

NOVEMBER 5 2023



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MICHAEL

CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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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."

Anointing of the Sick

All who are seriously ill, hospitalized, or having surgery can receive this sacrament. Contact the parish office to request this sacrament.

Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated by appointment. All parents must attend a baptismal preparation meeting prior to the Baptism. 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

St. Michael's Church: 6 - 7 pm Mass on Wednesdays and First Fridays after 7 am Mass until 7 pm.

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. (2023/24)

Religious Education held on Sundays from September until May
8:15 am, St. Michael's hall
10 am, St. John's hall

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sat, November 4 Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
VIGIL: 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Mary & Betsy Lynch
(Bob & Diane Jones)

Sunday, November 5 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Judy Callahan (Bridget & Shawn)
9:30 am, Canton † Kay Collins (Jerry & Joy Brann)
11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

Monday, November 6 Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Raymond Koehler (Brett & Laura Abel)

Tuesday, November 7 Weekday
No Mass

Wednesday, November 8 Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Christine Marie Vroman
6:00 pm, Holy Hour (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Thursday, November 9 THE DEDICATION OF THE
No Mass LATERAN BASILICA

Friday, November 10 Saint Leo the Great, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church
7:00 am, Rectory † Emma Mitchell (Joan Miller & Family)

Saturday, November 11 Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
VIGIL: 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sun, November 12 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Dorothy Guton (Good Neighbors)
9:30 am, Canton † Evelyn Terry (Jeff & Beth Cole)
11:15 am, Troy † Pasquale Mary DePalma
(Jayne Cleveland)

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 Christians to look forward to the resurrection of the dead by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life.

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

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS October 23 - 29, 2023

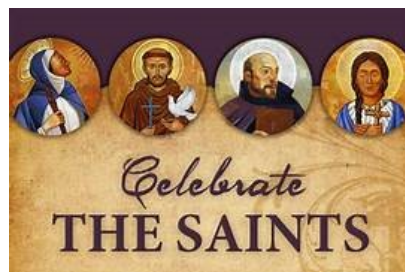
Weekly Offerings:	2,725.27
Electronic Offerings:	515.00
Other Parish Income:	3.00
Total Parish Income:	3,243.27
Average weekly expenses:	4,211.61
Difference:	(968.34)
World Mission Sunday:	50.00

Thank you for your continued support.

2023 CCD SAINT FAIR!

The Religious Education students have prepared a Saint Fair for All Saints Day! The exhibit will be in Saint Michael's Church Hall following the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 5th, and in St. John's Church Hall following the 11:15 am Mass on Sunday, November 12th.

A lot of research and work went into preparing these boards. You are invited to view the exhibit and take some inspiration on living a holy life from those who have gone before us.



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



The Knights of Columbus will conduct a Thanksgiving Food Drive during the month of November. Although our food drive is ongoing, the holiday season can be particularly difficult for families facing food insecurity. No one should have to worry about having enough to feed their families, especially at Thanksgiving. The Canton Area Food Pantry is able to give each family a turkey this year thanks to major corporate and personal donors. Other items for a Thanksgiving dinner such as boxed stuffing, instant potatoes, gravies, canned vegetables, and coffee would be appreciated. Please remember items needed for daily meals are always needed. Gift cards from Tops are accepted and will be given to each family as a bonus for Christmas. The Knights of Columbus and the Canton Area Food Pantry thank you for your continued generosity.

There is a message from the Canton Area Food Pantry above the food bin and on the parish website (in News from the Knights) with suggested items for now through the end of the year.



Thanksgiving
Food Drive

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Tom Ambruch, Karl Barton, April Bilbrey, Joseph Blaszc, Gus Branish, Joy Brann, Betty Brown, John Chapman Jr., Dennis & Barbara Clarke, Todd Congdon, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Leon English, Melissa Gowan, Cassie Hamburger, Gary & Erin Hamilton, Cody Heim, Robert Dale Hostetter, Victoria Johnson, Beatrice Jones, Antoinette King, David Kule, Jo Kule, Mike Losey, Tom McBlane, Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Orlando Moralez, Delina Morgan, Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker, Gary Polly, Dee-Dee Ramsey, Rich Stankiewicz, Mary Catherine Taylor, Joe Turk, Matthew Warren, Glenda Watson, 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.

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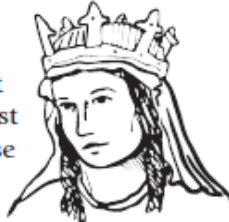
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St. Michael Parish

One Minute Meditations

St. Margaret of Scotland

A Hungarian princess, St. Margaret grew up in luxury and privilege, but she never lost sight of those in need and her duty to serve them. After the Battle of Hastings, her family fled to Scotland where King Malcolm III sheltered them and eventually married Margaret. Although a queen, her private life was austere, dedicated to prayer and serving the poor—even washing beggars' feet. She is remembered for her life of piety, kindness, and generosity.



Christ the King

What does it mean to say Christ is King? Do we give Him our Sundays only, or the whole week? Set aside ten minutes for God. Offer Him the events of your day and say, "Your will be done."

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [the world]" (Luke 16:13).



Thanksgiving can inspire gratitude in action

St. Mother Teresa said, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." At Thanksgiving, we bask in the glow of our blessings but it's also a chance to share them with others. This is "gratitude in action."

Be generous with your time. God can't be outdone in generosity. He gives life in His image and likeness. He gave the gift of Himself in Christ's offering on the Cross. In that spirit, how can you give of yourself? Prayerfully consider where and to whom you can give your time and attention.

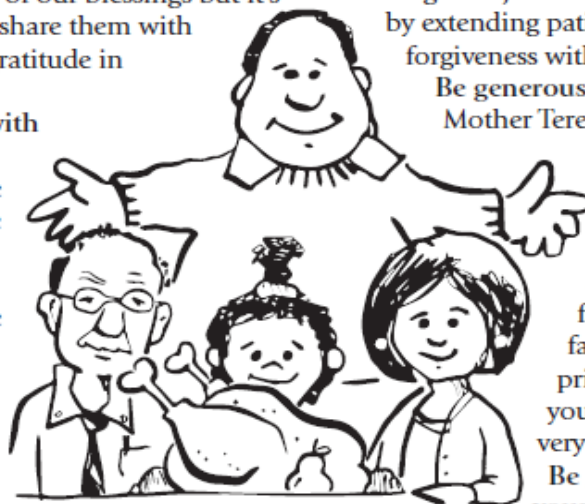
Be generous with your patience. Ours is the God of second chances,

generous with His mercy. Decide to generously give others the benefit of the doubt, allow room for good intentions, and forgive injuries. Love as God loves by extending patience and forgiveness without limit.

Be generous with your family. Mother Teresa said, "If you

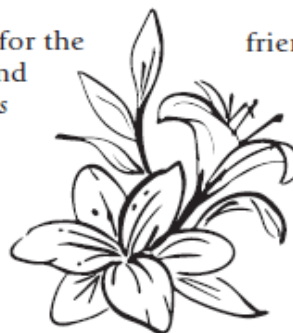
want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." Make your family your top priority and give your loved ones the very best of yourself. Be generous with your joy. Holidays can

be difficult for people without connections. Look for someone at church, at work, or in the neighborhood who might need a place to celebrate the holiday. Share holiday love and joy.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

The practice of praying for the dead is an Act of Mercy and has Scriptural roots: "Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin" (2 Maccabees 12:45-46). Someone who dies in God's



Why do Catholics pray for the dead?

friendship with sin on his soul must be purified before entering heaven. We can literally help souls get to heaven. Rest assured: if the person we've prayed for reaches heaven, the graces of those prayers are used to help other souls.

Dealing with loss and those left behind

Christians know that death leads to marvelous new life, but it is still difficult to lose someone we love. We take comfort knowing that we remain connected in the Communion of Saints, the spiritual solidarity binding the faithful on Earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the saints in Heaven. Still, finding or offering comfort after a death can be challenging:

Pray. Pray that the souls who have died may find their place in Heaven. Perhaps arrange to have that prayer included in the intentions during Mass in your parish. Including them in your daily prayers also helps to

keep their intentions alive.

Be present. Attend the visitation or funeral. Such customs are part of honoring and praying for the deceased person and showing compassion to the living.

Offer material support. Bring a meal to the family. Mass cards, notes and phone calls can also offer comfort.

Contribute. Consider making a donation of time or money to organizations such as a local Hospice that provide grace and dignity to those dying.



from Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46, Showing mercy to the "least"

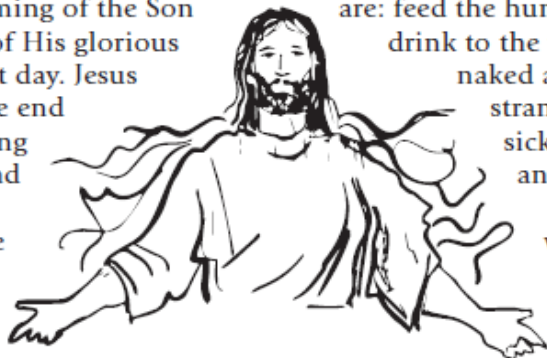
In this Gospel reading, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man, that is, of His glorious return on the last day. Jesus will appear at the end of time as the King of the nations and the Judge of history. Everyone who has ever lived, from the first to the last, from the greatest to the least, will stand before Christ. All of us will be judged on how we loved, especially how we treated "the least" who are suffering among us.

The specific criterion for judgment is the basis for the

Corporal Works of Mercy, which are: feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger, care for the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead.

In the end, we will be judged on our response to the suffering of others. Do we, like the

"blessed," respond with compassion and mercy, or do we, like the others, turn a blind eye and do nothing? The goal is to see Christ in others and to minister to their needs accordingly.



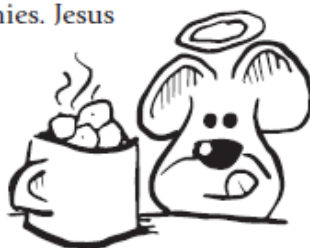
Feasts & Celebrations

November 1 – All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation). In the early Church, there was a great desire to celebrate each of the martyrs. Because there were more martyrs than days of the year, Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints Day. Celebrate the Saints by attending Mass.

November 10 – Pope St. Leo the Great (461). A native of Rome, St. Leo was elected pope while on a mission in Gaul. As pope, he defended the faith from heresy and promoted ecclesiastical unity.

November 18 – St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1852). Born in Grenoble, France, she joined the Society of the Sacred Heart and came to America as a missionary. She opened the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi river, and the first Catholic school for Native Americans.

November 26 – Solemnity of Christ the King. God promised His people a king who would triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.



Q & A How does the Church decide who is a saint?

There are many people in Heaven who are saints but whose names we may never know. They are uncanonized saints. Canonization is the formal process by which the Church identifies and determines whether someone has become a saint.



In its simplest form, official Church procedures detail three steps to recognizing a saint. First, the bishop of the diocese where the person died begins an extensive investigation. The results are passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. If the Congregation approves, the prefect presents the cause to the pope. With the pope's approval, the petitioner becomes "venerable" and is called "Servant of God."

Next, "beatification," may come after further investigation and a miracle has proven to be attributed to the Servant of God's intercession after his or her death. Then the person can be called "Blessed."

Finally, canonization may follow additional investigation and a second miracle also proven to have occurred after the beatification and as a result of the candidate's intercession. After canonization, the "Blessed" is called "Saint."

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**POPE FRANCIS'S
NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION**
FOR THE POPE: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



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As of October 27th, we are at 25.42% of our \$12,000 parish goal. \$3,050 has been donated or pledged. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

ST. MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY HARVEST SUPPER

Thank you
The Harvest Supper Committee would like to thank all those people that donated items for the supper, the people that did all the work and all those who supported our parish by buying a meal. Thanks to all of you for all you did.

GREETING CARD RECYCLING PROJECT

Thank you for all the wonderful donations of greeting cards. We have all that we need for this project and are now inviting you to join us for a crafting work-bee to turn the cards into gifts for our annual Christmas gifts to shut-in parishioners. We will meet in St. Michael's Hall on Monday, November 6th at 10:00 am.

JESUS THE HOLY EUCHARIST

A SILENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

December 9, 2023 7:30 am - 2:00 pm

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Questions, Contact Henry Rainey:

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NOVEMBER 6 - 13, 2023 READINGS

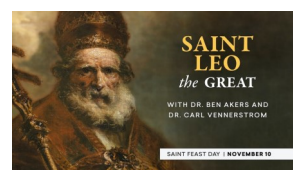
Mon - Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 Lk 14:12-14
Tues - Rom 12:5-16b Ps 131:1cde, 2-3 Lk 14:15-24
Wed - Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33
Thurs - Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22
Fri - Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8
Sat - Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Lk 16:9-15
Sun - Wis 6:12-16 Ps 63:2-8 1 Thes 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2023

ST. LEO THE GREAT | CATHOLIC SAINTS

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss St. Leo the Great, who served as pope during the tumultuous time of the Council of Chalcedon.



THE INCREDIBLE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES W/FR. ROBERT SPITZER | CHRIS STEFANICK SHOW

Did you know there are miracles that back up the true presence of the Eucharist? It's true! And I brought Fr. Robert Spitzer back to tell us about the incredible science behind them.



THE CHURCH NEEDS MORE SAINTS W/JASON EVERT | SEEK23

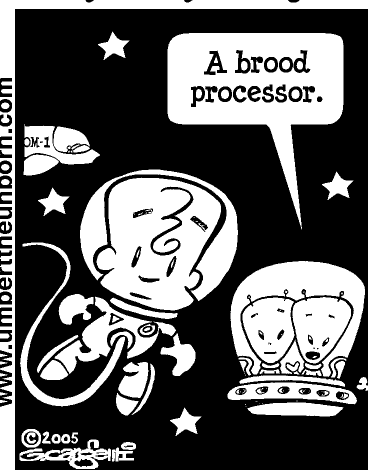
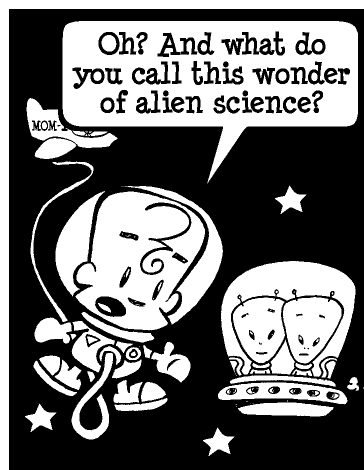
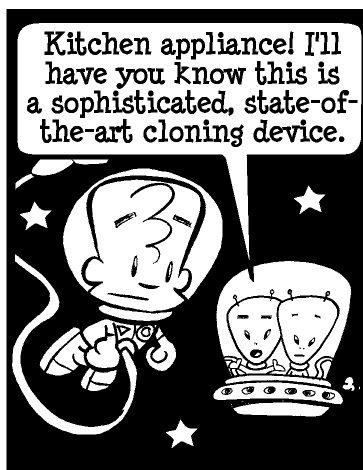
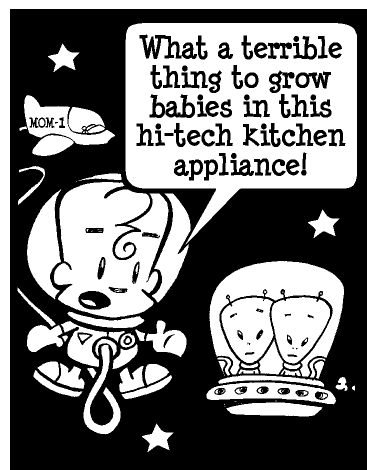
Using the example of Pope St. John Paul II, Jason Evert discusses the importance of interior life in the mission of evangelization to which all Christians are called.



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Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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