

AUGUST 11, 2024



THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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.

Pastoral Council: David Beahm, David Brann, Leslie Debach, Will Hawrylo, Jean Herman, Ralph Lepper, Sherry Vargson, Sarah Watson - youth representative

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.

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Religious Education held on Sundays from September until May 8:15 -9:15 am, St. Michael's hall

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 10 Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr
VIGIL: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 4:00 pm, Canton † Richard Stankiewicz (Carole Parker)

Sunday, August 11 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
 8:45 am, Canton - Rosary led by Knights of Columbus
 9:30 am, Canton - For the intention of the Canonization
 of Blessed Michael McGivney (Knights of Columbus)
 11:15 am, Troy † Lee Cummings
 (The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

Monday, August 12 Weekday
 7:00 am, Rectory † Gionina Carlone (Anna Bogaczyk)

Tuesday, August 13 Weekday
 5:30 pm, Troy † John Reppard (Martha & Thomas Jessup)

Wed, Aug 14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr
VIGIL: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 5:30 pm, Canton † Alma Ryan (Rosemary Fitzwater)

Thursday, August 15 **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
 (Holy Day of Obligation)
 7:00 am, Canton † Mel Rodaro (Tom & Eileen Hall)
 5:30 pm, Troy † Tom Lopatofsky (Ann Monaghan)

Friday, August 16 Weekday
 No Mass

Saturday, August 17 Weekday
VIGIL: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, August 18 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 8:00 am, Ralston † Deceased members of Knights of
 Columbus Council #5517 (K of C Council #5517)
 9:30 am, Canton † William & Marion Madigan
 (Jery & Joy Brann)
 11:15 am, Troy † Lee Cummings (Leslie & Chick Debach)

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 conversion of sinners and the salvation of the dying.

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

The cost is \$10 for all three lamps for a weekend.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS July 29 - August 4, 2024

Weekly Offerings:	2,855.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,330.00
Other Parish Income:	152.03
Total Parish Income:	4,337.03
Average weekly expenses:	4,124.61
Difference:	212.42
Care & Education of Priests:	565.00

Thank you for your continued support.

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

MASS INTENTION FOR THE CANONIZATION
 OF BLESSED FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY,
 FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



On Sunday, August 11th, the 9:30 am
 Mass will be offered for the Canonization of Blessed
 Father Michael McGivney by the Knights of Columbus.
 A Rosary and Litany of Blessed Father Michael
 McGivney will begin at 8:45 am, led by the Knights of
 Columbus.

Michael McGivney was born August 12, 1852, or-
 dained December 22, 1877, and died August 14, 1890 at
 the age of 38 after serving in the Priesthood for 13 years.



He founded the Knights of Columbus in
 1882. He was declared Venerable on
 March 15, 2008. A miracle was ap-
 proved for his Beatification on May
 27, 2020. Venerable Father Michael
 McGivney was beatified on October
 31, 2020. His Feast Day is established
 as August 13th.

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED!

We've agreed to provide lunch for the Canton HS
 football team again. This year, we are also providing
 dinner for the Canton HS volleyball team. The date for
 both is Tuesday, August 13th. The meals will be at
 11:30 am and 5 pm.

The menu is baked ziti with homemade bread, salad,
 corn on the cob, and desserts. Call or email the parish
 office to volunteer your time and/or donate food.

The ziti will be assembled the afternoon of Monday,
 August 12 beginning at 3:45 pm and should take about
 an hour. The morning of Tuesday, August 13th, we will
 bake the ziti, heat the corn, and load everything up for
 transport for the lunch. We will do it again in the after-
 noon for the dinner, so there are multiple opportunities
 to help with this project.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, The Ashby Family,
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 Gus Branish, Joy Brann, Betty Brown,
 John Chapman Jr., Dennis & Barbara Clarke,
 Kiran Dhawan, Michael Davison, Carlene Eck,
 Dorland Eck, Leon English, Ben Flood, Melissa Gowan,
 William Hall, Cassie Hamburger, Robert Dale Hostetter,
 Victoria Johnson, Beatrice Jones, Theresa Kingsley,
 David Kule, Jo Kule, Joyce Maloney, Tom McBlane,
 Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Orlando Morales,
 Delina Morgan, Mary Nybeck, Pamela Porter O'Brien,
 Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker, Gary Paquette,
 Lori Pellegrini, Pat Rushin, Sharon Snyder,
 Elias Vroman, Calvin Watson, 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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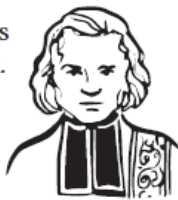
One Minute Meditations

St. John Vianney

Difficulties with his studies almost cost St.

John Vianney the priesthood.

Ordained because of his goodness, he had a gift for reading souls. As the Curé (pastor) of Ars, France, he was confronted with people who were indifferent to Christ and comfortable in their lifestyles. To remedy this, he spent many hours fasting and praying. He spent as many as sixteen hours a day hearing confessions. His spiritual insight and good example reclaimed thousands of lapsed Catholics.



Don't avoid the fight

The ongoing battle for holiness can wear us down. The truth is that even if we fall a thousand times, we fight with Christ by our side. The effort pleases Him more than an easy and comfortable victory. He reminds us: Everyone who wants to be His disciple must take up their cross and follow Him.

"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar."

St. Maximilian Kolbe



Savor the fullness of Scripture

"To get the full flavor of an herb, it must be pressed between the fingers; so it is the same with the Scriptures. If you want to get the full flavor of the Scriptures, crush them by reading and meditation." St. John Chrysostom.

Immerse yourself in God's Word to grow in holiness in this life and be happy in the next. Here's how:

Get a Catholic Bible: Ensure you have a Catholic Bible, which contains all the inspired books. The Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition (RSVce) is an excellent choice, offering clear translations and helpful footnotes. It's also available online.

Read and listen: The Holy Spirit is

the ultimate guide to understanding Scripture. Pray for His guidance (John 16:13) and pay attention when a verse or word stands out to you.

Reflect on these moments as they often serve as conversation starters with God in prayer.

Savor slowly: Praying with Scripture is like enjoying a fine meal. Take it slowly, savoring small portions to fully appreciate its richness. Choose a random or favorite verse and meditate on it deeply.

Keep a record: It's not necessary to

journal daily, but keeping a regular prayer journal helps document lessons, thoughts, and Bible verses that strike you from your time in prayer. This "oasis" can be a source of encouragement during tough times.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics have seven Sacraments?

Sacraments are "efficacious signs, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church" to convey grace (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). Grace is a share in God's divine life. Just as food, rest, and medicine maintain our bodies, the Sacraments maintain our



souls. The number of Sacraments was fixed at seven by the Council of Trent on March 3, 1547. These are Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Confession, Holy Orders, Matrimony, and Anointing of the Sick. Each has its roots in the New Testament Scriptures.

Use distractions to reconnect with God

The strain of a busy life can distract us from making holiness our focus. Yet, we have no hope of achieving holiness or true happiness unless God remains our focus. Pope Francis reminds us, "If the events of our life... risk suffocating the gift of prayer within us, it is enough to contemplate a starry sky, a sunset, a flower, to reignite the spark of thanksgiving." Use moments of distraction as opportunities to reconnect with God.

Combat tunnel vision: When confronted with a

problem, it's okay to pause and troubleshoot. If discouragement dominates your thoughts and prayers, step outside yourself. Go for a walk, chat with a friend, read a psalm, or pray for the souls in Purgatory. These actions can help shift your focus and renew your perspective.

Cultivate holy wonder: Appreciating the beauty of creation can be a natural gateway to prayer. Stroll through a park, admire the flowers, or listen to the birds and the wind. Such beauty often reconnects us to God when words fail.



from Scripture

John 6:60-69, Live-giving truth

The sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel is foundational for Catholic understanding of the Eucharist. In this reading, Jesus declared that He is the Bread of Life and unless we eat His flesh and drink His blood, we will not have eternal life.

Jewish dietary laws strictly prohibited the consumption of blood, making Jesus' offer of His own shocking and offensive. His listeners failed to see beyond the graphic interpretation of His words and many abandoned Him.

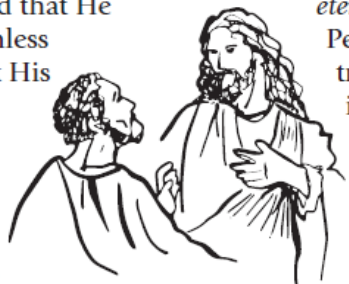
Even the Apostles were troubled by this teaching. Yet, when Jesus asked if

they too would leave, Peter spoke for the group, saying, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

Peter recognized the divine truth and life-giving power in Jesus' teachings, despite their challenging nature.

As followers of Christ, we are reminded to echo Peter's words:

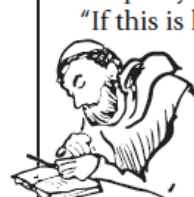
"Master, you have the words of eternal life." This chapter not only emphasizes the importance of the Eucharist in Catholic faith but also highlights the need for trust and faith in Jesus' teachings, even when they are hard to understand.



Q & A

How do saints pray?

What do "holy people's" prayers sound like? We imagine sublime and poetic musings on God's perfection. In fact, the saints, while very holy, are also human and intimate with God. Here's a brief glimpse into some saintly prayers to inspire your own:



"If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few!" St. Teresa of Avila uttered this humorous phrase after being thrown from her cart into the mud. It reflects her candid and down-to-earth relationship with God.

"Beware of Philip, Lord. He may yet betray you." St. Philip Neri, known for his wisdom, humor, and impulsive nature, knew his own weaknesses.

Rather than make excuses for himself, he confessed his errors and asked for increased graces to remain faithful to God.

"Jesus, may I put on a good face!" This prayer was recommended by St. Josemaría Escrivá to someone tasked with an "unpleasant and repulsive" chore. St. Josemaría said that sometimes the hardest cross can be fulfilling our toughest responsibilities with "a good face."

Feasts & Celebrations

August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal (1641). Born wealthy in Dijon, France, Jane married the Baron de Chantal and had four children. Widowed after only seven years, she founded the Order of the Visitation with St. Francis de Sales, for those unable to enter a convent.

August 15 - Solemnity of the Assumption. Declared a dogma of faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, this celebrates Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life. Today is a holy

day of obligation.

August 19 - St. John Eudes (1680). Born on a farm in Normandy, France, John became a priest and parish missionary. He founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudists) in 1643 to promote devotion to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts.

Aug. 24 - St. Bartholomew the Apostle (1st Century). Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the Apostle, Nathanael (John 1:46). After Jesus's Ascension, Nathanael spread Christianity to India and Armenia, where he was martyred.



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POPE FRANCIS'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION



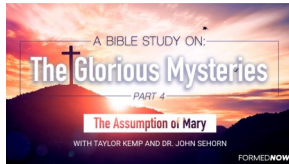
FOR POLITICAL LEADERS: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 2024

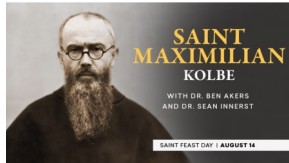
**A BIBLE STUDY ON THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES:
ASSUMPTION (PART 4 OF 5)**

What do you know about the Assumption? Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the theology behind this dogma of the faith.



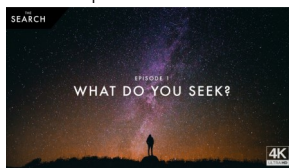
ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE | CATHOLIC SAINTS

At age twelve, St. Maximilian Kolbe received a vision of Our Lady where he accepted the crowns of both purity and martyrdom, vowing to promote devotion to Mary as the defense against the twentieth century's evils. Join Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers as they dive into the life of this modern martyr.



WHAT DO YOU SEEK? | THE SEARCH | EPISODE 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.



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AUGUST 12 - 18, 2024 READINGS

Mon: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Mt 17:22-27
Tues: Ez 2:8—3:4 Pa 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wed: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-6 Mt 18:15-20
Vigil, Assumption of the BVM: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16;
 16:1-2 Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 1 Cor 15:54b-57
 Lk 11:27-28
Assumption of the BVM: Rv 11:19a; 12:6a, 10ab
 Ps 45:10bc, 11-12ab, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
Fri: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 (Ps) Is 12:2-6
 Mt 19:3-12
Sat: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19
 Mt 19:13-15
Sun: Prv 9:1-6 Ps 34:2-7 Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58

Religious Education

CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) registration is open through August 31 for children in Pre-K (age 4) - Confirmation (8th grade) for the 2024-25 school year. Please include your child's specific grade when registering. Registration forms are available in the back of all churches or online at the parish website via the Faith Formation tab. If you are interested in teaching CCD, contact Sarah Watson at (570) 447-8799.

The annual CCD bake sale will be after all Masses the weekend of September 14th & 15th! (YUMMY!!) Catechists will be commissioned by Father Joe during the 9:30 am Mass in St. Michaels Church on Sunday, September 15th, Catechetical Sunday.

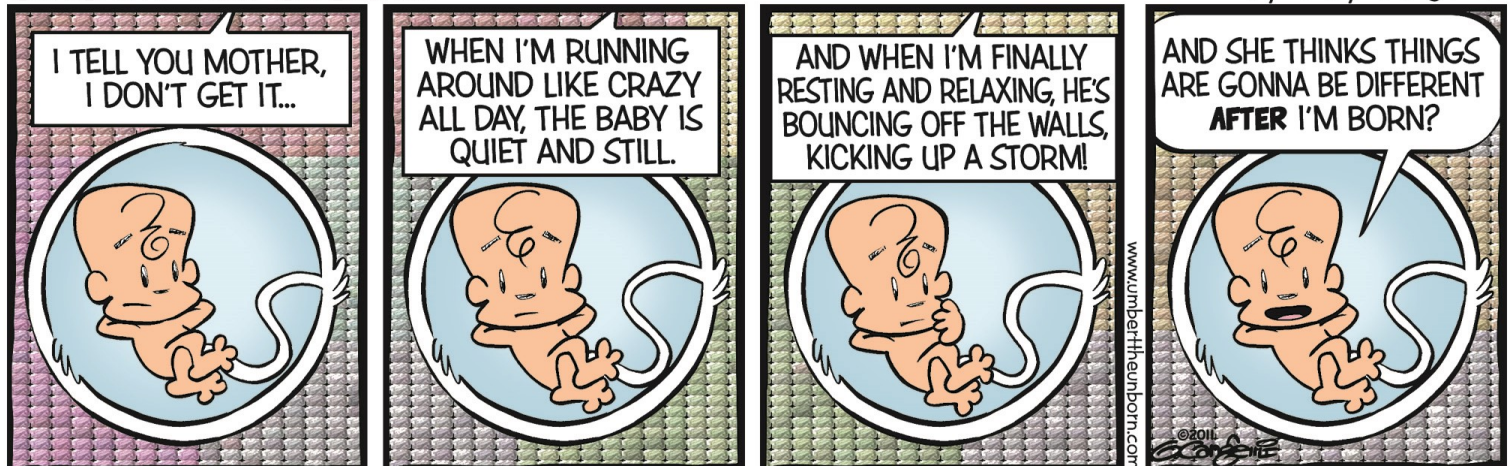
There will be a Parents' Meeting at 7 pm on Monday, September 16th in St. Michael's Hall. Classes begin on Sunday, September 22nd.

EMPCC THANKS YOU

The Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center thanks St. Michael's Parish for contributing \$812.64 in this year's Baby Bottle campaign. To learn more about EMPCC, their volunteer program, or to make a personal donation, visit their website: www.empccfree.com.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





Knights of Columbus Council #5517

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