

DECEMBER 22, 2024



THE FOURTH 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 21 Late Advent Weekday
 VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 4:00 pm, Canton † David Reed & deceased Family
 (Alden & Rosemary Fitzwater)

Sunday, December 22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
 9:30 am, Canton † Patricia Ann Benson
 (Jerry & Joy Brann)
 11:15 am, Troy † Mike Davison (Shirley Grantier)

Monday, December 23 Late Advent Weekday
 7:00 am, Rectory † Marian Ranck (Ed & Edith Volpe)

Tuesday, December 24 Late Advent Weekday
 VIGIL: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 4:00 pm, Canton † Christmas Mass Intentions
 7:00 pm, Ralston † Christmas Mass Intentions

Wednesday, December 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 12:00 am, Troy † Christmas Mass Intentions
 9:30 am, Canton † Christmas Mass Intentions


Thursday, Dec 26 SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR
 No Mass

Friday, Dec 27 SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST
 7:00 am, Rectory † Elaine Clarke
 (Anna Bogaczyk & Family)

Saturday, Dec 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
 VIGIL: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
 4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo


Sunday, December 29 THE HOLY FAMILY OF
 JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
 8:00 am, Ralston † Kathryn & Fred Fredo (The Family)
 9:30 am, Canton † Richard D. Ross (Family)
 11:15 am, Troy † Robert 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 all parents awaiting the birth of their child to look to the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph and follow their example of cherishing and protecting human life.

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

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS December 9 - 15, 2024

Weekly Offerings:	1,989.00
Electronic Offerings:	475.00
Other Parish Income:	231.66
 Total Parish Income:	2,695.66
Average weekly expenses:	4,124.61
Difference:	(1,428.95)

Thank you for your continued support.



WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2024

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

BENJAMIN CELLO CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.



O HOLY NIGHT

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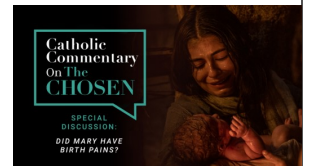
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As of December 14th, we have reached 66.38% of our \$19,238 parish goal. \$12,770 has been donated or pledged by 59 donors, which makes our current participation rate 21.9%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Karl Barton, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszc, Gus Branish, Joy Brann, Betty Brown, Dennis & Barbara Clarke, Kiran Dhawan, Dorland & Carlene Eck, Leon English, Ben Flood, Douglas Greene, Melissa Gowan, William Hall, Robert Dale Hostetter, Victoria Johnson, Beatrice Jones, David Kule, Jo Kule, Bob Lutz, 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, Cristy Schmelzle, Anthony Shipula, Sharon Snyder, Carl E. Steffon, Elias Vroman, Calvin Watson, Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, Anthony Wolf, Nicholas Wolf, Fran Zizza

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.

DECEMBER 23 - 29, 2024 READINGS

Mon: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:45b, 8-10, 14
Lk 1:57-66

Tues (Advent Weekday): 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Lk 1:67-79

Tues, Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord: Is 62:1-5
Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25

Wed, The Nativity of the Lord:
NIGHT: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14
DAWN: Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7
Lk 2:15-20
DAY: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Thurs: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3c-4, 6, 8a, 16b-17
Mt 10:17-22

Fri: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sat: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21
Lk 2:41-52

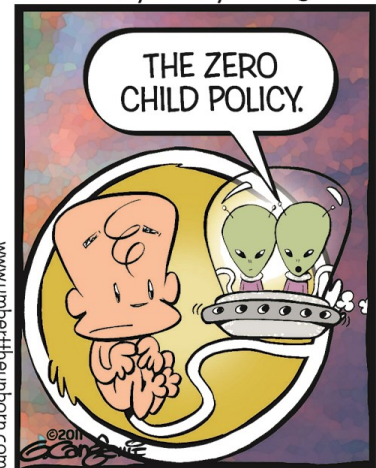
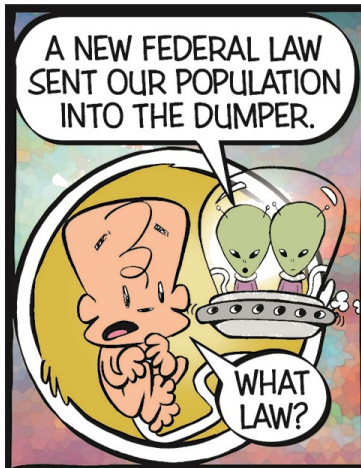
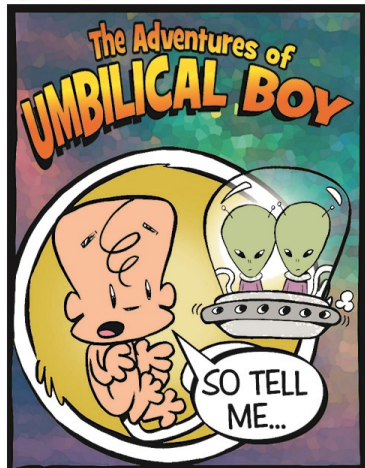
Have you dropped your land line? Do you have a new cell phone number or email address? Have you moved? To update your information, write the change on your offertory envelope or contact the parish office.
(Unlisted numbers, cell phone numbers, and email addresses are not shared without your permission.)



A Communal Rosary is prayed at 9:30 on Thursday mornings in St. Michael's Church. All are invited to participate.



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by Gary Cangemi

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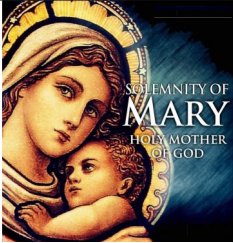
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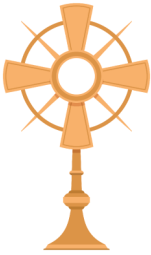
The SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD is a Holy Day of Obligation. Start your New Year right by resolving to attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation in 2025. The Mass schedule in Saint Michael's Parish is:

Tuesday, December 31st
5:30 pm Vigil Mass, St. John Nepomucene Church

Wednesday, January 1st
9:30 am Mass, St. Michael Church



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
Looking for a New Year's Resolution? Add First Friday Adoration to your prayer routine! Mass is celebrated in Saint Michael Church at 7 am, followed by Adoration until 7 pm. If you can commit an entire hour, contact Leslie Debach at (315)521-0258.





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