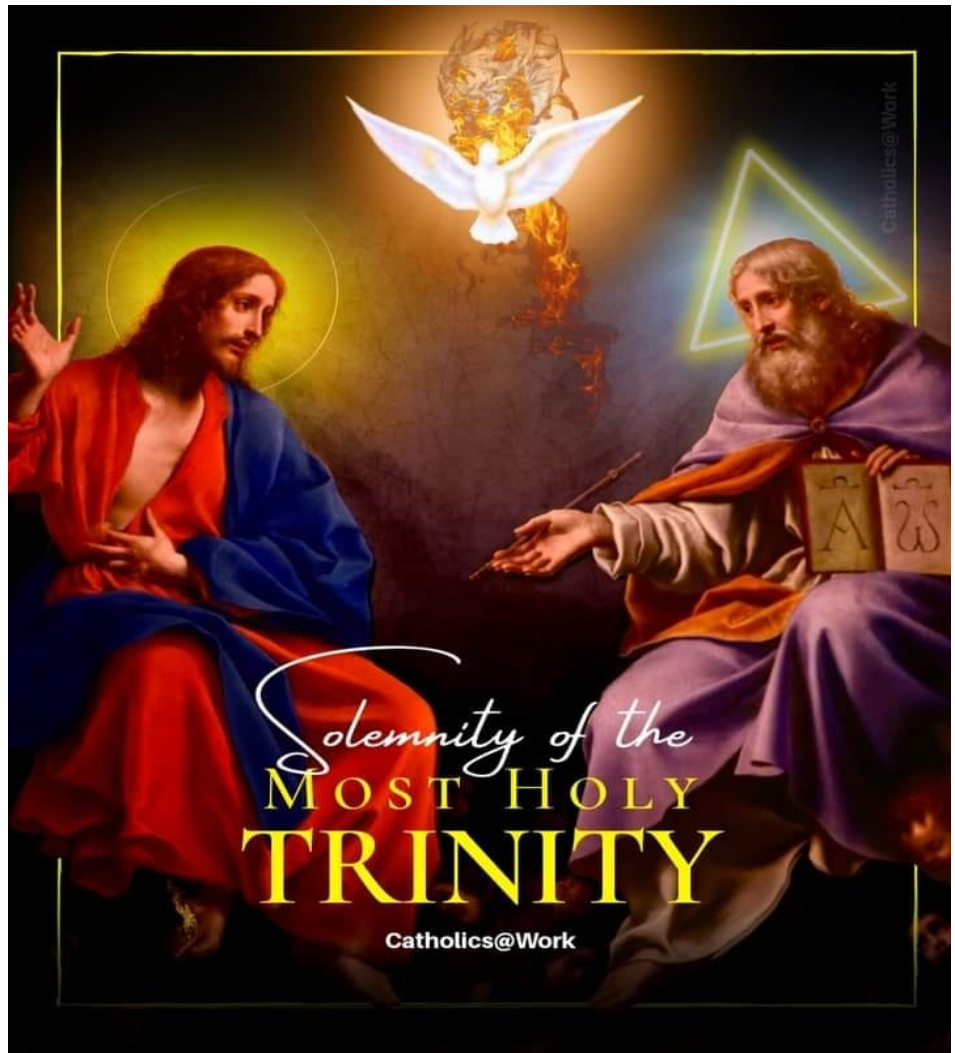
To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

## 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

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## 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

**Sat, June 3** Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs  
VIGIL: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY  
4:00 pm, Canton † Joseph Laver, Jr. (DonnaWolf)

**Sunday, June 4** THE MOST HOLY TRINITY  
8:00 am, Ralston † Chris Arnold (The Skipper Family)  
9:30 am, Canton † Barb & Lefty Shanley (Dot Hopkins)  
11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

**Monday, June 5** Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr  
7:00 am, Rectory † Dennis Mizdail (Joan Miller)

**Tuesday, June 6** Weekday  
5:30 pm, Troy † Carol Dalton (The Family)

**Wednesday, June 7** Weekday  
5:30 pm, Canton † Robert Dalton (The Family)  
6:00 pm, Holy Hour

**Thursday, June 8** Weekday  
No Mass

**Friday, June 9** Weekday  
7:00 am, Rectory † Dennis Mizdail (Rita Hanson & Family)

**Saturday, June 10** Weekday  
VIGIL: THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST  
4:00 pm, Canton † Theresa Jones (Theresa & Joe Sheridan)

**Sunday, June 4** THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)  
8:00 am, Ralston † Chris Arnold (The Skipper Family)  
9:30 am, Canton † Barb & Lefty Shanley (Dot Hopkins)  
11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo  
4:30 pm, Canton - Eucharistic Procession

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 all of us to more deeply respect the gift of each person, who is created and called to holiness by the gracious action of the Trinity.

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

### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

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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

## FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

### WELCOME, REVEREND STEPHEN BOSOMAFI!

This weekend we welcome Reverend Stephen Bosomafi from the Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana to Saint Michael Parish. Father Bosomafi is here as part of the *Pontifical Mission Societies in the U.S. Missionary Cooperation Plan*.

### FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS

In addition to the Father's Day intention envelopes that are in your offertory envelope packets, Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are at the entrances of all three churches. If you choose to use these cards, fill out the envelope, place your donation in the envelope, seal it and drop it in the collection basket on or before Father's Day. There is another envelope containing a beautiful Father's Day card for you to give to your father, grandfather, or great grandfather.

### EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION ON CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

June 11th is the SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, or CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY. As part of the USCCB's National Eucharistic Revival that began on Corpus Christi Sunday, 2022, Saint Michael's Parish will hold a Eucharistic Procession.

From the Knights of Columbus Eucharistic Processions booklet: *"A Eucharistic Procession, just like Eucharistic Adoration, is an extension of the worship of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. .... A parish community that undertakes a Eucharistic Procession has made the decision to publicly proclaim its belief in Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. By this public witness of faith, the parish invites people in the community to encounter the Risen Lord present in the Eucharistic Host. .... The procession is, finally, an invitation to Jesus himself to be a part of our daily lives, to be immersed in the world in which we live."*

Following the 9:30 am Mass, Father Joe will expose the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration until the beginning of the procession, which will begin at 4:30 pm, leaving Saint Michael's Church and processing to the entrance of St. Michael's Cemetery. We will pause for a few moments of prayer before returning to St. Michael's Church for Benediction. The Canton Fire Department will assist with both crossings of Route 14. You are invited and encouraged to be a part of the procession.

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS May 22 - 28, 2023

Weekly Offerings:	2,347.25
Electronic Offerings:	515.00
IMO Phyllis Skelly O'Dea:	1,000.00
Other Parish Income:	108.50
Total Parish Income:	3,970.75
Average weekly expenses:	4,267.09
Difference:	( 296.34)
Care & Education of Priests:	5.00
Catholic Communications Campaign:	20.00
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## One Minute Meditations

### Pray for priests daily

The average parish priest is celebrant, teacher, counselor, minister, and financial manager. He works more than 60 hours per week, does everything from administering Sacraments to bringing comfort to troubled souls to taking out the trash, and he is paid just enough to get by. Yet, nearly nine out of ten priests report being happy in their ministry. Our support can help them stay strong in their faith and true to their calling.



### Love at home

"God has created us so we do small things with great love. I believe in that great love that comes, or should come from our heart, should start at home: with my family, my neighbors across the street, those right next door. And this love should then reach everyone." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who begets a wise son will be glad in him" (Proverbs 23:24).

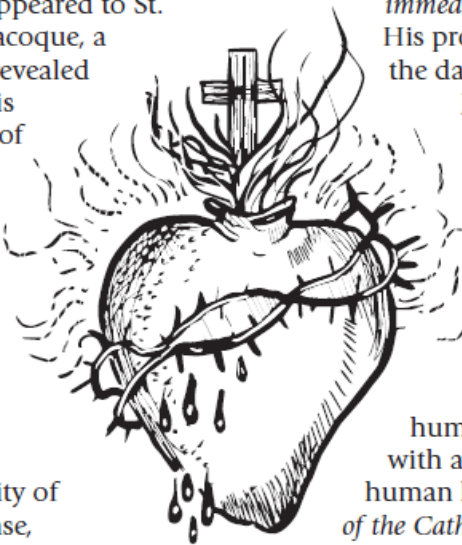


## God so loves the world

In 1673, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun, and revealed the intensity of His love in the image of the Sacred Heart, "*Behold the Heart which has so loved [mankind] that it has spared nothing...in order to testify Its love.*"

God's love is intense: The famous image illustrates the reality of a love that is intense, extravagant, passionate, and eternally faithful. Display the Sacred Heart image in your home or workplace to remind you that His extravagant love is for you.

His Heart is our safe place: Jesus advised St. Faustina: "*Do not bargain with temptation but lock yourself*



*immediately in my Heart.*" Seek His protection often throughout the day, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You."

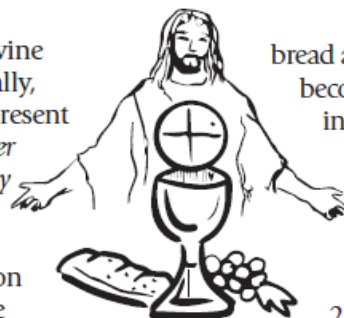
God shares our nature: The Sacred Heart illustrates the mystery of the Incarnation – when the Son of God became (sinless) man. He "worked with human hands; he thought with a human mind ... with a human heart he loved" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #470). He shared and understands our human condition.

Our hearts can conform to His: When we put others needs before our own, find the good in others, and show patience, we love like Christ. We do this with His help, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like Yours!"

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics believe the Eucharist is more than a symbol?

Catholics have it on divine authority that Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist, "*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life*" (John 6:54). When the priest, acting in the person of Christ, consecrates the

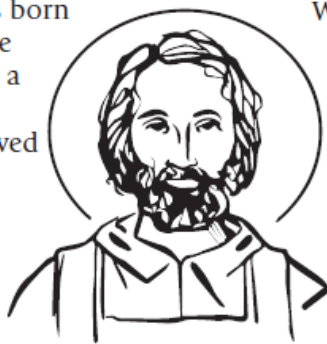


bread and wine, we believe that Jesus becomes truly present. Scientific investigations of the hundreds of Eucharistic miracles support this amazing mystery. In the Eucharist, Christ fulfills His promise to remain with us "to the end of time" (Matthew 28:20).

# The best father on Earth

Scripture doesn't tell us that St. Joseph was born with special graces, yet he was chosen to raise God's Son. The Bible doesn't say that he had a gift of prophecy, yet Joseph never doubted God's word. He was an ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life.

Ever faithful. It would have been hard for any man to believe his fiancée was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. As a faithful Jew, though, Joseph knew what was written about the birth of the Savior. His devotion to God's



Word helped him recognize God's will.

Steady protector. At a moment's notice, Joseph left everything behind to whisk his family to safety (Matthew 2:13-15). Joseph's hard work and skill helped keep his family safe in a foreign land.

Good man. Scripture calls St. Joseph, a "*righteous man*," meaning he lived a virtuous life (Matthew 1:19). For example, he was compassionate by his treatment of Mary. Who better to raise the Son of God and care for his Mother than the best father on Earth?

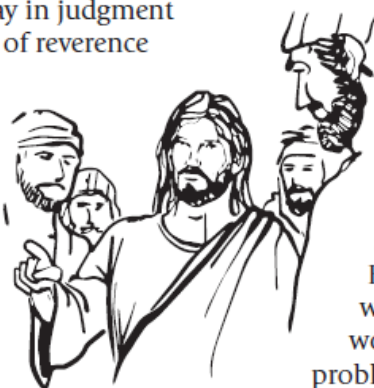
## from Scripture

### Matthew 10:26-33, "Be not afraid"

In this Gospel passage, Jesus teaches us that the only thing we should fear is God, who has the final say in judgment over us. This is the virtue of reverence (holy fear) – not fearing God as if He were a tyrant, but fearing to offend Him because He is good, holy, wise, and infinitely worthy of our honor and love.

If we faithfully follow Jesus Christ, we will encounter persecution. Even in the United States, we face efforts to undermine Catholic beliefs and values. These attacks don't hurt us physically, but can eat away at our faith,

our self-respect and respect for others, and ultimately, our happiness.



Jesus' advice to His followers 2,000 years ago applies to us today. Instead of being afraid, we can trust God, who watches over all the details of our lives and who wants us in Heaven even more than we want to be there. He won't make all our problems disappear but He will give us the strength and grace we need to get through them, especially through daily prayer and the Sacraments.

## Q & A What can I do to promote respect for life?

All Catholics are called to protect the dignity of life from conception to natural death. While casting votes for candidates who pledge to protect life is important, there are many options outside the voting booth.

Assist pregnancy support centers. Many centers offer counseling, material assistance, and even provide daycare. Find one in your area and volunteer your time, talents, or treasure in support.

Speak up. When you hear or read about a story in the news in which the value of life is demeaned, write a letter to the editor and to government leaders supporting life-affirming and non-violent solutions.

Consider becoming a foster parent. Many local social service agencies are overwhelmed by the number of children whose families cannot care for them. Contact your local social services department to inquire about the necessary training and certifications you'll need to take in a child who needs a temporary shelter.

Visit local nursing homes and offer residents the gift of companionship. Many older people feel lost and forgotten and would welcome the attention.

## Feasts & Celebrations

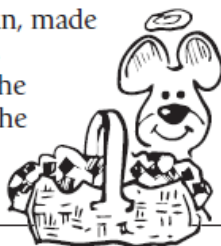
**June 1 – St. Justin Martyr (c. 165).** Justin was a Christian convert who searched for Truth. After his conversion, he held debates with pagans. When ordered by a pagan judge to renounce his faith or die, St. Justin responded, "Nobody in his senses would give up truth for falsehood." He was martyred for his faith.

**June 4 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.** Today, we honor the central mystery of our Faith – that there is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus revealed this mystery

after the Resurrection (Matthew 28:19).

**June 9 – St. Ephrem the Deacon (373).** Born at Nisibis in Mesopotamia, he became a deacon and taught catechism classes, opposed heresy, and wrote hymns, prayers, and commentaries on Scripture.

**June 29 – SS. Peter and Paul (1st Century).** Peter was the apostle chosen by Jesus to lead the Church – an ordinary fisherman, made extraordinary by God's grace. A persecutor of the Church, Paul became the Great Apostle, also transformed by grace.



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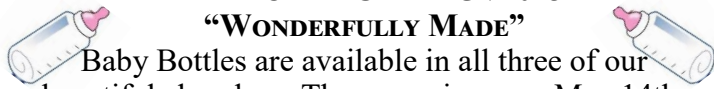
**POPE QUOTE:** “Let us pray together that the international community commit itself concretely to abolish torture, guaranteeing support to victims and their families.”

**POPE FRANCIS’S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION:** FOR THE ABOLITION OF TORTURE:

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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Sunday, June 25th

Saint Michael Church Hall!

Time to start dreaming up  
basket ideas!

Baskets should be worth a  
minimum of \$50.



No ideas or time for a basket? Donations of gift cards or lottery tickets can be used in the Chinese Auction or combined to make up a gift basket!

### MAY 29 - JUNE 4, 2023 READINGS

**Mon** - Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-3, 5-7

Jn 19:25-34

**Tues** - Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 Mk 10:28-31

**Wed** - Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16

(Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

**Thurs** - Sir 42:15-25 Ps 33:2-9 Mk 10:46-52

**Fri** - Sir 44:1, 9-13 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Mk 11:11-26

**Sat** - Sir 51:12cd-20 Ps 19:8-11 Mk 11:27-33

**Sun** - Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 (Ps) Dn 3:52-55 2 Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3:16-18



WEEK OF JUNE 4, 2023

GOD IS WITH US | PRESENCE | EPISODE 1

What does it mean to say that  
God is with us in the Eucharist?  
What is the Eucharist? Watch Epi-  
sode 1 of Presence today!



THE BREAD OF LIFE: JESUS AND JOHN 6

BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Dr. Brant Pitre unpacks Jesus' hard saying in John 6 and dives in the mystery of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist.



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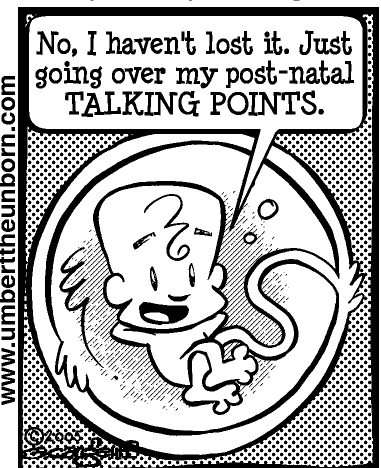
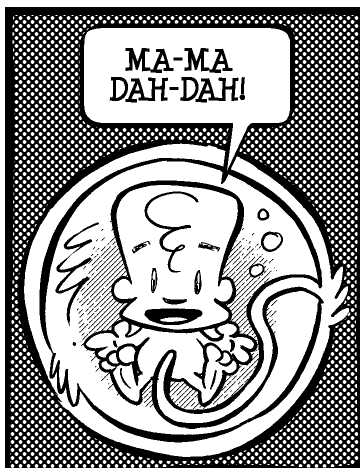
Reminder for those who made reservations!

6 pm, Monday, June 5, Saint Michael Church Hall  
The guest speaker will be Crystal Salsman from the  
Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center.

See you there!

## Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



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### Knights of Columbus Council #5517

Looking for new members.  
Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 7:15 in St. Michael's Hall.



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