



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

All Souls

Loving God, we remember now in prayer our dearly departed. May they rest in peace with you and experience the eternal joy of heaven.

Heal our grief, merciful Lord, strengthen our hope that we too, will one day share in the

Resurrection of your Son

Amen



Southern Cross

Pastoral Council: David Brann, Leslie Debach, Ray Harrington
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, November 1	ALL SAINTS VIGIL: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY) 4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo
Sunday, November 2	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY) 8:00 am, Ralston † All Souls Day envelope intentions 9:30 am, Canton † All Souls Day envelope intentions 11:15 am, Troy † All Souls Day envelope intentions
Monday, November 3	Weekday 7:00 am, Rectory † Living, deceased, & retired clergy of St. Joseph the Worker Parish (Msgr. Robert Wargo)
Tuesday, November 4	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop 5:30 pm, Troy † Pope Francis (Barbara Wywiorski)
Wednesday, November 5	Weekday 5:30 pm, Canton † Ronald Storch (Family) 6:00 pm, Holy Hour
Thursday, November 6	Weekday No Mass
First Friday, November 7	Weekday 7:00 am, Canton † Alan Cole (Jeff & Beth Cole)
Saturday, November 8	Weekday VIGIL: THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA 4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo
Sunday, November 9	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA 8:00 am, Ralston † Eleanor & Robert Mahonski (The Family) 9:30 am, Canton † For all the Holy Souls in Saint Michael's Cemetery (St. Michael's Cemetery Assoc.) 11:15 am, Troy † Larry Kieslor (Louise Wilber)

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 for the repose of the soul of Jerry Brann and
for consolation for his family and friends.

*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 October 20 - 26, 2025

Weekly Offerings:	2,486.00
Electronic Offerings:	525.00
Meat Bundle Raffle proceeds:	2,855.00
Other Parish Income:	574.75
Total Parish Income:	6,440.75
Average weekly expenses:	4,356.13
Difference:	2,084.62
Propagation of the Faith:	60.00



Thank you for your continued support.

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?



The Order of Christian Initiation of
Adults (OCIA) is the way for adults to receive the Sacra-
ments of Initiation. The next session of the OCIA will
be Monday, November 3rd at 7 pm in the rectory.

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

All Souls Day envelopes are available in the back of
all 3 churches for those who do not receive envelopes.
Please list the names of the deceased loved ones you
want to be remembered on the front of the envelope, en-
close your offering, and drop it in the collection basket
on or before November 2nd, All Souls Day. Envelopes
stay on the altars until the 1st Sunday of Advent.

MEAT BUNDLE RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the three winners!
1st Prize: #437 - 2nd Prize: #421 - 3rd Prize: #192
Thank you to Leona Meats and everyone involved!

FOOD FOR FAMILIES THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will hold our FOOD FOR
FAMILIES THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE during November.
Donations will go to the Canton Area or Troy Area Food
Pantries. The Supreme Knights of Columbus will re-
fund \$100 for every \$500 or 1,000 lbs. of food donated.

Monetary donations must go through the Knights to
qualify for the refund, so if you choose this option,
please make your check payable to *Knights of Columbus*
and write *Food for Families* on the memo line. Checks
should be dropped in the collection basket. Checks
should not be payable to the parish or the food pantries.

Financial contributions can allow the pantries to pro-
cure the exact items needed. The Knights thank you for
your generosity.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Roberta Arnold,
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Dorland & Carlene Eck, Colleen Eklund, Leon English,
Wayne Ettinger, Misty Frame, Douglas Greene,
Melissa Gowan, William Hall,
Hamburger Family Special Intention, Barb Hinman,
Maryllis Hughes, Victoria Johnson, Bob Jones,
Lauren Kreager, David Kule, Jo Kule, Judy Lepper,
Bob Lutz, Joyce Maloney, David Martinez,
Tom McBlane, Ed "Buster" Merritt, Delina Morgan,
Charlotte Morse, Mary Nybeck, Pamela Porter O'Brien,
John O'Brien, Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker,
Gary Paquette, Lori Pellegrini, Olivia Perrotto,
Giselle Phillips, Brittany Romaine, Elizabeth Ross,
Joan Ross, Pat Rushin, Cristy Schmelzle,
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Christine Shipula, Bev Smith, Elaine Strange,
Wayne Strange, Elias Vroman, Calvin Watson,
Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, Fran Zizza

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November 2025

St. Michael Parish

One Minute Meditations

St. Albert the Great

Possibly one of the Church's greatest intellectuals, St. Albert was the eldest son of a powerful German military official. Despite opposition from his family, he joined the Dominican Order. Being well educated, St. Albert desired to make all the learning of the East available to the Latin-speaking West. He earned his doctorate at the University of Paris in 1245 and taught at Paris and Cologne. He is best known as the master of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Praying for the dead

Catholics see Purgatory as an expression of God's mercy — a place where souls who die in His grace, but need further purification, are prepared for Heaven. This month, we pray for our departed loved ones, asking God to bring them quickly into His presence.

One tradition is to request a Mass on the anniversary of a loved one's death. If that soul is already in Heaven, the graces benefit others still in need. In God's mercy, nothing is ever wasted.

"Forgiveness comes...through the soul's desire to be united to me [i.e., to God], the infinite Good, according to the measure of love attained by the recipient's desire and prayer. A person receives as much of my goodness as he gives to me." St. Catherine of Siena, *The Dialogue*

Christ as King of our hearts

When we proclaim, "Christ is King," we're not making a poetic or symbolic statement. We're declaring a truth that shapes every part of our lives. To live under Christ's rule is to give Him authority over what we believe, how we worship, how we act, and how we spend our time.

What we believe: At the center of our faith is a relationship. Knowing Jesus personally — through the Gospels, through prayer, through the lives of the saints — transforms abstract belief into living faith. When someone asks, "Why are you Catholic?" our answer should come from experience, not just theology.

How we worship: Imagine a king hosting a free, lavish banquet every week for all his subjects. Every Sunday, we're invited to a banquet — not of food, but of grace. To say, "Christ is King" is to obey His words: "*Do this in remembrance of me*" (Luke 22:19). The

Mass is not just a weekly routine; it's a divine encounter.

How we act: Our actions, especially the small ones, speak volumes. Reverence, patience, honesty, integrity,

"You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth."
John 18:37

and generosity are everyday ways of making Christ visible through us. These aren't just virtues — they're signs of loyalty to our true King.

How we spend our time: Daily prayer proclaims that Christ reigns not only over Sunday, but over our entire lives. Whether prayer feels powerful or dry, it anchors us in Him. No time given to Christ is ever wasted.

To say "Christ is King" is to surrender everything to Him. It's a declaration that He reigns not just in Heaven, but here, now, in us.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why does the Church offer indulgences?

An indulgence is "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). This "temporal punishment" refers to the purification the soul undergoes before entering Heaven.

The power of indulgences flows from Christ's sacrifice and is applied through

the merits of the saints and prayers of the Church. Indulgences are not shortcuts to Heaven or "free passes"; they require repentance and conversion of heart.

To obtain an indulgence, conditions must be met: sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, and performance of the indulgenced act.

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21)

There's a common lesson in driver's education: "Your vehicle goes where your eyes go." Spiritually, the same is true — our lives follow what we focus on. What we treasure most lays claim to our hearts. The challenge is to set our hearts on what truly lasts.

"*You cannot serve two masters*" (Matthew 6:24). What treasure do you set your heart on? A desire for holiness requires us to examine how we live day to day. Are we cultivating trust in God, or grasping for control? Realignment often begins with small, intentional acts: spending time in prayer instead of mindless scrolling; reading the Gospel before the news; choosing simplicity over indulgence and

giving generously to those in need. These are daily decisions that reflect where our heart truly lies.

Trust instead of worrying. Jesus does not condemn wealth, hard work, or responsible planning. Instead, He calls us to live as sons and daughters of God. That means trusting His love, accepting His timing, and offering our lives in service to His Kingdom. Ask yourself: Do I invite God into my decisions, or do I act alone? Am I content to wait on His timing, or do I insist on my own?

When we prioritize the things of God, we invest in a treasure that does not fade — one that shapes who we are now, and endures into eternity.

from Scripture

Matthew 24:37-44, Preparing hearts for Christ's coming

In this Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us that we do not know the day or the hour when He will come for us. "*At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.*" His message is clear: live each day prepared to meet Him.

Next month, we celebrate His first coming at Christmas. But Christ will come again — at our death, and at the end of time. Advent invites us to ask: "What must I do to be ready?"

Begin by striving to remain in a state of grace. If you are aware of having committed mortal sin, seek God's mercy without delay through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even if you are not conscious of serious sin,

aim to go to Confession regularly — every four to six weeks, if possible. Examine your conscience honestly, and choose one or two areas of sin to actively work on.

Attend Sunday Mass faithfully, make more time for prayer, and look for opportunities to serve others with love and humility. These practices not only prepare us to welcome Christ when we finally meet Him face-to-face, but they also draw us closer to Him now.

When Christmas arrives, may you greet the Lord not with fear, but with joy — knowing your heart is open, your hands are ready, and your soul is at peace.

corruption and cared for the poor and sick when a plague struck Milan.

November 23 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. God promised his people a king who would be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King, who triumphed over the enemies of sin and death. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.

November 30 – 1st Sunday of Advent. During this four-week season, we anticipate the Messiah's birth, remembering the time when He was awaited. During Advent we also look forward to Christ's reign and His coming on the Last Day. We light candles in an Advent wreath each night of the season to signal the coming of the true light of Christ.

Q & A Do Catholics practice tithing?

Tithing is the practice of giving ten percent of your income to the Church. In fact, the word itself comes from an Old English word meaning, "one-tenth." It was based on Jewish tradition in the Old Testament and its first recorded practice was Abraham's offering of a tenth of all he had as a "thank offering" to God for his victory in battle (Genesis 14:18-20). It's still practiced by the Mormon Church.

The Catholic Church does not require tithing; there is no "fixed sum" that God requires of us. Catholics are, however, required to support the material needs of the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2043). How much — or little — is between you and God and in light of the needs of your state in life.

Money isn't the only way to support your parish, diocese, or the Church. Giving of your time to volunteer in your parish, donating some of what you don't need to the poor, and even devoting prayers specifically for the needs of your parish priests are all praiseworthy ways to give back.

Feasts & Celebrations

November 2 – All Souls Day. On this day we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven faster.

November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo (1584). Born into a wealthy family in 1538 in Lombardy, Italy, St. Charles was chosen for the priesthood to follow in the footsteps of his uncle, Giovanni Angelo de Medici, the future Pope Pius IV. After earning doctorates in civil and canon law by the age of 21, Charles was named cardinal and bishop of Milan. He worked to reform his diocese of

Our Mission

To provide practical ideas that promote faithful Catholic living.

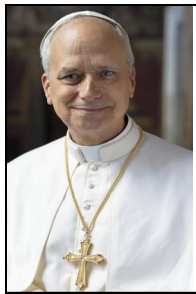
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POPE LEO XIV
NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION
FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



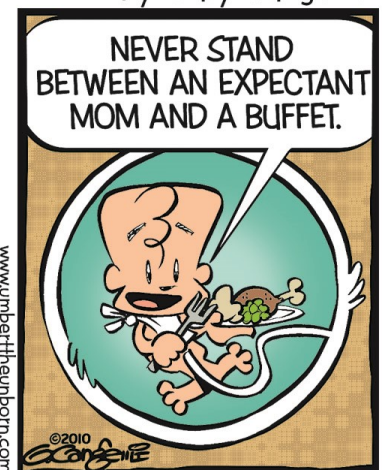
SUPPORT OUR 13 SEMINARIANS

November 2-8 is National Vocation Awareness Week

Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps to form the next generation of holy priests - Donate at AnnualAppeal.org

As of October 25th, we have reached 37.52% of our \$20,283 parish goal. \$7,610 has been donated or pledged by 32 donors, which makes our current participation rate 12%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

Umbert the Unborn



by Gary Cangemi

NOVEMBER 3 - 10, 2025 READINGS

Mon: Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 361 Lk 14:12-14
Tues: Rom 12:5-16b Ps 131:1b-3 Lk 14:15-24
Wed: Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33
Thurs: Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 Lk 15:1-10
Fri: Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8
Sat: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Lk 16:9-15
Sun: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

THIS WEEK ON *formed*, WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2, 2025

ETERNAL REST

We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest, a new offering of the Augustine Institute.

LITANY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Join us in praying the Litany of the Faithful Departed, asking for God to have mercy on those who have gone before us. This is a great prayer to offer for your loved ones who have passed away or anyone who has passed away.

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO: THE GOOD SHEPHERD

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

Religious Education Saint Fair

Saint Michael's Parish CCD and Confirmation students invite you to their Saint Fair following the 9:30 Mass this Sunday, All Souls Day. If you can't make it to that Mass, the display boards will be in St. John's Church the following Sunday, November 9th.

Knights of Columbus Council #5517

Meetings are the second Wednesday of the Month at 7:15 pm in Saint Michael's Hall. New members are always welcome. Join online here:



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Saint 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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