

NOVEMBER 30, 2025



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Matthew 24:37



"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Amen!

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 29 Weekday
 VIGIL: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 4:00 pm, Canton † Vincent Walker
 (St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society)

Sunday, November 30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
 9:30 am, Canton † Marty & Mark Kazcmarek
 (Jeff & Beth Cole)
 11:15 am, Troy † Joey Szczech (Louise Wilber)

Monday, December 1 Advent Weekday
 7:00 am, Rectory † Steve Noble
 (The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

Tuesday, December 2 Advent Weekday
 5:30 pm, Troy † Michael & Ann Polly (Shirley Grantier)

Wednesday, December 3 Advent Weekday
 5:30 pm, Canton † Jane M. Cawley (St. Michael's Altar &
 Rosary Society)
 6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, December 4 Advent Weekday
 No Mass

First Friday, December 5 Advent Weekday
 7:00 am, Canton † Jerry Ross, Jr. (Family)

Saturday, December 6 Advent Weekday
 VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, December 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 8:00 am, Ralston † Lester Kulp (Dan & Betsy Clark)
 9:30 am, Canton † Bob Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)
 11:15 am, Troy † Helen Pierchorowicz
 (Mr. & Mrs. David Pierchorowicz)

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 that, inspired by the example of the Blessed Mother, we, like Mary, have the courage to say "yes" to God's gift of human life..

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



There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex (vestibule) of Saint Michael Church for all children planning to attend the Children's Christmas Party after the 9:30 Mass and CCD Christmas Program on Sunday, December 21st.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS November 17 - 23, 2025

Weekly Offerings:	2,916.00
Electronic Offerings:	525.00
Other Parish Income:	276.70
Total Parish Income:	3,722.70
Average weekly expenses:	4,868.51
Difference:	(1,145.81)



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 Sacraments of Initiation. We are currently in the inquiry phase. It's culmination is the inquirer's decision to enter the catechumenate, the period of formal preparation for entrance into full membership in the Catholic Church. The next session of the OCIA will be Monday, December 1st at 7 pm in the rectory.

SAINT MICHAEL'S MARKETPLACE & CAFÉ

Saturday, December 6, 2025 - 8:00 am until 3:00 pm
 Saint Michael's Church Hall

We have 30 tables of new ideas & Christmas craft items; a Chinese Auction with a wide variety of products and gift cards; and the Christmas Café with delicious, homemade soups and BBQ sandwiches. Santa Claus is coming to town from Noon until 2:00 pm! Take a chance on our beautiful quilt raffle!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to
 those who have
 given a lifetime.



A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.

Envelopes are by the bulletins.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Roberta Arnold, Karl Barton, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszc, Mary Blaszc, Gus Branish, Betty Brown, Dennis Clarke, Grace Cott, Anthony DeMarco, Kiran Dhawan, Philip Doud, Dorland & Carlene Eck, Colleen Eklund, Leon English, Wayne Ettinger, Misty Frame, Theresa Gentile, Douglas Greene, Melissa Gowan, William Hall, Hamburger Family Special Intention, Barb Hinman, Maryllis Hughes, Victoria Johnson, Bob Jones, Emily 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, Ahmed Hassa Sharief, Anthony Shipula, Christine Shipula, Bev Smith, Elaine Strange, Wayne Strange, Elias Vroman, Calvin Watson, Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, Fran Zizza
Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list.



POPE LEO XIV
DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION
 FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT
 Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

2:00 pm, St. Michael Church, Canton
4:00 pm, Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Towanda

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

2:00 pm, Saint Basil Church, Dushore
4:20 pm, Epiphany Church, Sayre

MASSSES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Monday, December 8th

7 am, St. Michael Church & 5:30 pm, St. John Church

THIS WEEK ON **formed**, WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025

ROOTED: REDISCOVER THE JESSE TREE THIS ADVENT

Rooted guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.

WEEK ONE | ADORE ADVENT WITH FR. JOHN BURNS

Join Fr. John Burns as he journeys deeper into the theme for week one: watchfulness.

WEEK ONE | ENCOUNTERING EMMANUEL WITH HEATHER KHYM

In week one, Heather speaks about the first reason for the Incarnation—Jesus saves us. Heather helps us to give our sorrows to Jesus, and open our hearts to the saving power of Christ.

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DECEMBER 1 - 7, 2025 READINGS

Mon: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tues: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wed: Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3 Mt 15:29-37

Thurs: Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri: Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35—10:1

Sun: Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

*As we enter Advent
and prepare to
welcome Christ, we
remember that He
comes to us in the
poor, the suffering, and
the vulnerable.*

*Your gift to the
Catholic Ministries
Appeal is a concrete
way of serving Christ
Himself in our brothers
and sisters.*



**As we light the first candle of Advent, let your
generosity be a light through the Catholic
Ministries Appeal.**

Support the 2025 Appeal at AnnualAppeal.org

As of Nov 22, we have reached 68% of our \$20,283 parish goal. \$13,720 has been donated or pledged by 43 donors, which makes our current participation rate 16%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, both financially and with your prayers. The appeal ends 12/30/25.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



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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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