

APRIL 19, 2026



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 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

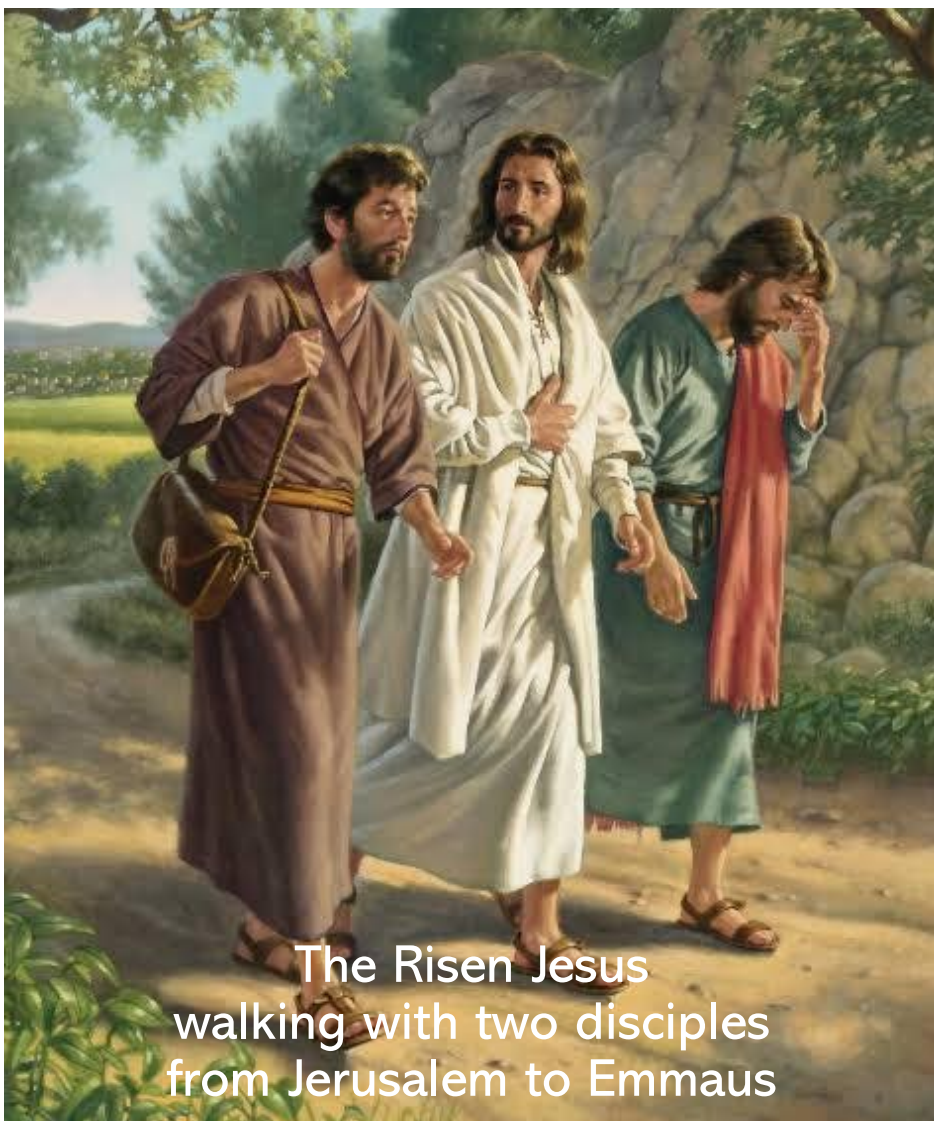
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

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. (2025/26)

(Religious education classes held during the school year)
Sunday - 8:15 am - 9:15 am,
St. Michael Church hall



The Risen Jesus
walking with two disciples
from Jerusalem to Emmaus

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, April 18 Easter Weekday

VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 pm, Canton † Gerald Brann (Susan Schiess)

Sunday, April 19 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Jerome Wynne (The Mulno Family)

11:15 am, Troy † Anna Capaldi (Jayne Cleveland)

Monday, April 20 Easter Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Jack Lafferty (Joy Brann)

Tuesday, April 21 Easter Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Frances DePaola

Wednesday, April 22 Easter Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Janet Fulciniti (Jeff & Beth Cole)

6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, April 23 Easter Weekday

No Mass

Friday, April 24 Easter Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Rose Capalango

Saturday, April 25 SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

VIGIL: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, April 26 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

9:30 am, Canton † Gerald Brann (The Mulno Family)

11:15 am, Troy † Joey Szczech (Barb, Leona & Tim)

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 elected officials to work to protect human life from conception to natural death.

Sanctuary lamp intentions may be requested by contacting the parish office.

The cost is \$10 for all three lamps for a weekend.

A Communal Rosary is prayed at 9:30 am on Thursdays in St. Michael's Church.

All are invited to participate.



CONGRATULATIONS to Brandon Eberlin and Madison Clark on the baptism of their daughter, *Blakeleigh Rae Eberlin* on April 12th in Saint Aloysius Church, Ralston.



SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS April 6 - 12, 2026

Weekly Offerings: 2,662.00

Electronic Offerings: 525.00

Other Parish Income: 204.00

Total Parish Income: 3,391.00

Average weekly expenses: 4,868.51

Difference: (1,477.51)

Care & Education of Priests: 402.00

Thank you for your continued support.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please pray for all of our students as we near the end of the school year. Especially for *Caleb Golembewski* and *Bo Ross*, who will receive First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 17th during the 9:30 am Mass in Saint Michael Church. A reception will follow in the church hall.

Pray also for our Confirmandi:

Lana Bradford, Rory Herman, Amelia Pepper, Lael Smith; and Eli Weston.

The Confirmation Mass is scheduled for 5:00 pm on Monday, May 18th in Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Towanda. A parish reception is scheduled following the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 24th, Pentecost Sunday.

THE LAMB OF GOD PRESENTATION

The Knights of Columbus Council #5517 is pleased to invite you to a biblical experience in Saint Michael's Church hall called THE LAMB OF GOD on Saturday, April 18th at 5:00 pm.

Presented by Alex Piechocki, the talk will follow the scriptural use of the lamb from Genesis to Revelations. Come and spend an hour learning about why God chose to have His Son called "The Lamb of God". Following the presentation a light meal will be served. Stay for the good food and excellent fellowship.



GRADUATION MASS & CELEBRATION

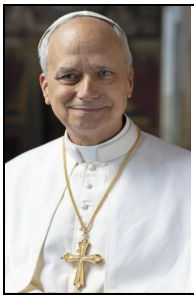
If you or a close family member will be graduating high school, college, or trade school this year, please contact the parish office ASAP. The day and time will be scheduled shortly.



The **CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL** will be taken up next weekend. Envelopes are by the bulletins. Visit www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions for more information.

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, Dot Hopkins, 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, Pat Rushin, Cristy Schmelzle, Marilyn Scott, Ahmed Hassa Sharief, Anthony Shipula, Christine Shipula, Bev Smith, Alyssa Van Zile, Elias Vroman, Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, Fran Zizza



POPE LEO XIV
APRIL PRAYER INTENTION
 FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

APRIL 20 - 27, 2026 READINGS

- Mon:** Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
 Jn 6:22-29
- Tues:** Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab
 Jn 6:30-35
- Wed:** Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40
- Thurs:** Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51
- Fri:** Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59
- Sat:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14b Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20
- Sun:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-6 1 Pt 2:20b-25
 Jn 10:1-10

THIS WEEK ON *formed*, WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2026
 ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Using outside sources, other books of the Bible, and the Gospel itself, Dr. Gray takes a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.

LECTIO: MARK

Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching.

VIA LUCIS

Via Lucis, or the Stations of Light, is a devotional practice for reflecting on the joy and hope of the Resurrection during the Easter season. While the Stations of the Cross commemorate Jesus' journey to his crucifixion and death, the Stations of Light focus on the events that followed the Resurrection.

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The following article is a reflection from one of our newest members of our parish family, who was fully received into the Catholic Church at this year's Easter Vigil.

I believe everyone can write a book about their life. At my age it would seem the best chapters of mine have been written and are now faded, and there's nothing more to say of any interest or value that would make you want to turn the page. But, oh was I wrong.

It's amazing the different ways God can come into your life and give you direction and details of how to write your next chapter. He said to use a large font and bold print and don't erase or edit what I had written before, as my past will give me something to compare to what's coming in my future.

I just finished my latest chapter, "How I Became a Catholic." It records when I first watched a priest explain the faith on social media, bought my first book on Catholicism, attended my first Mass, began OCIA, witnessed the Chrism Mass and took part in the special services as we awaited the Easter Vigil.

The excitement I felt at the Easter Vigil came from far more than the beauty of the evening—it was the culmination of the past six months' journey. I felt like a child waiting for Christmas morning and the gifts to come. Not the thoughtful cards, gifts, and notes from my new church family (which I deeply appreciated), but the gift I had longed for most: the Holy Eucharist.

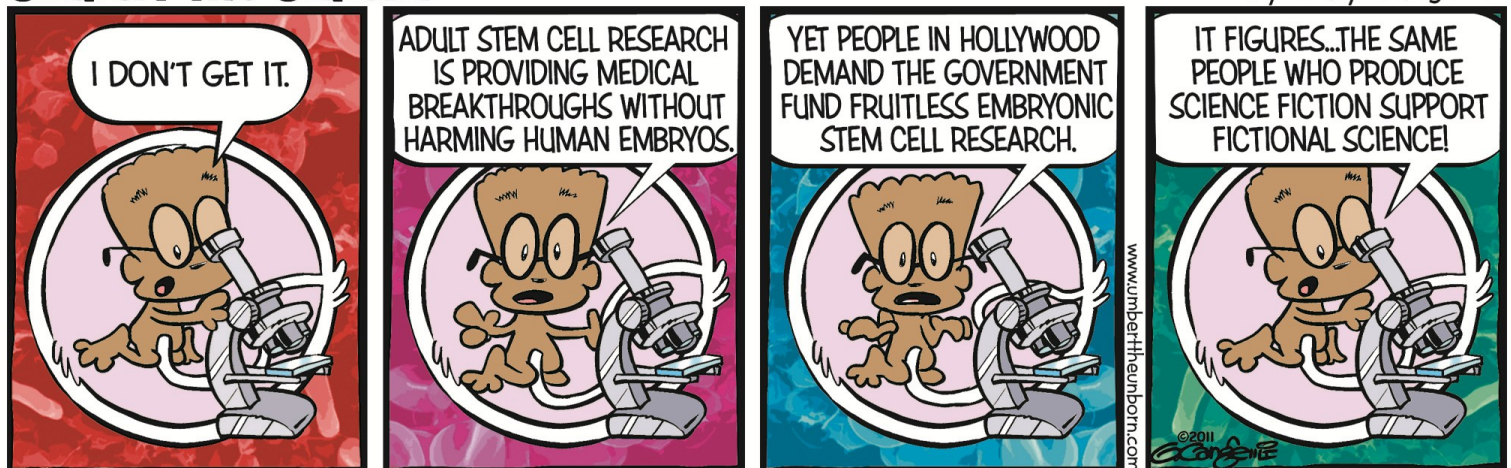
From my front-row seat, I was able to take in how beautifully the liturgy was prepared: the flowers on the altar, the cantors, the readers, the homily, the music, and the baptisms and confirmations. Yet the moment I had been waiting for was still to come—Holy Communion. I was finally going to approach Father Joe, bow, and receive. I'll admit I had butterflies in my stomach, but I didn't faint, drop the host, forget the Sign of the Cross, or stumble back to my seat. I received the Body and Blood of Christ—the most beautiful and meaningful gift anyone could ever hope to receive.

My book is not yet finished, as I have so much more to say. I want to invite anyone who will listen to come to their first Mass and encounter God's presence, for He is truly in this place. He is present in the tabernacle, and His Spirit can be felt among His people. He touched my heart, and He knows my name. If I can bring even one person to this faith, the last chapter of my life will say that I tried to be a good and faithful disciple of the Lord.

Sandy Jackson

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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