

FEBRUARY 16, 2025



# 6TH 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

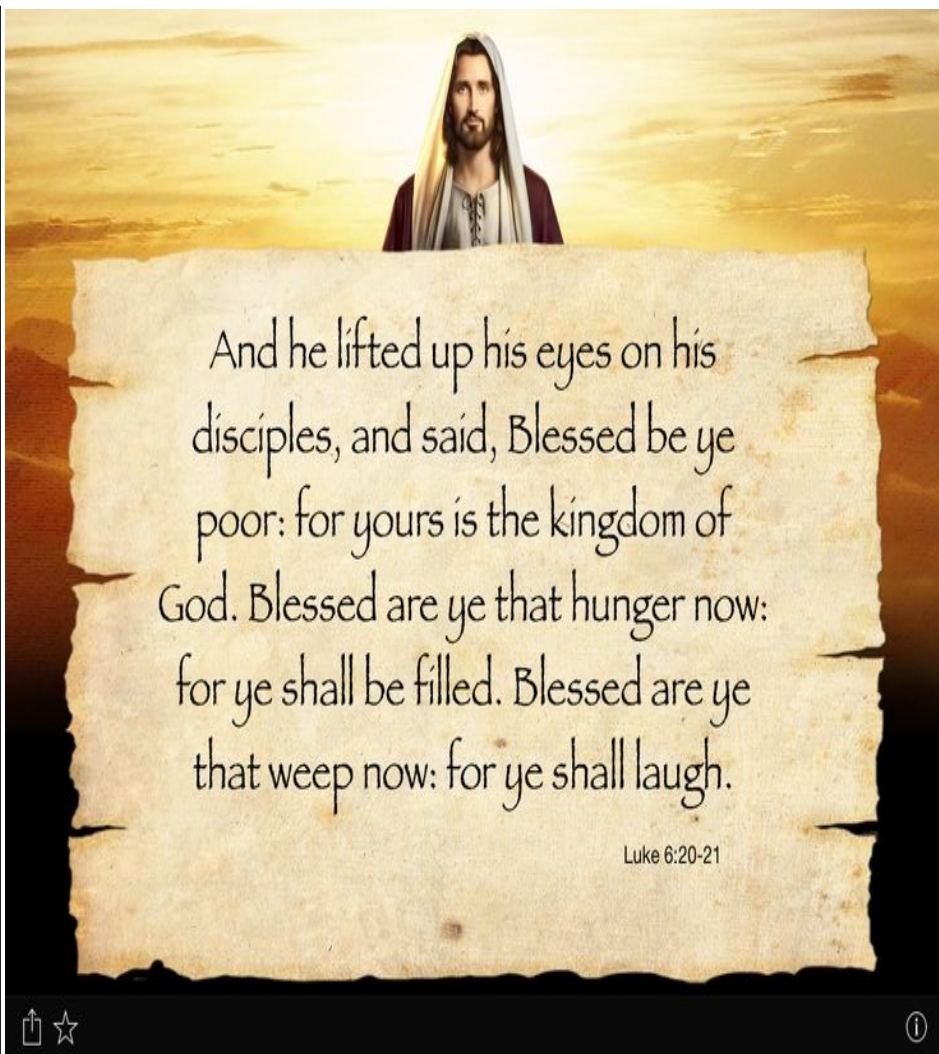
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

### 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 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

**Monday, February 17** Weekday  
 7:00 am, Rectory - Private Intention

**Tuesday, February 18** Weekday  
 5:30 pm, Troy † Don Wilber (Tim, Leona, & Barb)

**Wednesday, February 19** Weekday  
 5:30 pm, Canton † Skip Cole (Jeff & Beth Cole)  
**No HOLY HOUR**

**Thursday, February 20** Weekday  
 No Mass

**Friday, February 21** Weekday  
 7:00 am, Rectory - For the special intentions of  
 Donald Trump (The Myers Family)

**Saturday, February 22** Weekday  
 VIGIL: 7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
 4:00 pm, Canton † Eugene & Mary McMahon  
 (Jean & Mike Herman)


**Sunday, February 23** 7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo  
 9:30 am, Canton † Theresa Kingsley  
 (Theresa & Joe Sheridan)  
 11:15 am, Troy † Eugene Fletcher (Tim, Leona, Barb)

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 Beatrice Jones. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Sanctuary lamp intentions may be requested by contacting the parish office.*

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS: Feb. 3-9, 2025

Weekly Offerings:	3,137.00
Electronic Offerings:	475.00
Other Parish Income:	<u>100.70</u>
 Total Parish Income:	3,712.70
Average weekly expenses:	<u>4,356.13</u>
Difference:	(643.43)
Church in Latin America:	351.00
Care & Education of Priests:	48.00

*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.

## 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*

### Prizes

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

## VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 16, 2025, 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*

## SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Karl Barton, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszczyk, 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 Moralez, Delina Morgan, Mary Nybeck, Pamela Porter O'Brien, Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker, Gary Paquette, Lori Pellegrini, Nancy 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.*



**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.

**COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$351.00 to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america). #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts online funds for this work—see [usccb.igivecatholictogether.org](http://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org). Your gift makes a difference!



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 8th, we have reached 78.46% of our \$19,238 parish goal. \$15,095.00 has been donated or pledged by 72 donors, which makes our current participation rate 26.67%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

**FEBRUARY 17 - 23, 2025 READINGS**

**Mon:** Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21  
Mk 8:11-13  
**Tues:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a, 2, 3-4, 9c-10  
Mk 8:14-21  
**Wed:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-15, 18-19  
Mk 8:22-26  
**Thurs:** Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29  
Mk 8:27-33  
**Fri:** Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34—9:1  
**Sat:** 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6 Mt 16:13-19  
**Sun:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Lk 6:27-38

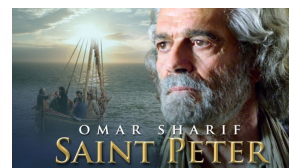
**THIS WEEK ON *formed*, WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2025**  
PERSONAL APOSTOLATE

Every Catholic is called to share their faith — and there are simple, easy ways to do this. No megaphones needed. Just start the journey of discipleship with two friends. This episode's focus is sharing our faith with others.



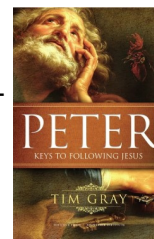
**SAINT PETER**

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



**PETER: KEYS TO FOLLOWING JESUS BY TIM GRAY**

Renowned scholar Dr. Tim Gray masterfully guides you through the tumultuous and inspiring life of Peter—from his call to discipleship to his eventual martyrdom in Rome. Using Sacred Scripture and tradition, Dr. Gray highlights important lessons from Peter's life.

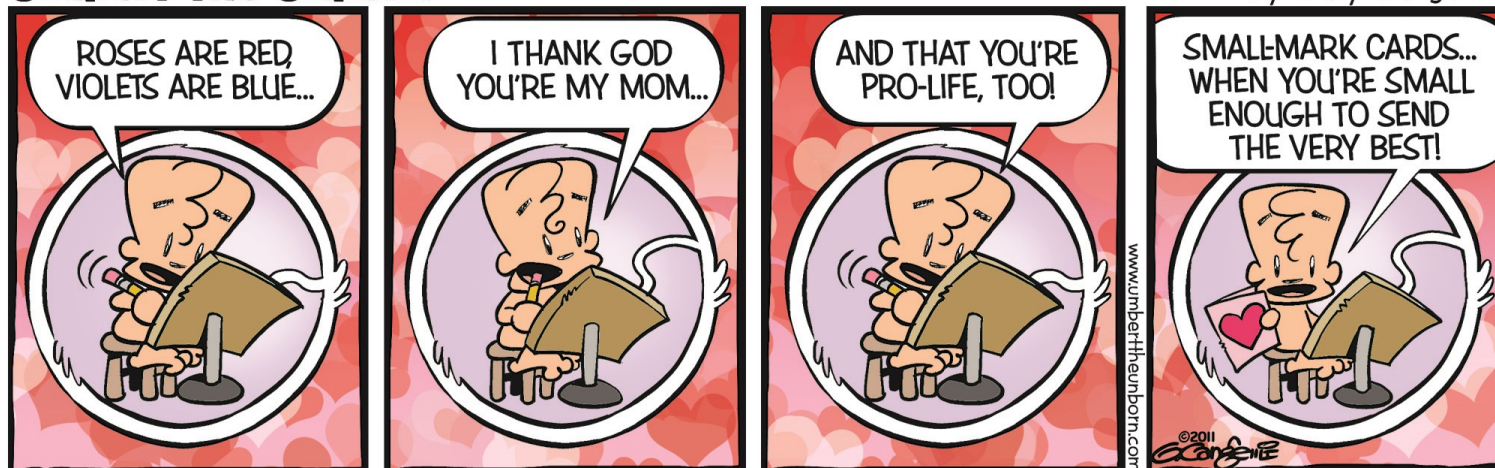


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**Umbert the Unborn**

by Gary Cangemi





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