

DECEMBER 8, 2024



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 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

Wednesday: 6:00 pm, St. Michael's Church following 5:30 pm Mass,
Benediction at 7:00 pm

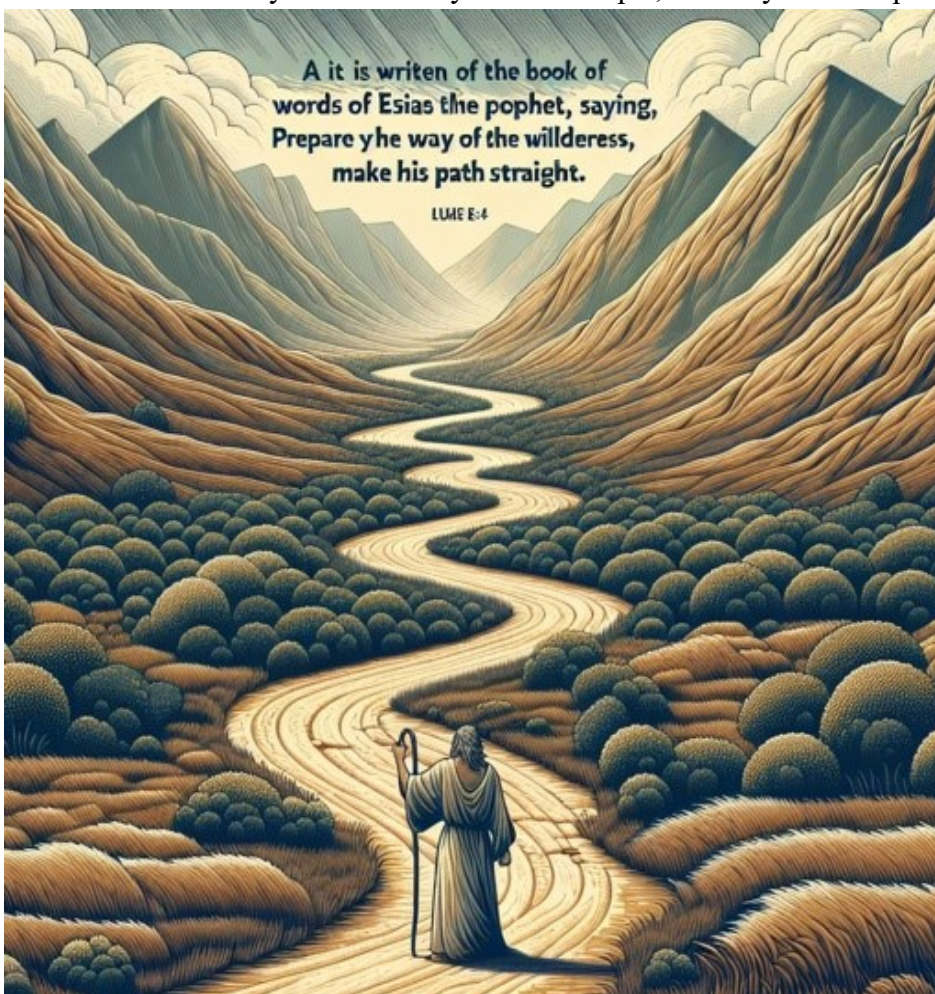
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

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. (2024/25)

(Religious education classes held during the school year)
Sunday - 8:15 am - 9:15 am,
St. Michael 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, December 7 Saint Ambrose, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church
VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, December 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 am, Ralston † Carol Dalton (Tim & Cathy Bogaczyk)
9:30 am, Canton † Gary Blaney (Jeff & Beth Cole)
11:15 am, Troy † Richard Knecht
(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)
2:00 pm, Canton - Advent Penance Service

Monday, December 9 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:00 am, Canton † Betty Jean Stachowski
(Good Samaritans)

Tuesday, December 10 Advent Weekday
5:30 pm, Troy † Ernest Krise (St. Michael's A&R)

Wednesday, December 11 Advent Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Bob and Joe Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)
6:00 pm, Rosary

Thursday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
No Mass

Friday, December 13 Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
7:00 am, Rectory † Benjamin Hutcheson
(Scott & Dawn Egan)

Saturday, December 14 Saint John of the Cross, Priest,
Doctor of the Church
VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo


Sunday, December 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 am, Ralston † John D'Annibale
(Mr. & Mrs. Scott Dimarco & Family)
9:30 am, Canton † Ann Mallare (Atty & Mrs. Jerry Brann)
11:15 am, Troy † Michael Davison
(Jayne Cleveland and Riley Getola)

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 women who are unexpectedly pregnant to be filled with trust in God's providence and lovingly welcome the gift of their child.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS November 25 - December 1, 2024

Weekly Offerings:	2,444.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,330.00
Other Parish Income:	<u>436.41</u>
 Total Parish Income:	4,210.41
Average weekly expenses:	<u>4,124.61</u>
Difference:	85.80
Care & Education of Priests:	477.00
Religious Retirement Fund:	20.00

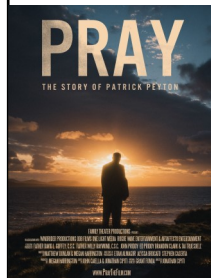
Thank you for your continued support.



Sunday, December 8th
2:00 pm - St. Michael's Church, Canton
4:00 pm - Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Towanda
Sunday, December 15th
2:00 pm - St. Basil's Church, Dushore.
4:30 pm - Church of the Epiphany, Sayre

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY AND MOVIE SCREENING

St. Michael's Parish Christmas Party will be on Monday, December 16th in the parish hall. The party



will feature a screening of the movie PRAY. The party will begin at 6:00 pm and the movie will begin at 6:30 pm. The movie is just over an hour long, so the party will continue after the movie. Bring a dish/snack to pass.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

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*Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list.
Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.*



**POPE FRANCIS'S
DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION**

FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

CCD CHRISTMAS/ADVENT PROGRAM

The children of Saint Michael Parish's Religious Education Program will give a presentation about Advent at the end of the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 15th. The CCD program is a highlight of every Advent in our parish. You are cordially invited to attend this Mass and the Children's Christmas Party/Fellowship that will follow.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Children's Christmas Party will be in St. Michael's Hall following the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 15th. There is a sign-up sheet for the Children's Christmas Party in the back of Saint Michael's Church. All children, of any age, are invited, but we need to know who is coming so that we can have something for everyone. If you attend St. John Nepomucene or St. Aloysius Churches, please sign up by calling or emailing the parish office.



DECEMBER 9 - 15 2024 READINGS

Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Tues: Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13 Mt 18:12-14
Wed: Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30
Thurs: Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab (Ps) Jdt 13:18b-19 Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Fri: Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19
Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sun: Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18



WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2024

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL | LAUGH AND GROW BIBLE FOR KIDS

Hosted by the Hopeful World, this beautiful retelling of the story of Jesus' birth will help kids understand the true meaning of Christmas. Viewers both young and old will be filled with hope as they recall God's promise fulfilled through our Savior's arrival.

GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.

WHAT IS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION?

What is the Immaculate Conception? Use this video to help teach kids about this great mystery of our faith. Set up your free account by visiting formed.org/signup.

THANKSGIVING FOOD FOR FAMILIES FOOD DRIVE

Knights of Columbus Council #5517 thanks everyone that donated to the Thanksgiving Food For Families food drive initiative. We are pleased to announce that in Canton we have achieved the goal of eligibility for a \$100 rebate from the National Knights of Columbus which will be returned to the pantry. The totals from all three churches are: 302 food items/pounds donated, \$905 in monetary donations. The food pantries and the Knights of Columbus want you to know how much we appreciate you.



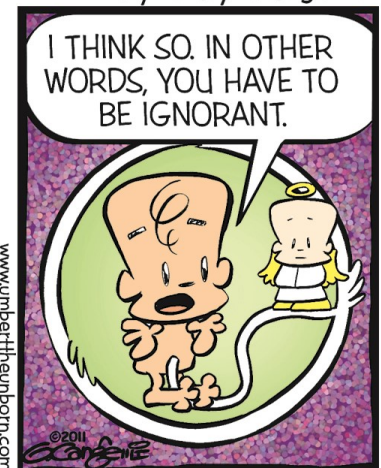
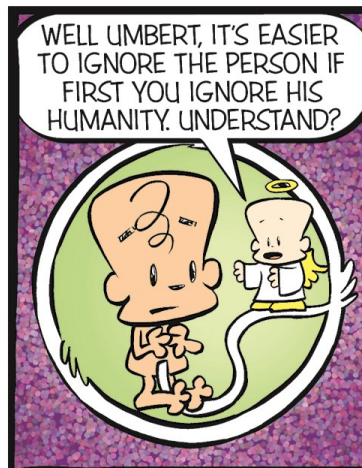
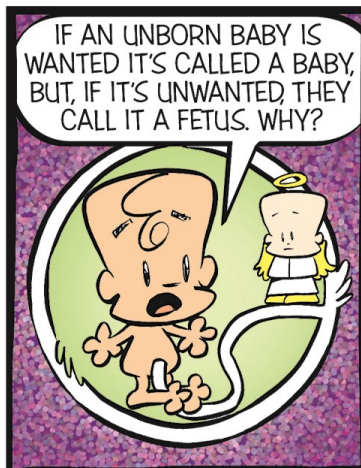
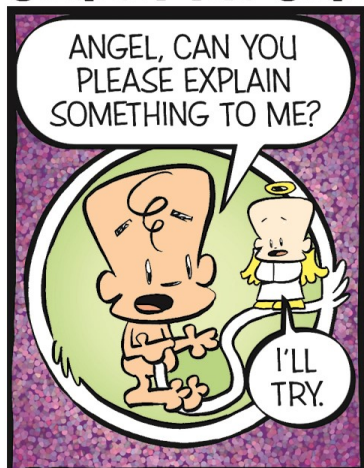
Donate now at AnnualAppeal.org, call (570) 207-2250 or click this QR code



As of November 30th, we have reached 62.04% of our \$19,238 parish goal. \$11,935 has been donated or pledged by 56 donors, which makes our current participation rate 20.7%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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