



A Savior is Born

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**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

**Tuesday, December 26** Saint Stephen, the 1st Martyr  
 5:30 pm, Troy † Richard D. Ross  
 (Jim & Shelly Ross & Family)

**Wed, Dec 27** SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST  
 5:30 pm, Canton † Shirley P. McCarthy  
 (St. Michael's A&R)  
 6:00 pm, Holy Hour

**Thursday, December 28** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
 No Mass

**Friday, December 29** 5th Day w/in the Octave of the  
 Nativity of the Lord  
 7:00 am, Rectory - For the special intentions of  
 Trudy Ahern (Rita Hanson & Ian)

**Saturday, December 30** 6th Day w/in the Octave of  
 the Nativity of the Lord  
 VIGIL: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH  
 4:00 pm, Canton † Dorris Ann Mallore  
 (St. Michael's A&R)

**Sunday, December 31** THE HOLY FAMILY OF  
 JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH  
 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo  
 9:30 am, Canton † Robert Fleury (The Family)  
 11:15 am, Troy † Mary Watkins (Tom Wierbowski)

**Monday, January 1** THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
 THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD  
 9:30 am, Canton † John Mastrodomenico  
 (Joe & Maryann Maresco)

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 that, inspired by the example of  
 the Blessed Mother, we, like Mary, may have the  
 courage to say "yes" to God's gift of human life.

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

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



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### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

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 Beatrice Jones, Antoinette King, Theresa Kingsley,  
 David Kule, Jo Kule, Joyce Maloney, Tom McBlane,  
 Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore,  
 Orlando Moralez, Delina Morgan, Leo Parchesky,  
 Ramona Parker, Gary Paquette, Gary Polly,  
 Patricia Rogers, Katy Snyder, Rich Stankiewicz,  
 Mary Catherine Taylor, Joe Turk, Elias Vroman,  
 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 15th, we are at 79.73% of our  
 \$12,000 parish goal. \$9,568 has been donated or  
 pledged. 53 families have donated thus far, which is a  
 participation rate of 36.81% of 144 active families in the  
 parish. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus  
 far, both financially and with your prayers.

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

**December 11 - 17, 2023**

Weekly Offerings:	2,812.00
Electronic Offerings:	515.00
Other Parish Income:	1,107.50
 Total Parish Income:	4,434.50
Average weekly expenses:	4,211.61
Difference:	222.89
Christmas Mass Intentions:	542.00
Religious Retirement Fund:	50.00
Care & Education of Priests:	15.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*



**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.



**WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2023**

**THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS  
LUKAS STORYTELLER**

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but then they are caught in one of their antics. Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.



**CHRISTMAS | SACRED ART**

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



**THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.



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**DECEMBER 25 - 31, 2023 READINGS**

**VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**Sun** - Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**Night** - Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14  
**Dawn** - Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7  
Lk 2:15-20

**Day** - Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

**Tues** - Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17 Mt 10:17-22

**Wed** - 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Thurs** - 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18

**Fri** - 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

**Sat** - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21  
Lk 2:22-40

**Sun** - Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21

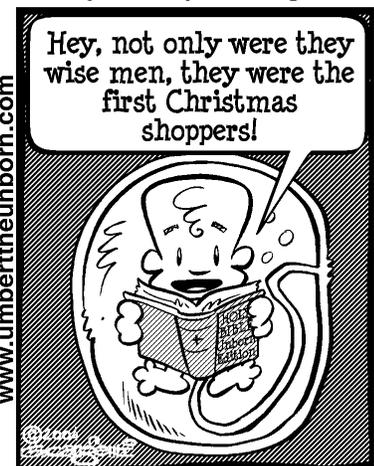
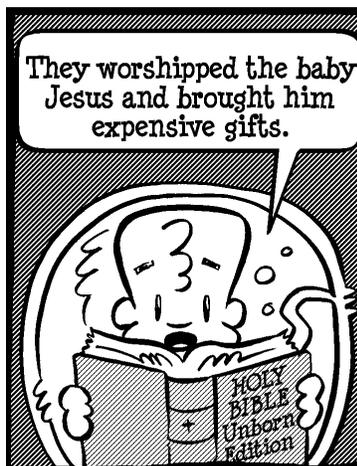
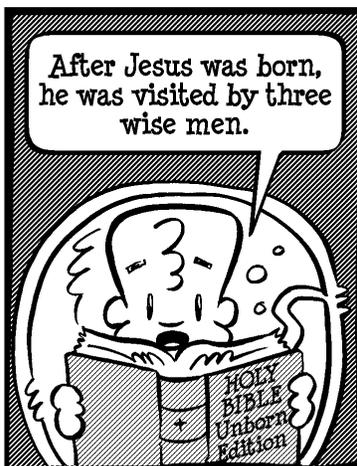
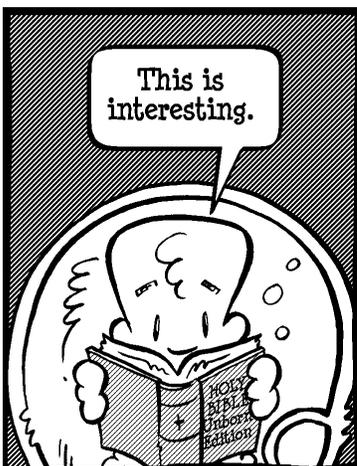
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASAP**

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. For details and a link to the online registry, visit <https://stmichaelscanton.com/news/news-from-the-knights/>



**Umbert the Unborn**

by Gary Cangemi





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