

FEBRUARY 23, 2025



7TH 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

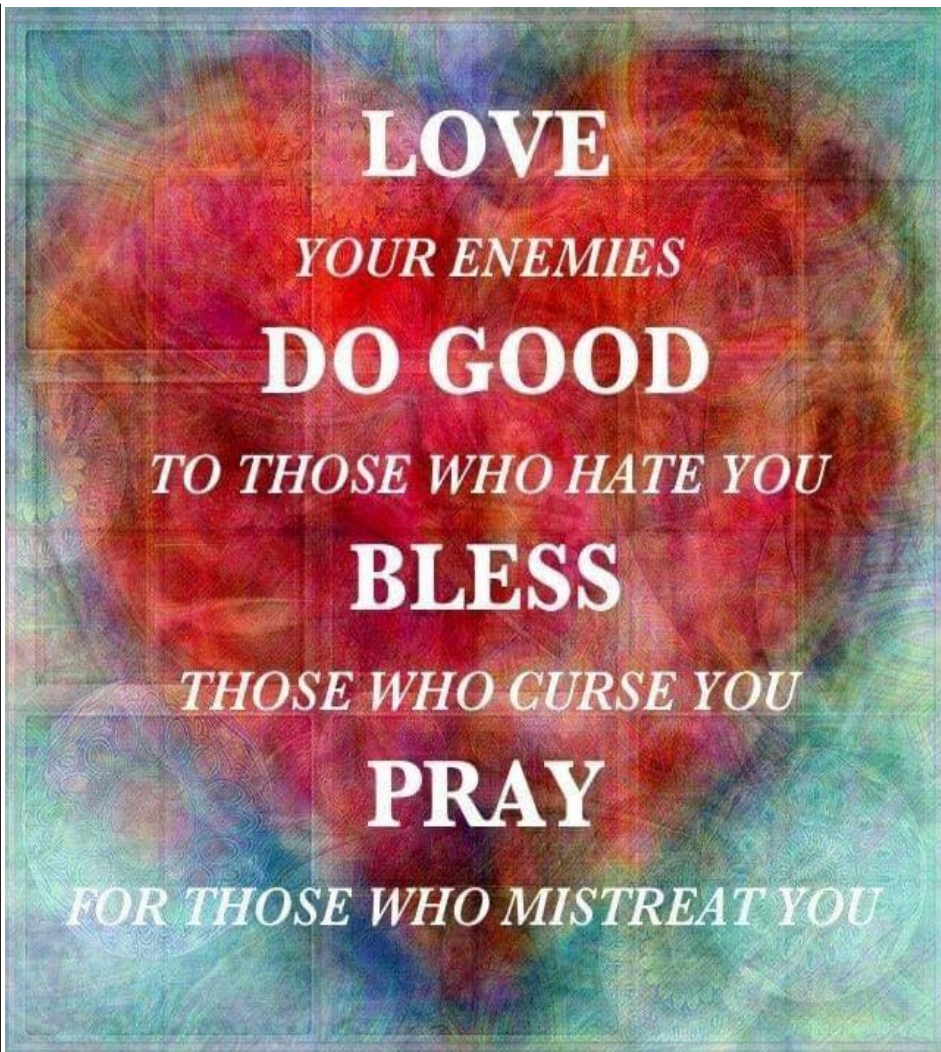
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

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 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)

Monday, February 24 Weekday
 7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tuesday, February 25 Weekday
No Mass

Wednesday, February 26 Weekday
 5:30 pm, Canton † Bonnie Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)
 6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, February 27 Weekday
 No Mass

Friday, February 28 Weekday
 7:00 am, Rectory † Hazel Dalton (The Dalton Family)

Saturday, March 1 Weekday
 VIGIL: 8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
 4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, March 2 8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
 8:00 am, Ralston † Theresa Kingsley (Dan & Betsy Clark)
 9:30 am, Canton † Anthony Acresti & Bonnie Spencer
 (Jeff & Beth Cole)
 11:15 am, Troy † Susan Doline (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 the repose of the soul of Theresa Kingsley.

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 February 10 - 16, 2025

Weekly Offerings:	1,532.00
Electronic Offerings:	475.00
Other Parish Income:	<u>62.85</u>
 Total Parish Income:	2,069.85
Average weekly expenses:	<u>4,356.13</u>
Difference:	(2,286.28)
Church in Latin America:	5.00

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.

SAINT MICHAELS ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL PIEROGI SALE!



Orders can be placed using the order forms on the parish website, in all three churches, or by calling Alicia Jennings at (570) 673-4125. We are taking orders through 6:00 pm on Sunday, March 16th.

Pickup will be from St. Michael's Hall on:

- Wednesday, March 19th: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Thursday, March 20th: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Friday, March 21st: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Saturday, March 22nd: 9:00 am - Noon
- Sunday, March 23rd: 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Pierogi making in St. Michael's Hall will be Monday, March 17th through Friday, March 21st from 9 am until 2 pm with lunch provided. Come for an hour or spend the day. **Everyone** is invited and we have **FUN!!**

There is also a sign up sheet in St. Michael's Church for the donation of flour, sour cream, shredded cheese, and/or money for the rest of the supplies.

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	

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 Morales, 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.

CHILI COOKOFF & DESSERT COMPETITION

Saint Michael's Cemetery Association Annual Chili Cook-off now includes a Dessert Competition! Celebrate Mardi Gras with us on Tuesday, March 4th, in St. Michael's Church Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. There will be a \$5 entry fee for each chili or dessert to be judged. (Chilis and desserts can be donated without being in the competition). Prizes include a portion of the entry fees and, of course, Bragging Rights!

We also need donations of muffins, crackers, corn bread, or any other side dish that will pair well with chili. Beverages will be provided.

HOW TO LENT

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



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



As of February 15th, 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 26.7%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 2, 2025 READINGS

- Mon:** Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29
- Tues:** Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40
Mk 9:30-37
- Wed:** Sir 4:11-19 Ps 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175
Mk 9:38-40
- Thurs:** Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mk 9:41-50
- Fri:** Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35
Mk 10:1-12
- Sat:** Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-18 Mk 10:13-16
- Sun:** Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3, 13-16 1 Cor 15:54-58
Lk 6:39-45

THIS WEEK ON *formed*, WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2025

AN AMERICAN BLESSED

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.



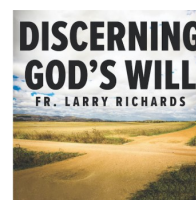
THE OUR FATHER

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.



DISCERNING GOD'S WILL

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories! Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!

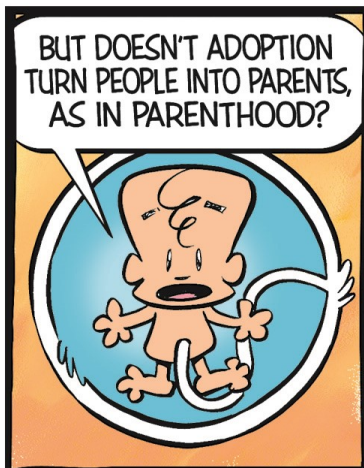
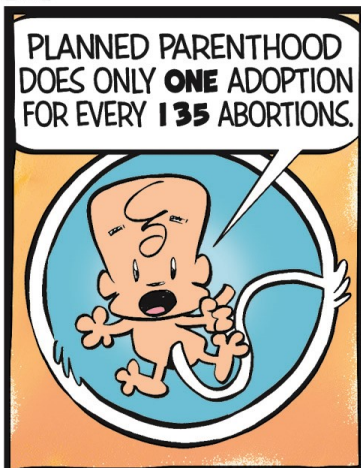


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Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society is open to all women of the parish. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Saint Michael's church hall at 1:00 pm. We always welcome new members.



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