

DECEMBER 17, 2023



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 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
10:15 am, St. John's hall

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 16	Advent Weekday
VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo	
Sunday, December 17	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 am, Ralston † Jack Callahan (Bridget & Shawn)	
9:30 am, Canton † David Snell (His Family)	
11:15 am, Troy † Maureen Brimmer (St. Michael's A&R)	
Monday, December 18	Late Advent Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)	
Tuesday, December 19	Late Advent Weekday
5:30 pm, Troy † Brian Forte (Denise & George Morris)	
Wednesday, December 20	Late Advent Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Daniel Cannon (David Beahm)	
6:00 pm, Holy Hour	
Thursday, December 21	Late Advent Weekday
Mass	
Friday, December 22	Late Advent Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Regina Hanlon (Deborah Fitzwater)	
Saturday, December 23	Advent Weekday
VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
4:00 pm, Canton † Mark Kaczmarek (Jeff & Beth Cole)	
6:00 pm, Troy † Pro Populo	
Sunday, December 24	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 am, Ralston † Mary Watkins (Vivian Osborne)	
9:30 am, Canton † David Snell (His Family)	
VIGIL: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)	
4:00 pm, Canton † Christmas Mass Intentions	
7:00 pm, Ralston † Christmas Mass Intentions	
Mon, Dec 25	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
12:00 am (midnight), Troy † Christmas Mass Intentions	
9:30 am, Canton † Christmas Mass 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 all victims of human trafficking to find hope and healing in the Lord who proclaims liberty to captives.

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

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS December 4 - 10, 2023

Weekly Offerings:	1,579.00
Electronic Offerings:	515.00
Other Parish Income:	179.00
 Total Parish Income:	2,273.00
Average weekly expenses:	4,211.61
Difference:	(1,938.61)
Religious Retirement Fund:	274.00
Care & Education of Priests:	103.00

Thank you for your continued support.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, December 17th

2 pm - Church of the Epiphany, Sayre

Christmas Pageant

The CCD children at St. Michael's will have their annual Christmas pageant at the end of the 9:30am Mass on Sunday December 17th. The children would appreciate your support in their endeavors to learn and spread the message of Christmas. *Please join us in the hall following Mass for the Children's Christmas Party and Fellowship.*

There will be a rehearsal, at 10 am on Friday, December 23rd, in Saint Michael's choir loft for the 3:30 pm program that precedes the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. If you can't make the rehearsal, but want to join us on Christmas Eve, please come on up to the choir loft!



We congratulate
Matthew & Anna Bradford
on the baptism of their daughter,
Isla Skye Bradford,
on December 10th in
Saint John Nepomucene Church, Troy

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, Joyce Maloney, Tom McBlane, Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Orlando Moralez, Delina Morgan, Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker, Gary Polly, Dee-Dee Ramsey, Patricia Rogers, 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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As of December 8th, we are at 60.36% of our \$12,000 parish goal. \$7,243 has been donated or pledged. 47 families have donated thus far, which is a participation rate of 32.64% of 144 active families in the parish. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.



POPE FRANCIS'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: 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.

The **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** was a great success this year! This couldn't happen without everyone who gave their time to work at the Bazaar; donated soups, cookies, fudge and breads; and the Confirmation Class who did a great clean up afterwards! God Bless you all.

Love, Diane Jones and the A&R



WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2023

AGAPE/LOVE | ADVENT: WORD STUDIES
THE BIBLE PROJECT

The word "love" is one of the sloppiest words in our language, as it primarily refers to a feeling that happens to a person. In the New Testament, "love" refers to a way of treating people that was defined by Jesus himself: seeking the well-being of others regardless of their response.



MARY OF NAZARETH

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.



O HOLY NIGHT, THE KING IS BORN

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DECEMBER 18 - 24, 2023 READINGS

Mon - Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

Tues - Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-6, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

Wed - Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38

Thurs - Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Fri - 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd

Lk 1:46-56

Sat - Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14

Lk 1:57-66

Sun - 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASAP

Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) is a featured program of the Knights of Columbus supporting mothers and their children, born and unborn, by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. St. Michael's KOC is hosting a drive for the Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center, Canton this December. To participate, please bring new items to the drop box in the back of the church. You can also purchase items on the Amazon.com registry that has been established - see below.



ITEMS REQUESTED:

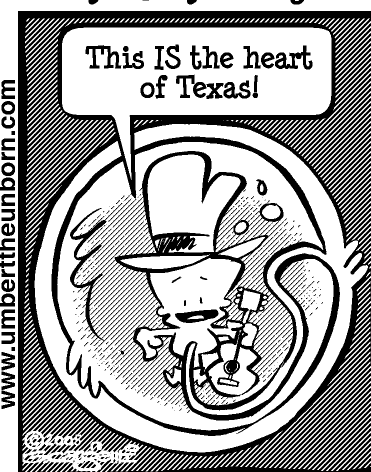
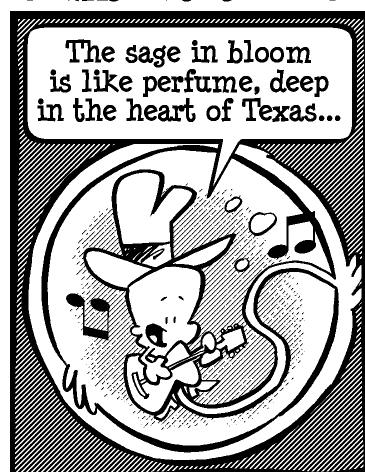
- NCVI Breast Pump 8782 – 4 items
- Boys and Girls Pull-ups: sizes 2T-3T, 3T-4T, 4T-5T – 5 boxes each
- New outfits (any season): Boys and Girls; sizes 0-3 months, 2T – 10 each
- New Sleepers: Boys and Girls; sizes 0-3 months, 2T – 10 each

TO PURCHASE ONLINE:

Go to https://www.amazon.com/registries/guest-view/30QIQ5SDNI3WA?ref=gr_search_page_result (a link is on the parish website under News from the Knights) Items will come up to choose from. You can have items delivered to you and then bring them to church, or you can have items delivered to the St. Michael Registry address (David Beahm's home). Everything will be delivered to the Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center, Canton at the end of December.

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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