

JANUARY 26, 2025



# 3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 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

**Sat, January 25** CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE  
 VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

**Sunday, January 26** 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 8:00 am, Ralston † Catherine Dalton (The Dalton Family)  
 9:30 am, Canton † Fr. Thomas Major (St. Michael's A&R)  
 11:15 am, Troy † Anna Capaldi (Jayne Cleveland)

**Monday, January 27** Weekday  
 7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

**Tuesday, January 28** Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest,  
 Doctor of the Church  
 5:30 pm, Troy † David Parrotte (Father Bryan Wright)

**Wednesday, January 29** Weekday  
 5:30 pm, Canton † Tom Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)  
 6:00 pm, Holy Hour

**Thursday, January 30** Weekday  
 No Mass

**Friday, January 31** Saint John Bosco, Priest  
 7:00 am, Rectory † Catherine Dalton (The Dalton Family)

**Saturday, February 1** Weekday  
 VIGIL: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD  
 4:00 pm, Canton † Gerald Dalton (The Dalton Family)

**Sunday, February 2** THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD  
 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo  
 9:30 am, Canton † Theresa Kingsley (Jerry & Joy Brann)  
 11:15 am, Troy † Nicholas DePalma, Sr. (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 those suffering after abortion to know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and may they turn to Him for His mercy and peace.

*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 January 13 - 19, 2025

Weekly Offerings:	2,724.00
Electronic Offerings:	475.00
Other Parish Income:	131.00
<b>Total Parish Income:</b>	<b>3,330.00</b>
Average weekly expenses:	4,356.13
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>(1,026.13)</b>



*Thank you for your continued support.*

Contribution statements are available on request from the parish office. If you received one last year, it will be sent ASAP, so please call if it doesn't arrive by January 31st.

## CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

The Knights of Columbus have begun their annual COAL (Chance of a Lifetime) Sweepstakes. The sweepstakes has a 1st prize of \$15,000.00 in cash with a total of \$60,000.00 in prizes to be given away. The drawing will be held on May 16, 2025. Tickets cost \$5.00 and you may purchase as many as you would like.

Proceeds go to the Scholarship Program for the children and grandchildren of The Knights of Columbus attending Catholic Schools. Thank you for your support!

*Games of Chance License #2202*

1st Prize:	\$15,000	2nd Prize:	\$10,000
3rd Prize:	\$7,500	4th Prize:	\$5,000
5th Prize:	\$5,000	6th Prize:	\$5,000
7th Prize:	\$2,500	8th Prize:	\$2,500
9th Prize:	\$2,500	10th Prize:	\$2,500
11th Prize:	\$2,000	12th Prize:	\$2,000
13th Prize:	\$1,000	14th Prize:	\$1,000
15th Prize:	\$1,000	16th Prize:	\$1,000

## LA WILDFIRES SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend's 2nd offering is for the victims of the LA wildfires. If you would like your offering posted to your family account, either write a check, payable to the parish, with *LA Wildfires* on the memo line; or mark an envelope "*LA Wildfires*" and include your name & address or family number. Thank you for your generosity.

## MASS INTENTIONS

We are running short of Mass intentions. The usual offering is just \$10 per Mass, and goes to the celebrant after the Mass is offered. One of the blessings of being in a small parish is that we have no limit on the number of intentions you can offer. Larger parishes fill their entire calendar in a matter of days and severely limit the number of Masses each family can request. Contact the parish office to request Mass intentions or we will be forced to again import intentions from other parishes.

## SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Karl Barton,  
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 Lauren Kreager, David Kule, Jo Kule, Bob Lutz,  
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 Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, Anthony Wolf,  
 Nicholas Wolf, Fran Zizza

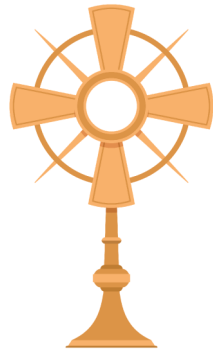
*Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list.  
 Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.*



**POPE FRANCIS'S  
JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION**  
FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION  
Let us pray for migrants, refugees,  
and those affected by war, that their  
right to an education, which is neces-  
sary to build a better world, might al-  
ways be respected.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

The World is full of noise, worry, and distractions,  
but our hope is in Jesus. Find peace and  
regain perspective by spending time  
with Jesus, truly present in the Eucha-  
rist. First Friday Adoration follows the  
7:00 am Mass in St. Michaels' Church,  
reposition is at 7:00 pm. Everyone is  
welcome to sit in silent adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament during this time. If  
you can commit an entire hour, contact  
Leslie Debach at (315) 521-0258.



**PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN SHRINES  
FATIMA, SPAIN, & LOURDES**

Fr. Michael McCormick & Group Leaders John &  
Mary Etta Legarski Our Lady of Lourdes Parish would  
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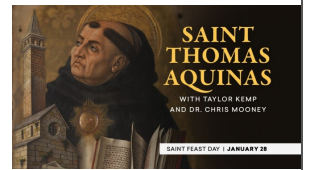
As of January 18th, we have reached 76.91% of our  
\$19,238 parish goal. \$14,795.00 has been donated or  
pledged by 69 donors, which makes our current partici-  
pation rate 25.56%. Thank you to everyone who has  
contributed thus far, both financially and with your pray-  
ers.

**JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 2, 2025 READINGS**  
**Mon:** Heb 9:15, 24-28 Ps 98:1-6 Mk 3:22-30  
**Tues:** Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10-11  
Mk 3:31-35  
**Wed:** Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 4:1-20  
**Thurs:** Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Mk 4:21-25  
**Fri:** Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40  
Mk 4:26-34  
**Sat:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41  
**Sun:** Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

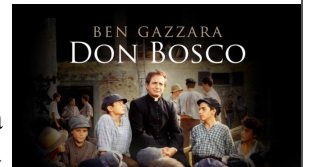


**WEEK OF JANUARY 25, 2025**

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS | CATHOLIC SAINTS**  
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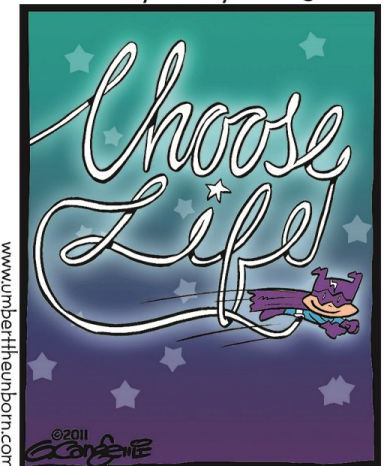
**ONGOING FORMATION**  
When it comes to formation,  
it's easy to be passive consumers.  
Instead, let's show up, get excited  
and be proactive about our own  
faith formation. The focus of this  
episode is turning down the noise and forming our  
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by Gary Cangemi





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