

MARCH 1, 2026

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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 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, February 28 Lenten Weekday

VIGIL: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm, Canton † Gerald Brann (Jane & Erik Polcrack)

Sunday, March 1 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Jerome Wynne

(The Honorable & Mrs. Matthew Brann & Family)

11:15 am, Troy † Rich Carlonas (Cheryl Carlonas)

Monday, March 2 Lenten Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Toomey (Dorothy Pavlasky)

5:30 pm, Canton, the Light is ON for You

Tuesday, March 3 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Carol Toomey (Dorothy Pavlasky)

6:00 pm, Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 4 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Kathie Lepper (Susan Schiess)

6:00 pm, Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 5 Lenten Weekday

No Mass

First Friday, March 6 Lenten Weekday

7:00 am, Canton † Monty Spencer & Joseph Spencer

(Jeff & Beth Cole)

Saturday, March 7 Lenten Weekday

VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm, Canton † Gerald Brann (Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hamm)

Sunday, March 8 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am, Ralston † Kathryn & Fred Fredo (The Family)

9:30 am, Canton † Jerome Wynne (Dot Hopkins)

11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

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 Lord to provide for the needs of each expectant mother considering abortion, and give her the grace and resolve to choose life for her child.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU will continue through March 23rd, Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent. Confessions will be heard on Mondays from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in Saint Michael's Church.



SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

February 16 - 22, 2026

Weekly Offerings: 3,106.00

Electronic Offerings: 525.00

Other Parish Income: 373.00



Total Parish Income: 4,004.00

Average weekly expenses: 4,868.51

Difference: (864.51)

Church in Central & Eastern Europe: 374.45

Thank you for your continued support.

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC,
OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?**



We are now in the catechumenate phase, the period of formal preparation for entrance into full membership in the Catholic Church. The next session is at 7 pm on Monday, March 2, 2026 in the rectory.

The Rite of Election will be held for our Catechumens during the 9:30 am Mass in St. Michael's Church this Sunday.

Candidates:

Ashley DeCristo, Nicole DeCristo, Sandra Jackson

Catechumens

Megan Regan, Max Colton, Mark Huffsmith

LENTEN MEN'S RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Our anonymous sponsor is again offering to pay for any men wishing to attend either of these events:

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CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT

March 21st in St. Boniface Church, Williamsport. Scan the QR code or type in

www.tinyurl.com/lcrmensretreat.



BE A CATHOLIC MAN OVERNIGHT LENTEN RETREAT
March 13-14, 2026 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat

Center in Dalton. Register on line at

<https://beacatholicman.com/register-for-retreat-1>

Congratulation to
CALEB GOLEMBEWSKI

and BO ROSS, who cele-

brated their First Recon-

ciliation on Saturday, February 21. Please pray for them

as they prepare to receive First Holy Communion during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 17th.



FIRST COMMUNION
RECONCILIATION

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Roberta Arnold,
Karl Barton, John Bilbrey, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszczyk,
Mary Blaszczyk, 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,

Melissa Gowan, William Hall, Peter Hamburger,

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 Perrotto, Giselle Phillips, 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.



POPE LEO XIV
FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION
 FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES
 Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Pierogi SALE



Saint Michael's Altar & Rosary Society's annual Pierogi Sale is underway! Their delicious potato & cheese pierogies are just \$10/dozen. They freeze very well, so be sure to stock up!

There are order forms by the bulletins in all three churches. Order by phone by leaving a message at (570) 673-4125 or online from the parish website at <https://stmichaelscanton.com/news/annual-pierogie-sale/> or via the QR code below. Orders will be taken through March 1st.

Pick up will be in Saint Michael's hall on March 3rd, 4th & 5th from noon - 2 pm and on March 8th after the 9:30 am Mass until 11 am. Cash or personal check is due at pickup.

YOU are invited to help with pierogi-making, which is *always* a fun time! We will begin on Monday, March 2nd at 9 am in St. Michael's hall & kitchen and go to about 3 pm. Stay for the day, or just a couple of hours. Whatever fits your schedule. Lunch will be provided. We will do as many days as we need to complete the orders.



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

As of February 21st, we have reached 83% of our \$20,283 parish goal. \$16,935 has been donated or pledged by 63 donors, which makes our current participation rate 23%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, both financially and with your prayers.

MARCH 2 - 8, 2026 READINGS

Mon: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40
Tues: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Ps 86:1-6 Mk 5:21-43
Wed: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 6:1-6
Thurs: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 (Ps) Chr 29:10-12 Mk 6:7-13
Fri: Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51 Mk 6:14-29
Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34
Sun: Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

SAYRE DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

March 8: 2:00 pm, St. Basil, Dushore
 4:30 pm, Epiphany Church, Sayre
 March 15: **2:00 pm, St. Michaels, Canton,**
 4:30 pm, St. Peter & Paul Towanda



THIS WEEK ON **formed**, WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2026

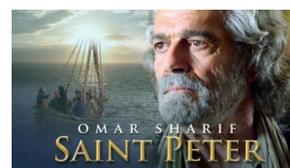
LENT AND NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.



STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY | CATHOLIC SAINTS

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp discuss the life and impact of two female martyrs from the third century, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity. Both were beheaded for refusing to renounce their Christian faith.



THE TOTAL GIFT: A KATHARINE DREXEL STORY

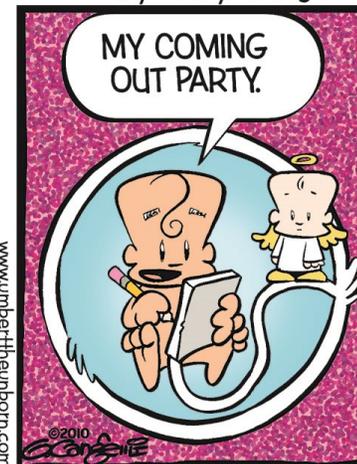
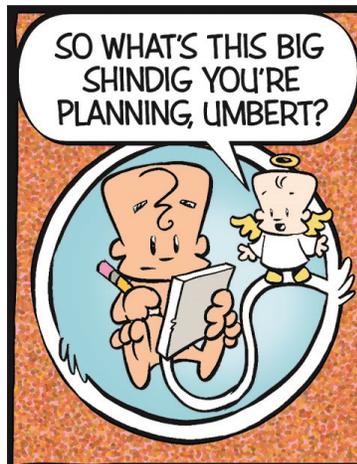
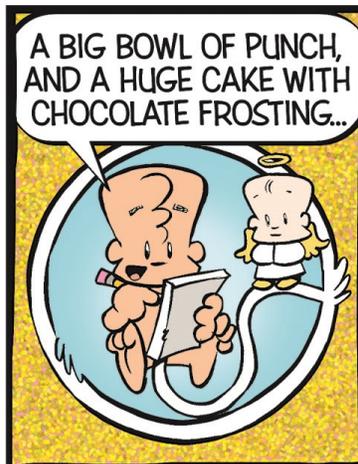
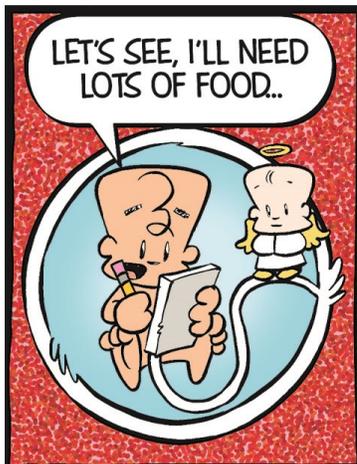
Saint Katharine Drexel chose a life dedicated entirely to serving marginalized communities. Born into a wealthy Philadelphia family, Katharine Drexel used her fortune to challenge societal norms and dedicate her life to education and racial healing.



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 Use zip code 17724 to find our parish.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



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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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