

FEBRUARY 25, 2024



THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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, February 24 Lenten Weekday

VIGIL: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Sunday, February 25 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (Michel A. Skipper)

11:15 am, Troy † James Curyk (Stephanie Olver)

Monday, February 26 Lenten Weekday

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

5:30 - 7:00 pm, Canton, The Light is ON For You

Tuesday, February 27 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Robert Schwarz (Connie & Jim Parnick)

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, February 28 Lenten Weekday

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

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, February 29 Lenten Weekday

No Mass

First Friday, March 1 Lenten Weekday

7:00 am, Canton † George Dunning (Jimi & Penny Padden)

Saturday, March 2 Lenten Weekday

VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, March 3 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am, Ralston † Catherine Hackett (M/M Scott DiMarco)

9:30 am, Canton † James Curyk (Joan Jannone)

11:15 am, Troy † Rita Mays (Bob & Ann Bowens)


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 every human person, from conception to natural death, to be recognized as precious and beloved.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

February 12 - 18, 2024

Weekly Offerings:	1,947.00
Altar & Rosary Dues:	10.00
Electronic Offerings:	475.00
Other Parish Income:	301.50
 Total Parish Income:	2,733.50
Average weekly expenses:	4,124.61
Difference:	(1,391.11)
Church in Central & Eastern Europe:	365.00
Care & Education of Priests:	20.00

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.

SAINT MICHAELS

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL PIEROGI SALE!

Pierogies will be picked up in St. Michael's Hall on:

- Friday, March 1st from Noon to 5 pm
- Saturday, March 2nd from Noon until 2 pm
- Sunday, March 3rd from 10:30 am until 11:00 am

Pierogi making in St. Michael's Hall will be Monday, February 26th through Thursday, February 29th from 9 am until 2 pm with lunch provided. Come for an hour or spend the day. **Everyone** is invited!!

There is also a sign up sheet in St. Michael's Church for the donation of ingredients.



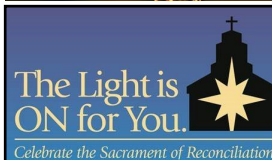
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LENTEN HOLY HOUR

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Thursday, March 7
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in St. Michael's Church on Mondays during Lent from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Tom Ambruch, Cathy Asbury, Karl Barton, April Bilbrey, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszczyk, 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.



POPE FRANCIS'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

FOR THE NEW MARTYRS: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to: *Ava Cooney*
Aubrianna Hernandez *Lucas Grove*
Ximena Hernandez *Sophia Johnson*
Dean Pepper *Lottie Stanton*

on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, February 17.

Please continue to pray for them as they prepare to receive First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5th.



CONFIRMATION RETREAT

On February 24th, our Confirmation students went on retreat with 35 other students from several parishes in St. Ann's Church, Williamsport. Please pray for *Kara Cummings*, *Alex Roupp*, and *Toby Stanton* as they prepare for their Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, in St. John's Church.



FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Lent is the perfect liturgical season to help those in our community experiencing food insecurity. Please consider donating 1 food item per day for the 40 days of Lent as part of your Lenten almsgiving.



A SEASON FOR REFLECTION

During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit csrcricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.



FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 3, 2024 READINGS

Mon: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38

Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23

Mt 23:1-12

Wed: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28

Thurs: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

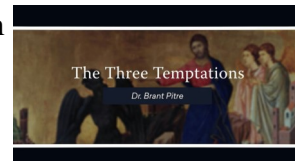
Sun: Ex 20:1-14 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2024

THE THREE TEMPTATIONS WITH DR. BRANT PITRE

Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.



THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH | ETERNAL REST | EPISODE 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



TALKING BACK: SCRIPTURE'S TO ANSWER COMMON FEARS | FEARLESS | EPISODE 3

How can the Word of God help us face fear and win back victory from the Enemy's control? Chris continues his conversation with Fr. Dave Pivonka about how people of faith address fear. Scripture provides concrete ways to wield the power of God's Word against the fear of need, abandonment, vulnerability, condemnation, and more. Unlock the means for the Lord to free you from all fear..



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in Saint Michael's church hall
at 1:00 pm. We always wel-
come new members.

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