

JANUARY 28, 2024



THE 4TH 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. (2023/24)

(Religious education classes
held during the school year)

Sun: 8:15 am, St. Michael Church hall

Sun: 10:15 am, St. John Nepomucene
Church 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, January 27 Weekday

VIGIL: 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Rich Carlonas (Cheryl Carlonas)

Sunday, January 28 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Gene & Mary McMahon

(Jean & Mike Herman)

11:15 am, Troy † Anna Capaldi (Jayne Cleveland)

Monday, January 29 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tuesday, January 30 Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Betty Rieppel (John & Ann Monaghan)

Wednesday, January 31 Saint John Bosco, Priest

5:30 pm, Canton † Tom Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)

6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, February 1 Weekday

No Mass

First Friday, Feb 2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

7:00 am, Canton † Kevin Rook (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Saturday, February 3 Weekday

VIGIL: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Irene Bitcola (Cheryl Carlonas)

Sunday, February 4 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † David Snell (Susan Schiell)

11:15 am, Troy † Nicholas DePalma, Sr. (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 suffering after abortion to know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and turn to Him for His mercy and peace.

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

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

January 15 - 21, 2024

Weekly Offerings:	1,914.00
Altar & Rosary Dues:	55.00
Electronic Offerings:	475.00
Other Parish Income:	73.90
 Total Parish Income:	2,517.90
Average weekly expenses:	4,124.61
Difference:	(1,606.71)
Care & Education of Priests:	77.00

Thank you for your continued support.

To request a 2023 Contribution Statement, call or email the parish office or write "Statement" on your offertory envelope. Statements can be emailed, mailed or held at the office to be picked up during office hours.

CHILI COOKOFF

St. Michael's Cemetery Association will be hosting a Chili cook-off. Proceeds will be used for improvements to the cemetery. The cookoff will be on February 13th, (Ash Wednesday is February 14th) in St. Michael's Church Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. There will be a \$5 entry fee for each chili to be judged. Chilis can be donated without being in the competition. We will be awarding prizes for the hottest (yet still edible), best mild and best unique chilis. Prizes include a portion of the entry fees and, of course, BRAGGING RIGHTS! We also need donations of muffins, crackers, corn bread, or any other side dish that will pair well with chili. Beverages will be provided.



All are invited to attend, donations will be accepted at the door.

This weekend we take up the **COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA!** Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

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, Darlene Cole, Todd Congdon, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Leon English, Ben Flood, Melissa Gowan, Cassie Hamburger, Cody Heim, Robert Dale Hostetter, Victoria Johnson, 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 January 19th, we are at 96.57% of our \$12,000 parish goal. \$11,588 has been donated or pledged. 61 families have donated thus far, which is a participation rate of 42.36% of 144 active families in the parish.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.



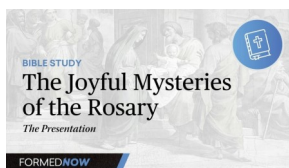
**POPE FRANCIS'S
FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION**
FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL: Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.



WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 2024

**A BIBLE STUDY ON THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES
THE PRESENTATION**

What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.



**EXORCISMS: WHAT CATHOLICS NEED TO KNOW
CHRIS STEFANICK SHOW**

Scripture says, "Be sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith." In other words, the Christian life involves spiritual combat. But a lot of Catholics aren't really familiar with this idea. So to start unpacking it, we're talking to Fr. Chad Ripperger, an exorcist priest.



SAINT JOHN BOSCO: MISSION TO LOVE

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.



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JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4, 2024 READINGS

Mon - 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20
Tues - 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Ps 89:1-6 Mk 5:21-43
Wed - 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 6:1-6
Thurs - 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-11b, 11d-12d Mk 6:7-13
Fri - Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40
Sat - 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34
Sun - Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

BLESSING OF THROATS

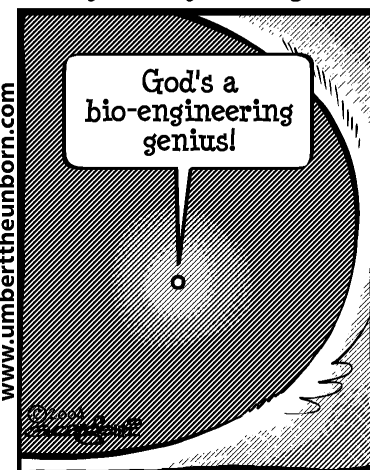
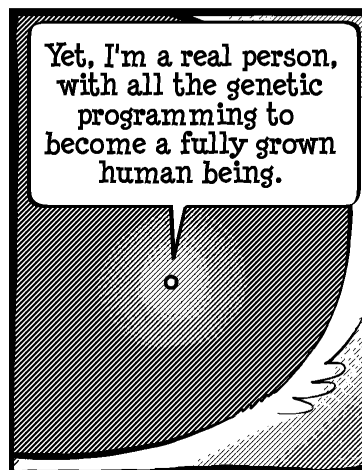
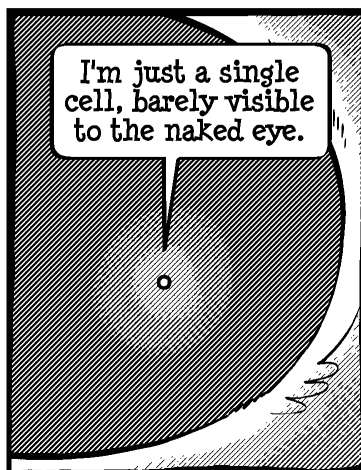
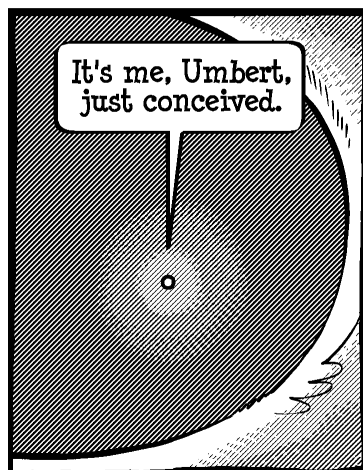
In honor of the February 3rd Feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, Father Joe will bless the throats of everyone who comes forward at the end of all weekend Masses next weekend, February 3rd & 4th.

The legend of St. Blaise is that he served as bishop of Sebastea in Armenia and died when decapitated in the fourth-century persecution of Diocletian. It is said that he escaped persecution for a time by hiding in a cave, where a poor woman he had helped brought provisions for him, including candles. It is also said that he cured a boy who was choking on a fish bone. Many Christians today honor his day by having their throats blessed with candles.



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at 1:00 pm. We always wel-
come new members.

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