

**JANUARY 25, 2026**



**THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**



# **ST. MICHAEL**

## **CATHOLIC PARISH**

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 8 am - 3:30 pm, Thursday 8 am - 1 pm

### **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

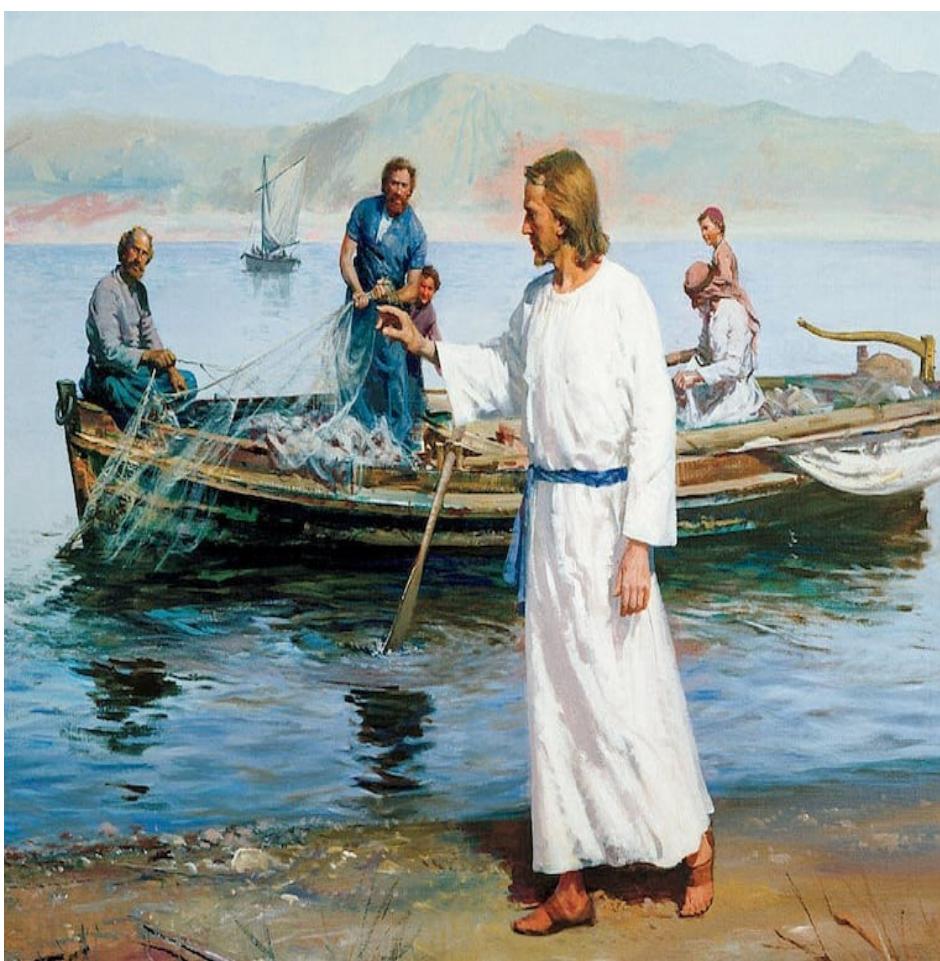
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass  
until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

### **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 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, January 24** Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Theodora Petruska  
(Chick & Leslie Debach)

**Sunday, January 25** 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo  
9:30 am, Canton † Jerome Wynne (Theresa & Joe Sheridan)  
11:15 am, Troy † William Misson (His wife)

**Mon, Jan 26** Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

**Tuesday, January 27** Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Tim Avants  
(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

**Wednesday, January 28** Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church

5:30 pm, Canton † Frank Taverniti (John & Pat Rushin)  
6:00 pm, Holy Hour

**Thursday, January 29** Weekday

No Mass

**Friday, January 30** Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Thomas Dalton (The Dalton Family)

**Saturday, January 31** Saint John Bosco, Priest

VIGIL: 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Gerald Brann (Theresa & Joe Sheridan)

**Sunday, February 1** 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Jane Cawley (Jerry & Joy Brann)

11:15 am, Troy † Marshall Watkins

(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

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 that those suffering after abortion may know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and that they may turn to Him for His mercy and peace. *Sanctuary lamp intentions may be requested by contacting the parish office.*



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



## SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS January 12 - 18, 2026

Weekly Offerings:	3,129.00
Electronic Offerings:	525.00
Other Parish Income:	340.00
Total Parish Income:	3,994.00
Average weekly expenses:	4,868.51
Difference:	(874.51)
Care & Education of Priests:	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 Sacraments of Initiation. The next session of the OCIA will be Monday, January 26th at 7 pm in the rectory.



Father Joe will bless throats at the end of all Masses next weekend in anticipation of the February 3rd feast of Saint Blaise.

### CATHOLIC MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Gentlemen,

We are inviting you to our Catholic Men's Lenten retreat at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, beginning Friday evening, March 13th thru Saturday, March 14th at 1:00-2:00 PM. Registration is now open at [Beacatholicman.com/register-for-retreat-1](http://Beacatholicman.com/register-for-retreat-1) You can pay online or mail a check if you prefer. The cost is \$85 regular including one night's lodging, \$60 for commuters and \$50 for students.



Our theme this year is "Teach Us To Pray": How do you communicate with God? What do you talk to God about? What stops you from being honest with God? We will explore ways we pray as Catholics, growing in relationship with God. We are planning four 4 talks by noted local priests.

Come join us! We will have Reconciliation, Adoration, and Holy Mass, along with a chance to catch up with other men. We look forward to seeing you there.

God Bless,  
*Joe Adcroft*

Retreat coordinator (570-380-5070)

### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Roberta Arnold, Karl Barton, John Bilbrey, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blasz, Mary Blasz, Gus Branish, Betty Brown, Dennis Clarke, Ezra Cole, Grace Cott, Anthony DeMarco, Kiran Dhawan, Philip Doud, Dorland & Carlene Eck, Colleen Eklund, Leon English, Wayne Ettinger, Aldie Fitzwater, Misty Frame, Theresa Gentile, Douglas Greene, Melissa Gowan, William Hall, Barb Hinman, Maryllis Hughes, Victoria Johnson, 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 Perotto, Giselle Phillips, Brittany Romaine, Elizabeth Ross, Joan Ross, Roger Rossi, Pat Rushin, Cristy Schmelzle, Marilyn Scott, Ahmed Hassa Sharief, Anthony Shipula, Christine Shipula, Bev Smith, Elaine Strange, Wayne Strange, Alyssa Van Zile, Elias Vroman, Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, Fran Zizza  
*Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list. Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.*



### POPE LEO XIV JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD  
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### 2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements are available by phone or email request to the parish office. If you received a statement last year, one has been generated for you. Contact the parish office if you have not received it.

Thank you to everyone whose contributions of time, talent and treasure made it possible to keep Saint Michael Parish operating last year.

### COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

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 [usccb.org/latin-america](http://usccb.org/latin-america). iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online (see QR code)



*We do not have envelopes for this offering, so use a check or write your name and "Latin" on an envelope if you want your offering recorded for tax purposes.*

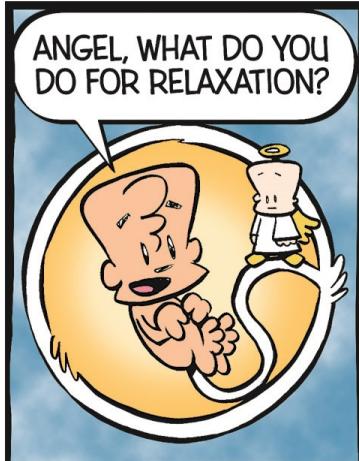
As of January 17th, we have reached 78% of our \$20,283 parish goal. \$16,185 has been donated or pledged by 58 donors, which makes our current participation rate 21%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, both financially and with your prayers.



### OUR CALL TO SERVE

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

## Umbert the Unborn



### JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 1, 2026 READINGS

**Mon:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10  
Mk 3:22-30

**Tues:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15 Ps 24:7-10 Mk 3:31-35

**Wed:** 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-30 Mk 4:1-20

**Thurs:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Ps 132:1-5, 11-14  
Mk 4:21-25

**Fri:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Ps 51:3-7, 10-11  
Mk 4:26-34

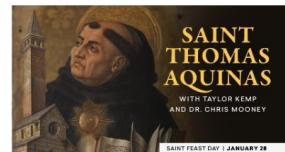
**Sat:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41

**Sun:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31  
Mt 5:1-12a

### THIS WEEK ON **formed**, WEEK OF JANUARY 25, 2026

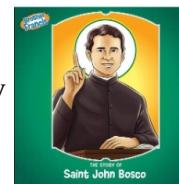
#### ST. THOMAS AQUINAS | CATHOLIC SAINTS

St. Thomas Aquinas was given one of the greatest minds in history. He devoted his life to studying God. Not only did St. Thomas cover almost all of theology, but he also did it while maintaining theological accuracy.



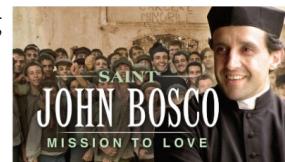
#### THE STORY OF ST. JOHN BOSCO

Learn the inspiring story of the life of St. John Bosco in this audio reflection intended for kids. We celebrate his feast day on January 31.



#### SAINT JOHN BOSCO: MISSION TO LOVE

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.



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by Gary Cangemi



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## SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

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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