

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 7, 2024



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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 6 Saturday within the Octave of Easter

VIGIL: SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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

Sunday, April 7 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

8:00 am, Ralston † Howard Finch (Good Samaritans)

9:30 am, Canton † Pro Populo

11:15 am, Troy † Josephine Szczech (Barb, Leona & Tim)

Monday, April 8 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

7:00 am, Rectory † Andrew Voinski (Cheryl Carlonas)

Tuesday, April 9 Easter Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Virginia Jerlene Yeager

(Anna Marie Mimplitsch)

Wednesday, April 10 Easter Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Deceased members of Knights of

Columbus Council #5517 (K of C Council #5517)

6:00 pm, Rosary for the success of the

National Eucharistic Revival

Thurs, April 11 Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr

No Mass

Friday, April 12 Easter Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Howard Finch (Anna Bogaczyk)

Saturday, April 13 Easter Weekday

VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 pm, Canton † Eddie Mulno (The Mulno Family)

Sunday, April 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Nancy Wright & Skip Cole

(Jeff & Beth Cole)

11:15 am, Troy † Florence 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 the intentions of Alexei Navalny.

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

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

March 25 - 31, 2024

Weekly Offerings:	2,922 .00
Easter Offerings:	3,015.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,330.00
Other Parish Income:	102.50
 Total Parish Income:	7,369.50
Average weekly expenses:	4,124.61
Difference:	3,244.89
Easter Mass Intentions:	70.00
Good Friday offering:	143.79
Care & Education of Priests:	20.00

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ST. MICHAEL

CATHOLIC PARISH

THIS WEEK ON
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WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2024

THE ROSARY: A SPECIAL WAY TO PRAY

Join Brother Francis in this entertaining and guidance-filled presentation that will inspire children to deepen their faith by praying the Rosary!



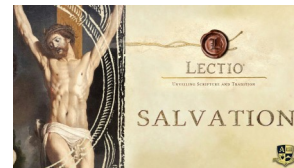
WHY CATHOLICS BELIEVE IN "LIFE EVERLASTING"

The Catholic Church cares about every BODY. Think of relics and funerals—reverence for our bodies and the body's of holy people is part of being Catholic. But why? We find the answer at the end of the Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." That's a pretty strong statement and it's founded on Jesus. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we can look forward to our own body's being raised at the end of time. Pretty cool, right?



LECTIO: SALVATION | EPISODE 5

After the Fall, each person is born not only with the stain of sin on their soul but also with a fallen human nature. Thanks be to God that his gift of salvation not only frees us from Original Sin but also transforms us from the inside out, healing the root of our brokenness: our hearts. As we will see in this session, salvation is not simply a legal transaction by which we are declared righteous, but by the gift of God's Spirit we are actually made righteous.



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SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Cathy Asbury, Karl Barton, April Bilbrey, Cassi Blaney, 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, Carol MacElhaney, Joyce Maloney, Tom McBlane, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Orlando Morales, Delina Morgan, Brett Neely, Mary Nybeck, Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker, Gary Paquette, Gary Polly, Patricia Rogers, Katy Snyder, Rich Stankiewicz, Mary Catherine Taylor, Joe Turk, Elias Vroman, Matthew Warren, Calvin Watson, Glenda Watson, Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, Anthony Wolf, Donna Wolf, Nicholas Wolf

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One Minute Meditations

St. Gemma Galgani

Born in Tuscany to a devout family, St. Gemma was attracted to prayer early on, mystically conversing with Jesus, Mary, and her Guardian Angel. Although she was hard working, kind, and a good student, her ecstasies earned her ridicule. She received the stigmata (wounds of Christ) in her body. She lost half her family to tuberculosis and struggled with poor health herself. Although this prevented her from entering the Passionist Order, she was posthumously accepted by them.



We are one Body

On the road to Damascus, Jesus told Saul that when he attacked Christians, he attacked Jesus. "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 26:15). Our Lord cannot be separated from the members of his Body. We stand united with all who suffer for Christ.

"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:84.



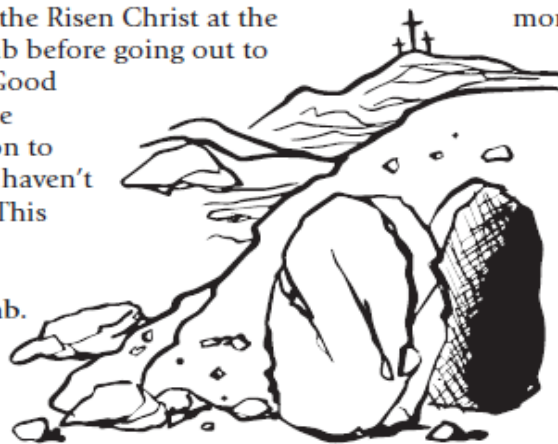
This Easter, meet Christ at the empty tomb

The Resurrection, more than Jesus' other miracles or teachings, shows His divinity and His Lordship over creation, and His victory over death. Every Easter Sunday, we're called to encounter the Risen Christ at the empty tomb before going out to bring the Good News of the Resurrection to those who haven't yet heard. This Easter:

Visit the empty tomb.

Scripture is "living and active" (Hebrews

4:12), so the events of Jesus' life can still impact us today when we pray with them. During the Easter season, read through John 20:1-18, and picture yourself there. Read with an open heart. No one who meets the Risen Christ remains unchanged.



Renew your commitment to Him. Can you remember a moment when Christ called your name and invited you to follow Him? Renew your commitment to follow Christ more faithfully this Easter.

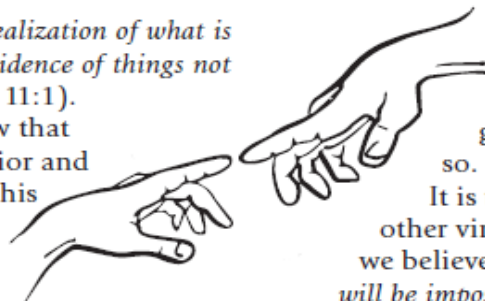
Commit to daily prayer. Offer your errands for the souls in Purgatory. Resolve to go to Confession more often. Don't let anything get in the way of weekly Mass.

"Go to my brothers and tell them" (John 20:17). Our job is to make more disciples for Jesus

(Matthew 28:19). Invite someone to Mass, pass on inspiring spiritual reading, answer questions about our Faith, be ready to talk about your love for God and your hope for eternity (1 Peter 3:15).

Why Do Catholics Do That?

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Christians know that Jesus is our Savior and our lives are in his hands. We also know that by virtue of his



Why do Catholics need faith?

suffering, death, and Resurrection, we have hope of sharing in his glory in Heaven. He said so.

It is through faith that all the other virtues flow. Through faith we believe, "For with God, nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

3 Ways to be a better communicator

When people encountered Jesus, they knew they were heard, seen, known, and loved by the Father. A large part of this was how He conversed with them. As Christ's disciples aiming to convey the same message, we can become better communicators with these three skills:

Know which conversation you're having. There are three types of conversations: social, emotional, and practical. Maybe someone offered a solution in which a listening ear was needed or made a corny joke at the wrong time. When in doubt, say something like: "Do you want me to fix this or just listen?"



Ask good questions. Jesus asked questions about people's values, past experiences, and perceptions. Ask open-ended questions, find out what interests them, ask their opinion on a given topic. Seek to understand them. You don't have to agree.

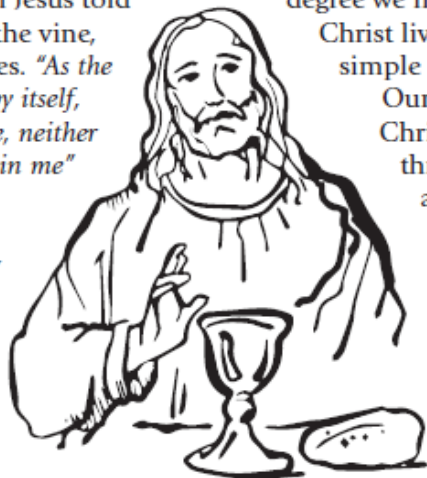
Really listen. Recall the rich young man whom Jesus looked at with love before challenging him to follow Him (Mark 10:21). Avoid checking your phone or thinking about your next response. Give the gift of your full attention.

from Scripture

John 15:1-8, Bearing fruit that will last

This Gospel passage takes us back to the Last Supper, when Jesus told His disciples that He is the vine, and they are the branches. *"As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me"* (John 15:4). This shows the closeness of the friendship and intimacy Christ wants to draw us into.

Yet, this isn't just a luxury for the few, but a vital necessity for all. *"For apart from me you can do nothing"* (15:5). As Jesus is who He says He is (God), then we can only have a truly fulfilling,



meaningful, fruitful life to the degree we live in Christ and Christ lives in us. It really is as simple as that.

Our connection with Christ is nourished through daily prayer and the Eucharist, and is healed in Confession. We are part of the Vine when we humbly obey Christ's commands, carry out our duties and acts of kindness with love, and offer our sufferings to God. Only then will our lives bear lasting fruit.

Q & A What is a Spiritual Communion?

Pandemic lockdowns that prevented us from attending Mass in person prompted the rediscovery of Spiritual Communion, the "ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him" (St. Thomas Aquinas). Thankfully, we have returned to in-person Mass

attendance, but we can still benefit from this devotion. Spiritual Communion keeps us connected to Christ and deepens our awareness of His love throughout the day. Best friends don't only see or speak to each other once a week or when they need something. They stay in contact daily. Certainly, we have no closer friend than God.

The saints encouraged frequent Spiritual Communion because the practice opens us to much-needed graces. St. Alphonsus Liguori encouraged making three Spiritual Communions during Mass – at the beginning, during the consecration, and at the end – even when we receive the Body and Blood.

Spiritual Communion isn't a substitute for Sacramental Communion. Instead, making frequent Spiritual Communion can enrich our experience when we do receive Communion in person.



Feasts & Celebrations

April 2 – St. Francis of Paola (1507). St. Francis founded the Minim Friars who lived an ascetic life. Known as a miracle-worker, he also had the gift of prophecy. He died in Plessis, in a monastery built for him by the king.

April 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century). The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. She had confidence in God's grace and trusted His wisdom.

April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1622). In his native Prussia, St. Fidelis became a lawyer and championed the poor and oppressed. He joined the Franciscans. During the Protestant Reformation, St. Fidelis worked hard to bring people back to the Catholic faith, until his martyrdom.

April 27 – St. Zita (1271). Born in Monsagrati, Italy, St. Zita became the servant of the wealthy Fatinelli family. Famous for her miracles in helping the sick, the poor, and the imprisoned, she is the patroness of domestic workers.



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**POPE FRANCIS'S
APRIL PRAYER INTENTION**

FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

APRIL 8 - 14, 2024 READINGS

Mon: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38
Tues: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 7b-15
Wed: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21
Thurs: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36
Fri: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15
Sat: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21
Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 1 Jn 2:1-5a
Lk 24:35-48

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* and the *Litany of Divine Mercy* will be prayed in Saint Michael's Church following the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, April 7th. All are welcome to stay and pray on this the Feast of Divine Mercy.



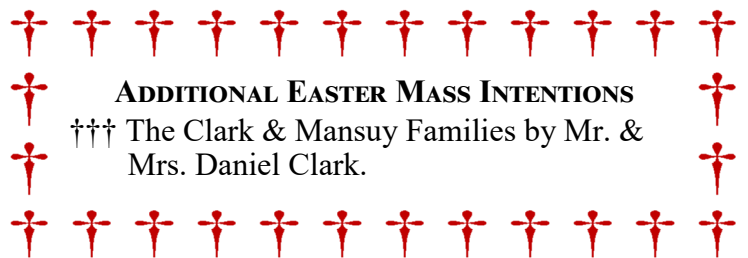
EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

The Knights of Columbus of St. Michael Parish will host an exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles April 5th - 7th. The exhibit includes 80 educational story panels documenting Eucharistic miracles recognized by the universal Catholic Church throughout the ages. The exhibit will be open for public display Friday, April 5th from 7 am - 7 pm (Eucharistic Adoration will also be available during this time), Saturday, April 6th from 12 noon - 5 pm, and Sunday, April 7th from 8 am - 1 pm. During this time of Eucharistic Revival, come and see these signs that Jesus gave to us of His Real Presence in the Eucharist.



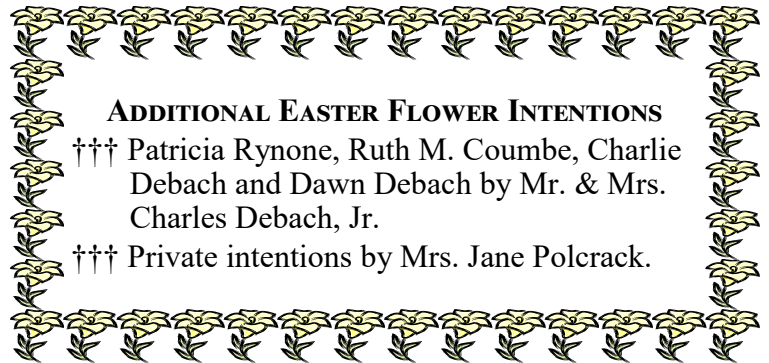
FOOD FOR FAMILIES

The Knights of Columbus and the food pantries of



ADDITIONAL EASTER MASS INTENTIONS

††† The Clark & Mansuy Families by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Clark.



ADDITIONAL EASTER FLOWER INTENTIONS

††† Patricia Rynone, Ruth M. Coumbe, Charlie Debach and Dawn Debach by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Debach, Jr.
††† Private intentions by Mrs. Jane Polcrack.

Canton and Troy thank all who donated food items to the Food for Families food drive initiative during the 40 days of Lent. We are pleased to report that we were able to deliver 354 food items to the Canton Area Food Pantry and 83 food items to the Troy Area Food Pantry. Your generosity helps to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

MONTHLY ROSARY

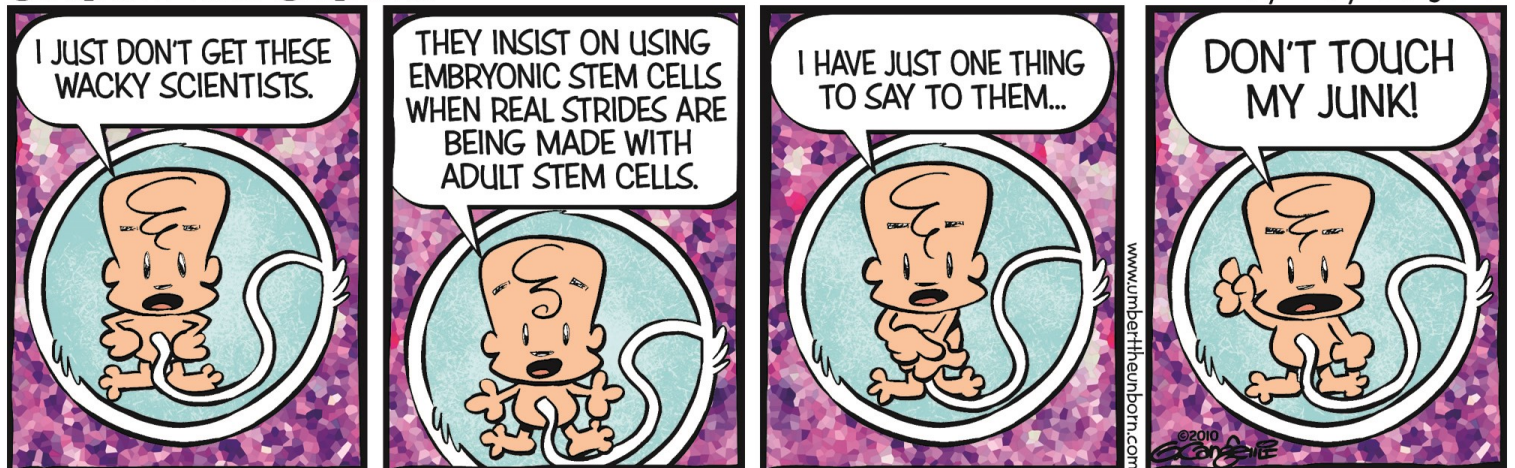
The Knights of Columbus of St. Michael Parish in cooperation with the Bishops of the United States and at the request of the Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, will lead a rosary for the success of The National Eucharistic Revival on the second Wednesday of the month following the 5:30 pm Mass beginning this month and concluding in July 2024 when the National Eucharistic Congress will take place.

The National Eucharistic Revival "is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist" (eucharisticrevival.org).

The meeting of the KOC will follow the rosary. This devotion will replace the Holy Hour only on the second Wednesday of the month during this period.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





Knights of Columbus Council #5517

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St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society is open to all women of the parish. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Saint Michael's church hall at 1:00 pm. We always welcome new members.



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