

JULY 2, 2023



13TH 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. (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, July 1** Weekday

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4:00 pm, Canton † Chris Arnold (Bob & Judy Wood)

**Sunday, July 2** 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † C. William Becker (Jerry & Joy Brann)

11:15 am, Troy † Harriette & Dean Rumsey  
(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

**Monday, July 3** SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

7:00 am, Rectory † Robert Dalton (The Family)

**Tuesday, July 4** Weekday

No Mass

**Wednesday, July 5** Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Sr. Albertha Grimm, OCD (Mansfield

6:00 pm, Holy Hour Carmelite Study Group)

**Thursday, July 6** Weekday

No Mass

**First Friday, July 7** Weekday

7:00 am, Canton - For the special intentions of Father  
Michael Tarigopula (Ann Bogaczyk)

**Saturday, July 8** Weekday

VIGIL: 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † William Thacker (St. Michael's A&R)

**Sunday, July 9** 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † William & Rose Brann  
(Atty & Mrs. Gerald Brann)

11:15 am, Troy † Sylvia Lamonski (Joann Wemesfelder)

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 our nation's laws to protect every  
person's right to life, from conception to natural  
death.

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

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS June 19 - 25, 2023

Weekly Offerings: 1,747.00

Electronic Offerings: 515.00

Basket Bingo: 2,396.25

Other Parish Income: 137.50

Total Parish Income: 4,795.75

Average weekly expenses: 4,267.09

Difference: 528.66

Care & Education of Priests: 10.00

Peter's Pence: 435.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*



## SAINT MICHAEL ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY'S ANNUAL YARD SALE!

Please set aside donations to include  
clean, sellable items with all their parts  
and pieces, bits and bobs, things and  
thing-a-ma-jigs.



*PLEASE, no clothing, mattresses,  
large furniture, televisions or computer monitors.*  
Drop offs will be in St. Michael's Hall on July 21st,  
22nd and 23rd from Noon until 4 pm each day.  
The Yard Sale will be on Friday, July 28th and Sat-  
urday, July 29th from 8 am until 3 pm both days.

***Thanks so much!!!***

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## NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

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



## SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE

### Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week's  
Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected  
\$435.00. Our contributions will join those from our  
brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in  
his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to  
people in need and support for the Holy See. If you  
missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit  
[www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

## SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, Bob Abbott, John Adams, Peggy Adams,  
Tom Ambruch, Cleta Barton, Karl Barton,  
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Betty Brown, John Chapman Jr., Dennis Clarke,  
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 Morales,  
Delina Morgan, Donna Noble, Gary Polly,  
Josi Salvatori, 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.*



# Growing in FAITH™

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July 2023

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## One Minute Meditations

### Room for God

"Make room therefore for Christ, and refuse entrance to all others. When you have Christ, you are rich and have need of (nothing) else."  
Thomas À Kempis

### Give love

One way to give thanks to God for all the gifts He Has bestowed on you is to work for the poor and vulnerable. Sharing your gifts with those less fortunate is how God intends you to use what He gives you. *"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more"* (Luke 12:48).

### Say, "Amen!"

The proper form when receiving Communion is to reply "Amen" when the Eucharistic minister raises the Host or Chalice and pronounces it, "The Body (or Blood) of Christ." By responding this way, you openly state your belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharistic bread and wine, as well as in His Body, the Church.



## Respond to the gift of the Holy Spirit

God loves us so much, He gives us what He values most – His only Son (John 3:16) and His Holy Spirit in Baptism (Romans 5:5) so we can have access to God's divine life and love. The Holy Spirit's presence with the entire Church throughout the centuries is as a comfort, consolation, leader and guide. To accept this gift, we can ...

**Listen for Him:** Spending time with Scripture can help tune our hearts to hear the *"still small voice"* (1 Kings 19:12) of the Holy Spirit. The better we are attuned to God's voice, the more likely we'll hear Him amidst the noise of the world.

**Consult Him:** Jesus promised to send

the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, to lead His disciples to truth (John 14:6). He helps us to see, evaluate, and choose like Christ. Call on the Holy Spirit when you're facing a difficult situation or decision.

**Take refuge in Him:** Every day, entrust yourself to the Holy Spirit and dedicate your day to His service. Let Him guide your actions.

**Actualize Confirmation graces:** Upon our Confirmation, the Holy Spirit fortified and empowered our souls with His seven Gifts:

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2). When we rely on the Holy Spirit, we can overcome temptations to fear, distrust, and selfishness with His powerful gifts.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

The custom of folding our hands comes from ninth century Europe where folded hands symbolized obedience by those subordinate to the lord or king. This gesture was also used by priests to show respect to bishops. The faithful adopted it to signify obedience to

## Why do Catholics fold their hands when they pray?

God's will.

In some cultures today, such as India and other parts of Asia, clasped hands are also a sign of reverence. In fact, Mother Teresa was often photographed greeting people with this gesture.

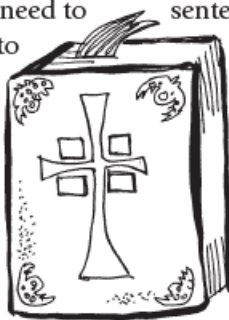


## Use the Bible well

There's a saying, "Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who aren't." The Church wants us to read the Bible daily because it contains everything we need to know to live a full, Christian life. Try these ideas to use your Bible well.

**Choose the right version.** We hear the New American Bible during Mass but any of the approved Catholic translations will do. Most important is having a modern edition that you can understand. If you need advice, ask your pastor or priest.

**Use the aids.** The Bible contains customs and terms that are foreign to us. Read the introductions and footnotes for helpful explanations.



**Focus on passages.** The Bible will make more sense if you read the sections that are grouped together rather than sentence by sentence.

**Mark it up.** Underline passages and make notes in the margins as you read to make your book more useful.

**Read aloud.** The Bible began as an oral tradition. Hearing the passages may help them become clearer than just reading them.

**Read slowly.** Let the words sink in.

**Place yourself in the scene.** What would you do? How would you react?

**Put it to use.** What you read in the Bible will help you find strength to meet the challenges of life. Don't just read it. Live it.

### from Scripture

#### Matthew 13:44-52, The only thing worth everything

Jesus used the parables in this Gospel passage to emphasize the life-changing value of the Kingdom. In the first parable, a man discovers – seemingly by accident – a treasure buried in a field. Recognizing its value, he sells everything he has to buy the field. In the second story, a merchant finds a valuable pearl after diligent searching. He also sells everything to possess the precious pearl.

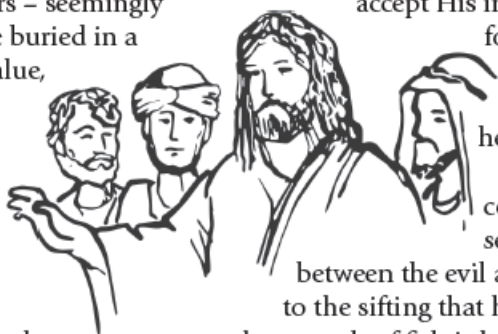
By these parables, Jesus taught that being part of God's Kingdom – accepting His love for us and loving others as He loves – is the only way

to live that will completely fulfill our hearts. God's unconditional love is worth everything we have. If we

accept His invitation (He forces no one), our lives may change as our hearts change.

Finally, Jesus compared the separation

between the evil and righteous to the sifting that happens when a large catch of fish is brought ashore. When we put our whole life in service to God's love, then the individual pieces fall into place around that love, and anything contrary to it falls away.



### Feasts & Celebrations

**July 16 – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (1251).** The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock in England, carrying the brown scapular, a sign of her favor of the Carmelite Order, and promised whoever wore the scapular until death would avoid the fires of hell.

**July 23 – St. Bridget of Sweden (1373).** Born in Uppland, Sweden to nobility, she was a wife, mother, reformer, and mystic. She is known for founding the Order of the Most Holy Savior, which was approved in 1370.

**July 25 – St. James the Apostle (1st**

Century). When Jesus called St. James and his brother, St. John, to become apostles, they promptly left their father in a fishing boat. He was one of the three apostles to witness Jesus' Transfiguration.

**July 29 – Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (1st Century).** These holy siblings often hosted Jesus at their house in Bethany.

Although Martha was corrected for being anxious about many things, Jesus rewarded her tremendous faith by raising Lazarus from the dead.



### Q & A Is there a special prayer I can pray for healing of a serious illness?

Jesus knew that sickness can bring misery and isolation, and He dedicated much of his ministry to healing every kind of illness – physical or spiritual. He wanted us to see in His healing ministry God's saving power and concern for His children.

The Church continues Jesus' concern for the sick in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It is administered by a priest to a baptized person who may be in danger of death because of illness or old age, through prayer and the anointing of the body with special oil. The effects of the sacrament include a special grace of healing and comfort, and the forgiving of the person's sins.

Anyone baptized Catholic, regardless of age, can receive the sacrament if his or her health is seriously impaired. It can also be administered before surgery and can be received more than once if the original illness gets worse or if another serious sickness is diagnosed. Please see your pastor or parish priest to receive this important Sacrament.

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**POPE QUOTE:** “To sow goodness is good for us. It brings a breath of gratuitousness into our lives and makes us more and more like God.”

**POPE FRANCIS’S JULY PRAYER INTENTION:**

**FOR A EUCHARISTIC LIFE:** We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



**WEEK OF JULY 2, 2023**

MARIA GORETTI

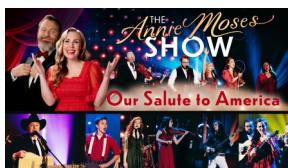
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**THE ANNIE MOSES SHOW - SALUTE TO AMERICA**

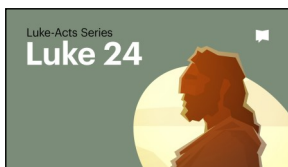
The Annie Moses Show returns with a Fourth of July celebration! Featuring world-champion yodeler, Don Derby; a Mark Twain Broadway blowout; and up-and-coming virtuosos from across the fruited plain, our "Salute To America" honors the past and looks to the future with eyes of faith.



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**JULY 3 - 9, 2023 READINGS**

**Mon** - Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1b-2 Jn 20:24-29

**Tues** - Gn 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3, 9-12 Mt 8:23-27

**Wed** - Gn 21:5, 8-20a Ps 34:7-8, 10-13 Mt 8:28-34

**Thurs** - Gn 22:1b-19 Ps 115:1-6, 8-9 Mt 9:1-8

**Fri** - Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-37 Ps 106:1-5

Mt 9:9-13

**Sat** - Gn 18:27:1-5, 15-29 Ps 135:1b-6 Mt 9:14-17

**Sun** - Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30

**WHEN SHOULD CATHOLICS GENUFLECT IN A CHURCH?**

Philip Kosloski - published on 04/24/18

*The gesture is performed at specific times and has deep symbolism.*

For Catholics in the Roman Rite of the Church, bending the knee to the ground is a common gesture that is steeped in religious symbolism. It is an ancient custom, one that helps Christians pray with both body and soul.

... Many know why bending the knee is an important gesture, but we don't always know when is the proper time and place.

To discover the answer to that, we need to look at the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM).

... the GIRM states, “A genuflection, made by bending the right knee to the ground, signifies adoration, and therefore it is reserved for the Most Blessed Sacrament.”

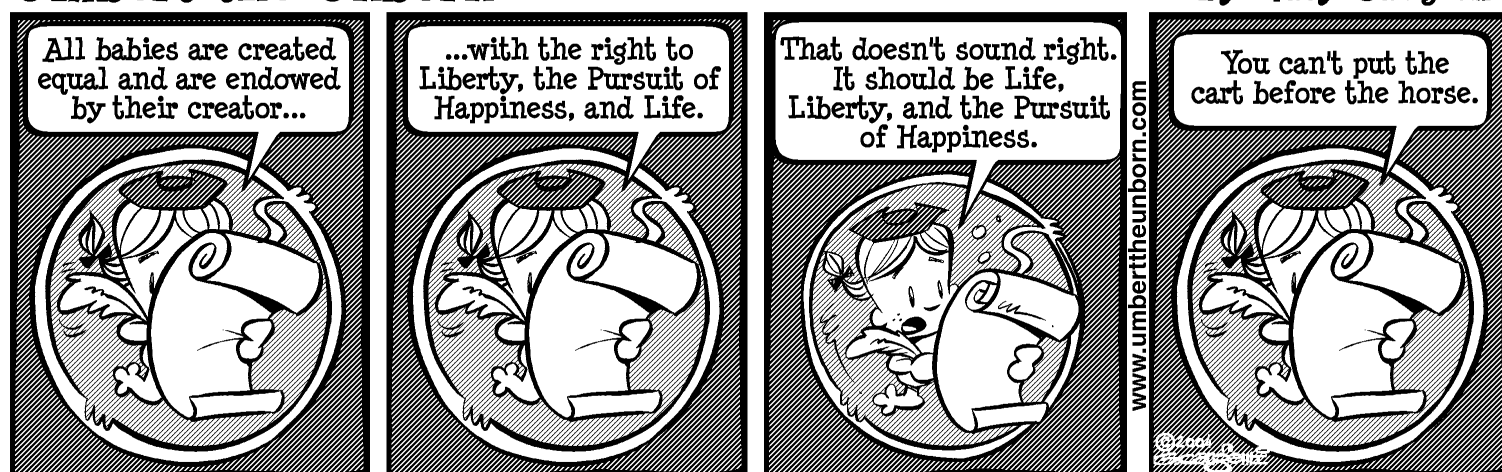
This is extremely important as it explains that the genuflection is a gesture ultimately directed towards God, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. We don't genuflect to people (as some cultures did in the past) or material things, but to God alone.

Next the GIRM explains, in most cases “all who pass before the Most Blessed Sacrament genuflect.” There are a few exceptions to this rule ..., but those relate to those who are performing some sort of function at Mass.

....  
In the end, genuflection is a beautiful custom ... which gives honor to the true “King of kings” who is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
<https://aleteia.org/2018/04/24/when-should-catholics-genuflect-in-a-church/>

**Umbert the Unborn**

by Gary Cangemi





### 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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