

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



THE 22ND 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.

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 31 Weekday

VIGIL: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, Sept 1 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † John Orr (Dan & Betsy Clark)

9:30 am, Canton † Ernest Krise (Jerry & Joy Brann)

11:15 am, Troy † Alvin Miller (Jayne Cleveland)

Monday, September 2 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Michael Davison (The Kelley Family)

Tuesday, September 3 Saint Gregory the Great, Pope,
Doctor of the Church

5:30 pm, Troy † Melissa Ashby
(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

Wednesday, September 4 Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Rich Stankiewicz (John & Pat Rushin)

6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, September 5 Weekday

No Mass

First Friday, September 6 Weekday

7:00 am, Canton † Ronald Dowling (Carrie & Frank Baker)

Saturday, September 7 Weekday

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4:00 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His Family)

Sunday, Sept 8 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Kathryn & Fred Fredo (The Family)

9:30 am, Canton † Mark Kingsley
(George & Theresa Kingsley)

11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

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 those who struggle to find meaning in their lives to find reassurance in Christ through the loving support of friends and family.

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 August 19 - 25, 2024

Weekly Offerings:	2,132.00
Electronic Offerings:	475.00
Other Parish Income:	23.50
Total Parish Income:	2,630.50
Average weekly expenses:	4,124.61
Difference:	(1,494.11)



Thank you for your continued support.

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way for non-Catholics to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church and for Catholics who have not been fully initiated to receive Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. If you or any one you know is interested in becoming Catholic, the RCIA is for you. For Catholics who would like a "refresher" on their faith, this is an excellent opportunity. RCIA begins with the Inquiry Phase, which will begin in late September. For more information or to register, please call Father Joe at 570-673-5253.



Religious Education

There will be a **Parents' Meeting** for CCD *and* homeschooling parents at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 16th in St. Michael's Hall. CCD Classes begin on Sunday, September 22nd.

Catechists will be commissioned by Father Joe during the 9:30 am Mass in St. Michaels Church on Sunday, September 15th, Catechetical Sunday.

The annual CCD bake sale will be after all Masses the weekend of September 14th & 15th! (YUMMY!!) Proceeds go toward CCD expenses. Please come and support the ministry and children!



SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, The Ashby Family, Karl Barton, April Bilbrey, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszczyk, Gus Branish, Joy Brann, Betty Brown, John Chapman Jr., Dennis & Barbara Clarke, Kiran Dhawan, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Leon English, Ben Flood, Melissa Gowan, William Hall, Cassie Hamburger, Robert Dale Hostetter, Victoria Johnson, Beatrice Jones, David Kule, Jo Kule, Joyce Maloney, Tom McBlane, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Orlando Moralez, Delina Morgan, Mary Nybeck, Pamela Porter O'Brien, Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker, Gary Paquette, Lori Pellegrini, Pat Rushin, Anthony Shipula, 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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September 2024

St. Michael Parish

One Minute Meditations

St. Peter Claver

Born into a farming family in Spain in 1580, St. Peter joined the Jesuits at the age of twenty and was ordained in 1615. While serving in Colombia in 1610, he was horrified by the slave trade. Rushing to meet each arriving slave ship, he brought water, medicine, food, and clothing to the enslaved people on board. He taught them about God and baptized nearly 300,000 individuals. St. Peter lived humbly and penitentially, in solidarity with those he served.

Don't delay to seek Love

Don't wait to become perfect before seeking God's love, or you never will. The good news is, we don't have to. God already loves us — infinitely. When we accept His love and grace with open hands, it will transform our hearts.

"My steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you" (Isaiah 54:10).



Find true peace

As Catholics, we understand that the key to true happiness and peace lies in proclaiming Christ as our Lord and following Him faithfully. By knowing Jesus, experiencing His love, keeping His Commandments, and serving Him in others, we will find genuine joy, fulfillment, and peace.

Know Jesus and experience His love: God invites each of us to enter into a deep friendship with Him (John 15:15). This friendship is characterized by mutual respect, intimacy, and cooperation. Jesus reveals His love for us through the Scriptures, the Sacraments of the Church, and especially through the Mass. In prayer, ask God to reveal His

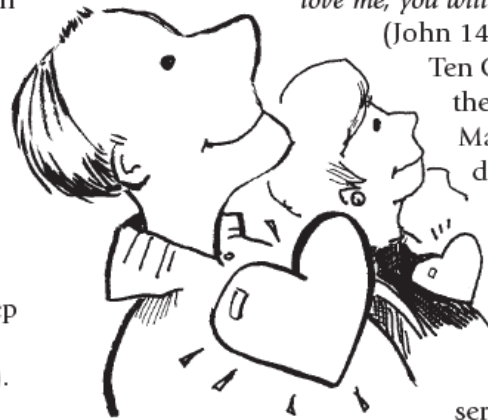
personal, everlasting love for you. That's a prayer He is eager to answer.

Love Him back: Do you know someone who claims to care but ignores what you say? Jesus, our greatest Friend, asks us to listen to Him. *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"* (John 14:15). By living the

Ten Commandments and the Eight Beatitudes (see Matthew 5:3-ff), we demonstrate our love for Jesus.

Serve Him in our neighbors: For Mother Teresa, serving the poor was synonymous with serving Jesus (Matthew 25:40). She prepared their

beds and treated their wounds as if He were the next to use them. By performing ordinary tasks with love and intentionality, we can experience true and lasting happiness.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why are there Church's precepts?

Just as families have household rules guiding how each member contributes to supporting the home, the Catholic Church has issued rules, called precepts, that act as the principal obligations of every Catholic. These are: attend Mass every Sunday and Holy

Day of Obligation, receive Communion and attend Confession at least once annually, study Catholic teaching, observe the Church's marriage laws, give children religious training, to strengthen and support the parish community, do penance, and join in the Church's mission.

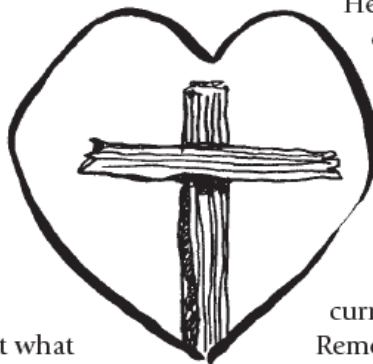


Mistakes can be blessings

Do you dread making mistakes and feel remorse when you do? Instead, realize that mistakes are simply outcomes we didn't expect and can lead to growth.

Start by admitting your mistake. You can only learn from a mistake if you admit you made one. Acknowledging the error takes the focus away from assigning blame and moves it toward understanding a future course of action.

Enlist help. Talking to someone else about what happened gives you the benefit of another's experience.



He or she may have made a similar mistake or know of a solid solution. Plus, describing the event forces you to think it through and may even help you see opportunities you didn't know were there.

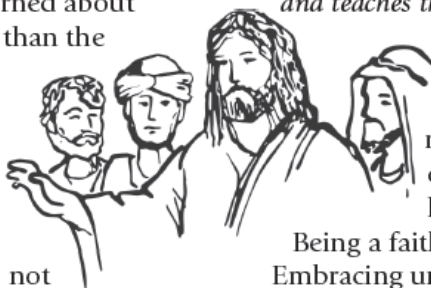
Decide on change. Ask, "What will I do better next time?" Real growth and change happen when you see possibilities for improvement.

Benefit from mistakes. If you can learn from the current error, you may be able to avoid a future one. Remember, God is the only one you know who doesn't make mistakes.

from Scripture

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, The demands of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, the disciples hear about an unfamiliar man who healed in Jesus' name. Their initial reaction was one of jealousy. They seemed more concerned about losing the spotlight than the healing itself. Jesus put things into perspective. The man shared their goal of building up God's Kingdom. They gained an ally, not an enemy.



side. If our sins lead others into sin, our responsibility is even greater.

These are serious words, but the opposite is great news: "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19). God rewards us for the good we do for others. Our example holds powerful influence.

Being a faithful disciple isn't easy. Embracing unfamiliar coworkers, rooting out sin, and setting a good example can be challenging, but we are not alone, nor are we without grace. Whatever God asks us to sacrifice, the reward will be infinitely greater.

Q & A How can I get better at defending my beliefs?

A good way to be able to explain your beliefs is to have solid information handy.

To start, keep a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* handy. It summarizes what we believe and why, with an excellent glossary to help navigate. You can buy it from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org, 800-235-8722).

Read some common questions and answers about Catholic faith and practices by Church experts. For example, a helpful resource, *Catholic Answers to Catholic Questions*, by Paul Thigpen, Ph.D., is available at Our Sunday Visitor books (www.osv.com, 800-348-2440). Or, ask your priest for a Church-approved recommendation.

Know the common misconceptions. There are many misunderstandings about the Catholic Faith. Knowing what the Church actually teaches on topics like the Eucharist, Mary, the Saints, and salvation will prepare you to clarify these points.

Don't forget to ask for help from the Holy Spirit. In fact, just let the Spirit do the talking.

Feasts & Celebrations

Sept. 3 - St. Gregory the Great (604). St. Gregory resigned as chief prefect of Rome to become a monk at the Abbey of St. Andrew. As Pope, he used his political skills to make peace with the invading Lombards, save Rome from famine, and restore order within the Church itself.

Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sorrows as "a sword piercing" her soul. Despite her sorrow, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, dignified and fearless while others ran away.

Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul (1660). St. Vincent de Paul was devoted to the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick. He founded several hospitals and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa.

Sept. 29 - The Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Three archangels entrusted with important missions to mankind, such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother, announcing she was to be the Mother of God.



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POPE FRANCIS'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION



FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

POPE SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. Gregory is known for his prolific writing, his radical humility, his emphasis on missions, and his dedication to almsgiving. Enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn.



MODERNISM | HERESIES | EPISODE 7
We live in a post-modern world. But to understand the post-modern world, we must understand the heresy of modernism. What is modernism? Join Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Christopher Mooney for an informative discussion on the heresy of modernism.



**THE CATHOLIC FAMILY IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD
THE MISSION OF THE FAMILY | EP 1**

God has a plan for marriage and the family. By understanding God's goal for family life and its relationship to the world, families will be better prepared for the challenges of living this vision in modern society.



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SEPTEMBER 2 - 8, 2024 READINGS

- Mon:** 1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Lk 4:16-30
- Tues:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14 Lk 4:31-37
- Wed:** 1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44
- Thurs:** 1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 5:1-11
- Fri:** 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39
- Sat:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-21 Lk 6:1-5
- Sun:** Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:7-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

FILL THE FREEZER MEAT BUNDLE RAFFLE

The Parish Pastoral Council announces the FILL THE FREEZER MEAT BUNDLE RAFFLE! Tickets are \$10/each and are available after all weekend Masses, from any Parish Pastoral Council member, or at the parish office during office hours beginning on Saturday, August 31st. The three winners will be drawn during the Harvest Supper in Saint Michael Church Hall on Wednesday, October 23rd. You need not be present to win.



All prizes are from Leona Meat Plant and will be frozen and ready to go! Take a chance (or multiple chances) to fill your freezer with quality meats!
1st Prize: Super Deluxe (51.25 lbs, retail value \$250)
2nd Prize: Mini Deluxe (36.5 lbs, retail value \$195)
3rd Prize: Economy (21 lbs, retail value \$75)
Details of the various items in each bundle can be found on the parish website at <https://stmichaelscanton.com/news/fill-the-freezer-affle/>



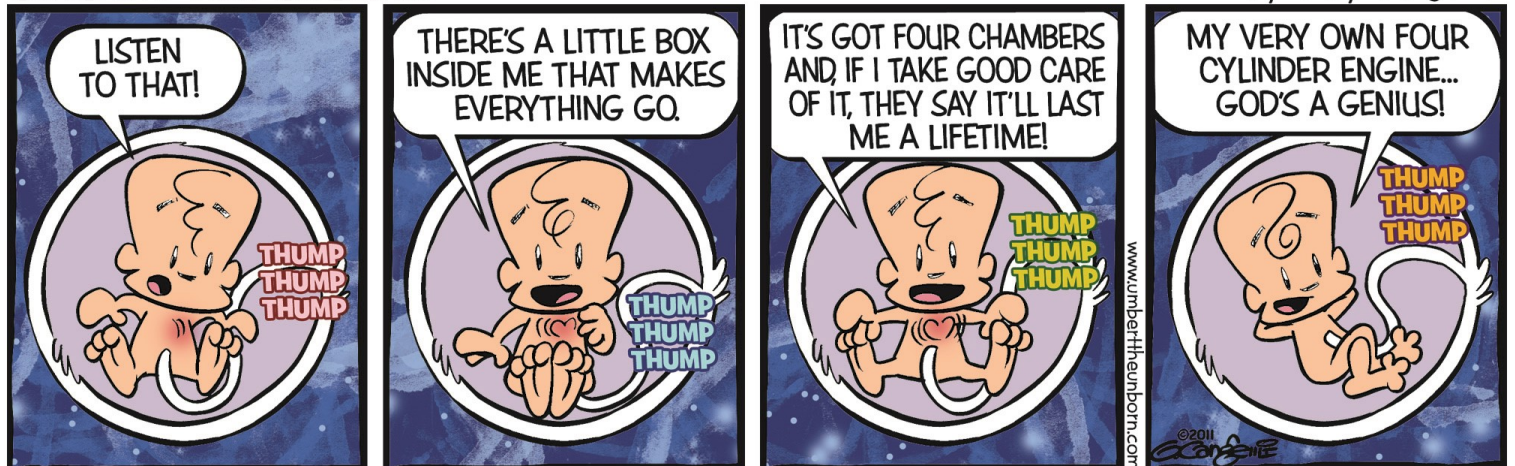
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**Be A Catholic Man 9th annual conference
October 5, 2024**

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by Gary Cangemi





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