

FEBRUARY 9, 2025



# 5TH SUNDAY IN 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

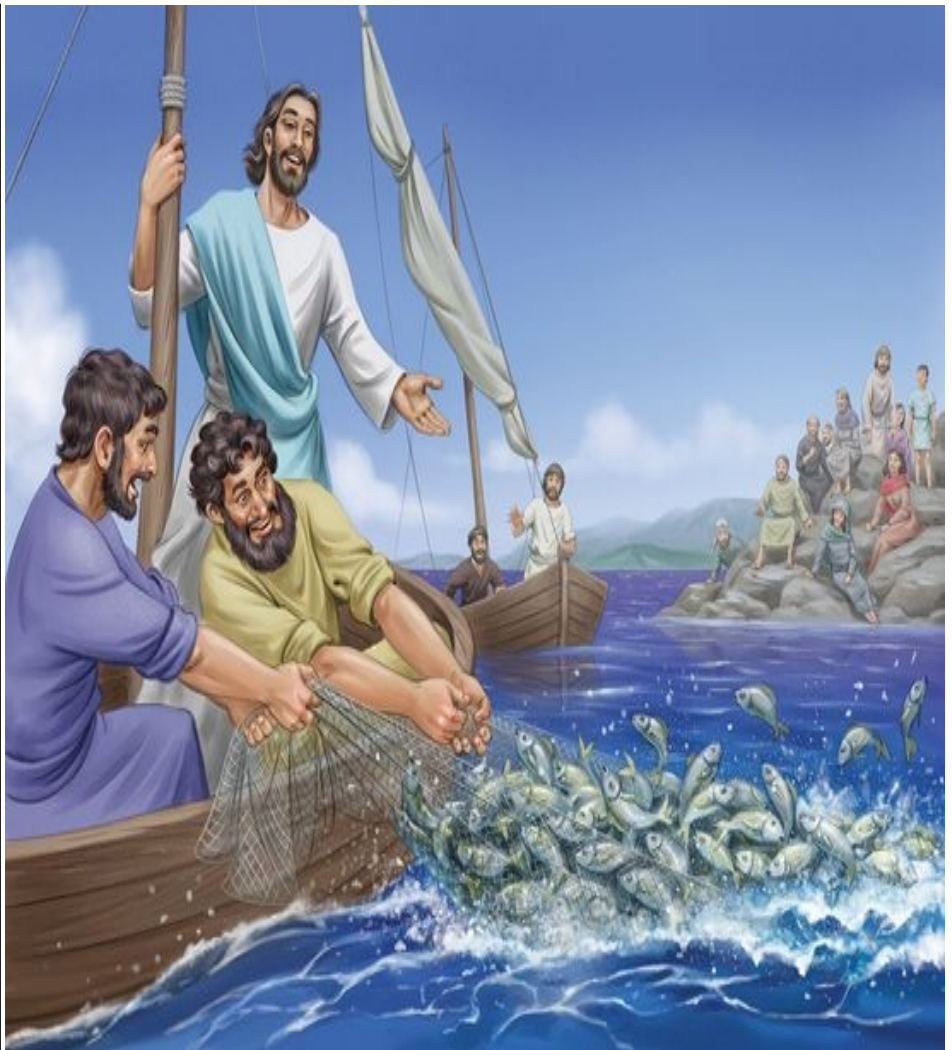
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

### 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

**Saturday, February 8** Weekday  
 VIGIL: 5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
 4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

**Sunday, February 9** 5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
 8:00 am, Ralston † Gerald Dalton (The Dalton Family)  
 9:30 am, Canton † Theresa Kingsley (Jane & Eric Polcrack)  
 11:15 am, Troy † Michael Bridgham (Bill Bridgham)

**Monday, February 10** Saint Scholastica, Virgin  
 7:00 am, Rectory † Jerry Ross, Jr. (Family)

**Tuesday, February 11** Weekday  
 5:30 pm, Troy † Theresa Kingsley (George Kingsley)

**Wednesday, February 12** Weekday  
 5:30 pm, Canton † Deceased members of Knights of  
 Columbus Council #5517 (K of C Council #5517)  
 6:00 pm Rosary

**Thursday, February 13** Weekday  
 No Mass

**Friday, February 14** Saints Cyril, Monk &  
Methodius, Bishop  
 7:00 am, Rectory † Kevin Rook & Lois Rook  
 (Jeff & Beth Cole)

**Saturday, February 15** Weekday  
 VIGIL: 6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
 4:00 pm, Canton † Theresa Kingsley  
 (Chick & Leslie Debach)

**Sunday, February 16** 6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
 8:00 am, Ralston † Sr. Mary Jeanne Stopper  
 (Dan & Betsy Clark)  
 9:30 am, Canton † Monty Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)  
 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 the repose of the soul of Theresa Kingsley. (Offered by Taylor Nybeck)  
*Sanctuary lamp intentions may be requested by contacting the parish office.*

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS January 27 - February 2, 2025

Weekly Offerings:	2,728.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,330.00
Other Parish Income:	444.50
Total Parish Income:	4,502.50
Average weekly expenses:	4,356.13
Difference:	146.37
Care & Education of Priests:	475.75
LA Wildfires:	200.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*

Contribution statements are available on request from the parish office. If you received one last year, it was sent mid-January, so please call if it hasn't arrived.

## HOW TO LENT

Sign up to receive these prior to Lent at <https://daily.formed.org/lent>.

Sometimes, it feels like Lent is just about giving up chocolate. But deep down, we all desire to do something more for Lent—we just don't know how to do it.

How to Lent is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Guided by Solenne Santiago and with the help of priests and religious, this series will challenge our preconceived notions about Lent, laying out a roadmap for entering the season with a purpose. Don't let Lent sneak up on you like it did last year. Instead, heed the call of St. John the Baptist by preparing for the Lord, using How to Lent to transform your spiritual life this Lenten season.

Coming to Formed February 12.



### THANK YOU

We thank everyone who has supported us and Bea with prayers, Mass intentions, food, visits, cards, attending Bea's funeral Mass, helping with the luncheon, and all the other beautiful ways you have shown your love for us and for Bea. Your love and support are a blessing and we greatly appreciate our wonderful parish family.

*Bob & Diane Jones*

### 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,  
 Lauren Kreager, David Kule, Jo Kule, Bob Lutz,  
 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,  
 Rancy Pepper, Pat Rushin, Cristy Schmelzle,  
 Ahmed Hassa Sharief, Anthony Shipula, Bev Smith,  
 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.*

# Saint Michael Parish

*Saint Michael Church, Canton  
Saint John Nepomucene Church, Troy  
Saint Aloysius Church, Ralston*

**Pastor:**  
**Rev. Joseph P. Kutch**

## Sayre Deanery

- Epiphany, Sayre
- Holy Name of Mary, Montrose
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, Dushore
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wyalusing
- Saint Brigid, Friendsville
- Saint Michael, Canton**
- Saints Peter and Paul, Towanda

## PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Number of Households	181	170	144	145	380
Number of Parishioners	653	673	684	686	864
Total Number of Weekend Masses	4	4	4	4	4
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	164	163	158	143	115

### **2023 Worship Site Attendance Breakdown:**

*Saint Michael Church – 118 (2), Saint John Nepomucene Church – 24 (1), Saint Aloysius Church – 22 (1)*

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Baptisms	6	4	1	2	4
First Holy Communions	7	3	1	6	9
Confirmations	3	6	2	4	7
RCIA/Baptism	3	2	0	0	1
RCIA/Full Communion	0	0	0	0	2
Marriages	0	1	0	0	2
Funerals	7	6	5	5	7

## FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Religious Education K-8	25	26	27	20	28
Religious Education 9-12	0	0	0	0	0
Catholic School Students	0	3	1	3	0
Adult Faith Formation	0	5	6	0	0

*\*All data in this report has been supplied to the Diocese by your Parish. 2024 data is from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.*



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## NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

### 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*

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

## VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 16, 2024, Saint Michael's Church Hall

Following the 9:30 am Mass until 11:00 am

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, coffee, tea

*Donations at the Door gratefully accepted*





**POPE FRANCIS'S  
FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION**  
FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD  
AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

This weekend we take up the **COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA!** Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

*We do not have envelopes available, so include your name if you need it recorded for your taxes.*

**GRIEFSHARE**

The GRIEFSHARE SERIES will be offered at the North Street Community Church in the near future. The starting date is planned for March 19th and will continue through June 11th. The time will be 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm every Wednesday for 13 sessions.

If you have questions, or for much appreciated RSVP, please contact Leona Graybill at 570-250-4772 or email [leonagraybill@gmail.com](mailto:leonagraybill@gmail.com).



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As of February 1st, we have reached 77.94% of our \$19,238 parish goal. \$14,995.00 has been donated or pledged by 71 donors, which makes our current participation rate 26.3%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

**FEBRUARY 10 - 16, 2025 READINGS**

**Mon:** Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c Mk 6:53-56  
**Tues:** Gn 1:20—2:4a Ps 8:4-9 Mk 7:1-13  
**Wed:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29b-30  
**Thurs:** Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-5 Mk 7:24-30  
**Fri:** Gn 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 7:31-37  
**Sat:** Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10  
**Sun:** Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

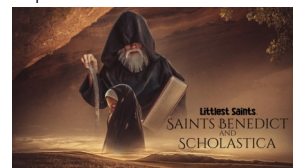
A Communal Rosary is prayed at 9:30 on Thursday mornings in St. Michael's Church. All are invited to participate.



**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

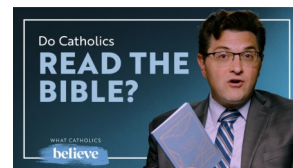
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**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

Man was not made to be alone; faith is something we live together. If you don't already have Catholic community, join one or build your own. The focus of this episode is getting around other Catholics.

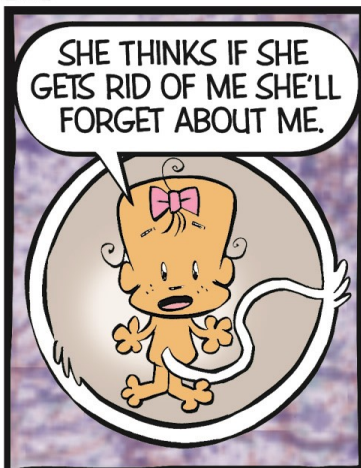


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**Umbert the Unborn**

by Gary Cangemi





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