

OCTOBER 6, 2024



THE 27TH 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

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 5

VIGIL: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Rich Stankiewicz (Leslie Debach)

Sunday, October 6 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Matthew Warren (Mr. & Mrs. Beers)
11:15 am, Troy † Michael Davison (Leslie & Chick Debach)

Monday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 am, Rectory † Bernadine Waltz (Tom Wierbowski)

Tuesday, October 8

5:30 pm, Troy † Peggy Young
(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

Wednesday, October 9

5:30 pm, Canton † Kathie Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)
6:00 pm, Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus

Thursday, October 10

No Mass

Friday, October 11

7:00 am, Rectory † Donald D. Williams
(St. Michael's A&R)

Saturday, October 12

VIGIL: 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, October 13 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † John Orr (Arthur & Mona Hamm)
9:30 am, Canton - For the special intentions of
George & Theresa Kingsley (John & Pat Rushin)
11:15 am, Troy † Deceased members of Knights of
Columbus Council #5517 (K of C Council #5517)

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 Lord to strengthen the resolve of
all Catholics, on this Respect Life Sunday, to pro-
tect the gift of every human life.

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

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

September 23 - 29, 2024

Weekly Offerings: 3,143.00

Electronic Offerings: 475.00

Other Parish Income: 73.50



Total Parish Income: 3,691.50

Average weekly expenses: 4,124.61

Difference: (433.11)

Saint Vincent DePaul envelope offerings: 492.00*

** Saint Vincent DePaul envelope offerings are deposited
into a parish checking account dedicated to local chari-
table needs and are not assessed as parish income. In
the last fiscal year, \$2,181.78 was spent to help four in-
dividuals in our parish with urgent needs.*

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
the Roman Catholic Church and for Catholics who have
not been fully initiated to receive Holy Communion and/
or Confirmation. We are currently in the 4 - 6 weeks
long Inquiry Period. The next meeting will be on Mon-
day, October 7th at 7 pm in the rectory. For more infor-
mation or to register, call Father Joe at 570-673-5253.



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC PARISH

FILL THE FREEZER MEAT BUNDLE RAFFLE

Tickets are \$10/each

Tickets are available after all weekend Masses, from any
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during office hours - (570) 673-5253.



Drawing will be held during the
Harvest Supper in St Michael's Hall
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Dorland & Carlene 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 Morales,
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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October 2024

St. Michael Parish

One Minute Meditations

St. Teresa of Avila

Born in 1515, St. Teresa joined the Carmelites—over family objections—in 1535. Soon after, she became so ill that the sisters dug a grave for her. St. Teresa recovered and wrote a book on prayer called *The Interior Castle*, based on her suffering. In 1562, she founded a stricter order whose nuns wore rough brown habits and sandals instead of shoes. Despite initial resistance, she founded several convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

"I need all eternity to love them."

Jesus confided these words to Gabrielle Bossis referring to us. By spending time with God, we get vital graces and limitless love. God wants to spend all eternity with us. Can you give five minutes to Him today?

"Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people"

(Psalm 125:1-2).



Holiness grows from deep roots in God's Love

God is crazy-in-love with each of us: *"In this is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us"* (1 John 4:10).

Holiness begins when we accept His "crazy love" (John 15:9) and return it. We can do this by meeting God in the present moment, renewing our "Yes" to Him each day, and receiving the Sacraments:

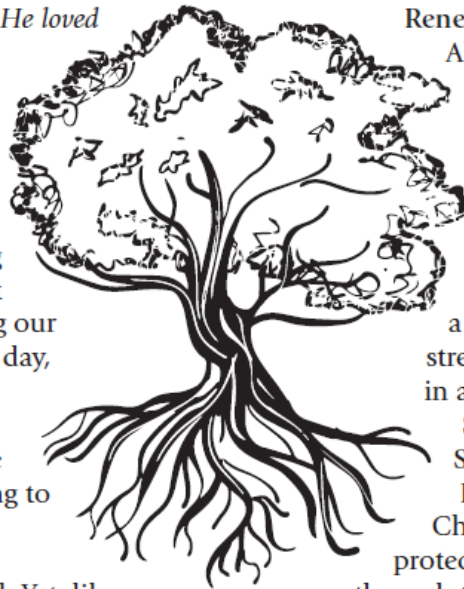
Meet God in the "now." It's tempting to delay approaching God until life is wonderful or awful. Yet, like any loving parent, He delights to be with us always (Proverbs 8:31), even when life is messy, unfinished, or imperfect. He knows we can't change ourselves without His grace. Give Him your heart

"as is," and receive the grace of the present moment.

Renew your "yes" daily.

Aligning with God's teachings and Commandments, as revealed in Scripture, affirms our "yes" to Him, showing trust in His plan over our own. Beginning each day with a sincere "yes" in prayer strengthens us to say "yes" in all areas of life.

Stay close to the Sacraments. Living the Faith is a battle, and the Church encourages us to protect ourselves with grace through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (in the Mass) and monthly Confession. In the Sacraments, God pours His grace and love into us, empowering us to share His love with others.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

One way to recognize a Catholic is the crucifix or saint medal he or she may wear. Often blessed by a priest or deacon, these symbols represent the protection of God, Our Lady, or the saint depicted. Rather than being "good luck

Why do Catholics wear saints' medals?

charms," they are sacramentals—consecrated objects meant to open the wearer's heart to God's grace. More than just adornments, they serve as constant, holy reminders to live out the values of the Catholic Faith in everyday life.

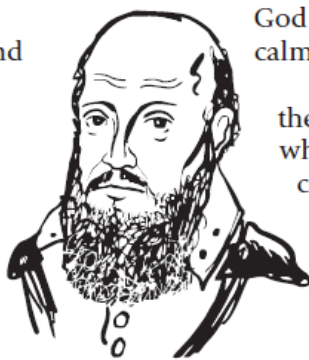


Advice on patience from a saint with a temper

St. Francis de Sales, usually known for his meekness and patience, also had a fiery temper, and struggled against it all his life. Here are his tried-and-true tips for staying patient in a bad moment:

Avoid speaking while angry. St. Francis said, "It is better to drive it away quickly than to start a discussion with it." Even if you're right, what is said in anger is rarely effective. Most of the time, you end up apologizing anyway.

Regain self-control "quietly and simply." Only



God never has "bad hair days." Focus on staying calm. Be patient with everyone, including yourself.

Prayer always helps. St. Francis said to call on the Lord as the apostles did in the storm. Jesus, who calmed the wind and the waves, "will command your passions to cease and there will be a great calm."

Apologize quickly. If your anger does get the better of you, offer an act of gentleness towards the person right away (or as soon as you're feeling better). The sooner, the better.

from Scripture

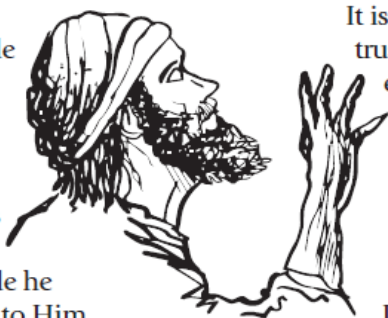
Mark 10:46-52, a blind man leads

Bartimaeus was a blind beggar who saw Jesus clearly. When he heard Jesus was near, he cried out, "Son of David," a title reserved for the Messiah. Although people tried to quiet him, Bartimaeus persisted until Jesus noticed him and called him over.

Immediately, Bartimaeus threw off his cloak and ran to Jesus. Even the little he had was discarded to get to Him.

Bartimaeus stood before Jesus humbly, but he was confident that Jesus had the power to do whatever he asked. The only person in Mark's Gospel to call Jesus, "Master," Bartimaeus asked Jesus

for his sight. When his prayer was answered, Bartimaeus followed Jesus as His disciple.



It is this faith, this profound trust, that Jesus wants to elicit from the crowd and from us. The difficulties of being Christian in the world can blind us to the joys of following Him. Like Bartimaeus, approach Jesus with excitement and humble confidence. When we throw off our fear and doubt, we become true disciples who can tackle the difficult task of leading others down the road to God.

Q & A How can I fully experience the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion?

God's grace is powerfully at work in this most accessible of Sacraments. To fully embrace this grace-filled experience, try these simple practices:

Prepare your heart. Just like medicine works best when taken correctly, being spiritually ready helps the Sacrament work more deeply in us. Dress respectfully, fast for one hour from food and drink, and confess any serious sins beforehand. These actions open us to



fully receive this healing medicine for our souls.

Be real with God. If you're struggling, don't hold back. Talk to Him! Echo the words of Scripture, "I believe; help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24). God welcomes your honesty, doubts, and questions. Ask Him to reveal His love to you in a personal way.

Say "Thank you!" We're taught to thank a giver for a gift, even when it's not what we expected, because the real gift is the love behind it. At Mass, we receive Love Himself. Thank God for this life-changing gift, trusting that the joy of His presence will grow within you over time.

Feasts & Celebrations

October 1 – St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1897). At the age of 15, Thérèse Martin became a Carmelite nun in Lisieux, France, and served others with "quiet acts of love." Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, includes her "Little Way" to holiness in daily life.

October 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels. All of us have a guardian angel, in charge of protecting us and watching over us. Remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

October 9 – St. Denis (258). Originally born in third-century Italy, St. Denis was sent with two companions, Rusticus and Eleutherius, to Christianize Gaul (modern day France). St. Denis became the first bishop of Paris. The three men were martyred by the pagan authorities for their success in converting souls to Christ.

October 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist (1st Century). St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70AD and 85AD.



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POPE FRANCIS'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION



FOR A SHARED MISSION

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE



Knights of Columbus Council #5517 is collecting school supplies for our local schools. Donations will be collected until October 21st. Suggested supplies are can be found on the parish website at: <https://stmichaelscanton.com/news/school-supplies-drive/>

Knights of Columbus thank you for this important community service. We are grateful for the support of our fellow parishioners.

Support the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal



Because of your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, Catholic Social Services aided **25,231 families** through its food pantries last year.



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As of September 28th, we are at 10% of our \$19,238 parish goal. \$2,010 has been donated or pledged. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

OCTOBER 7 - 13, 2024 READINGS

Mon: Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1-2, 7-10 Lk 10:25-37

Tues: Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1-3, 13-15 Lk 10:38-42

Wed: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 117:1-2 Lk 11:1-4

Thurs: Gal 3:1-5 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13

Fri: Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 11:15-26

Sat: Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-7 Lk 11:27-28

Sun: Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-17 Heb 4:12-13

Mk 10:17-30



WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, 2024

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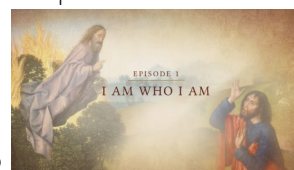
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I AM WHO I AM | LECTIO: GOD | EPISODE 1

Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.

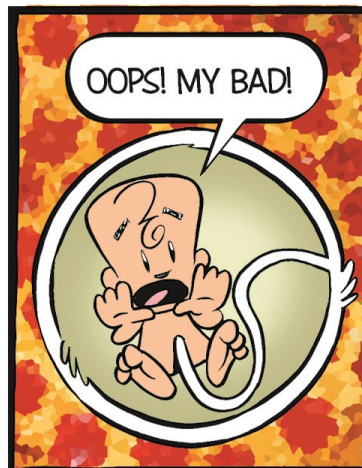
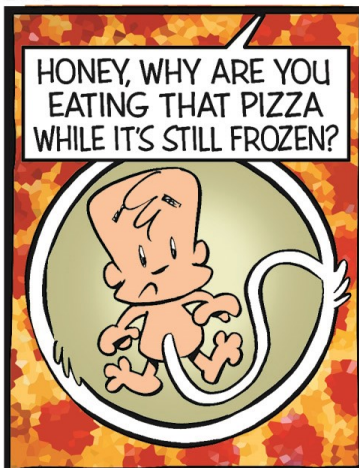
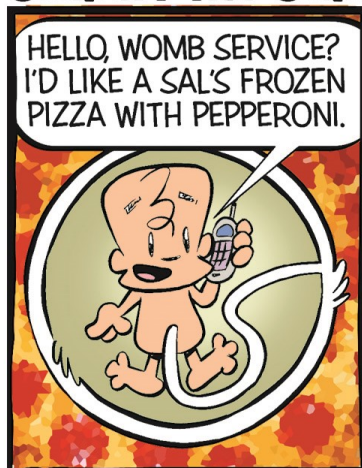


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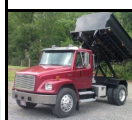
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