November 8, 2026 **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

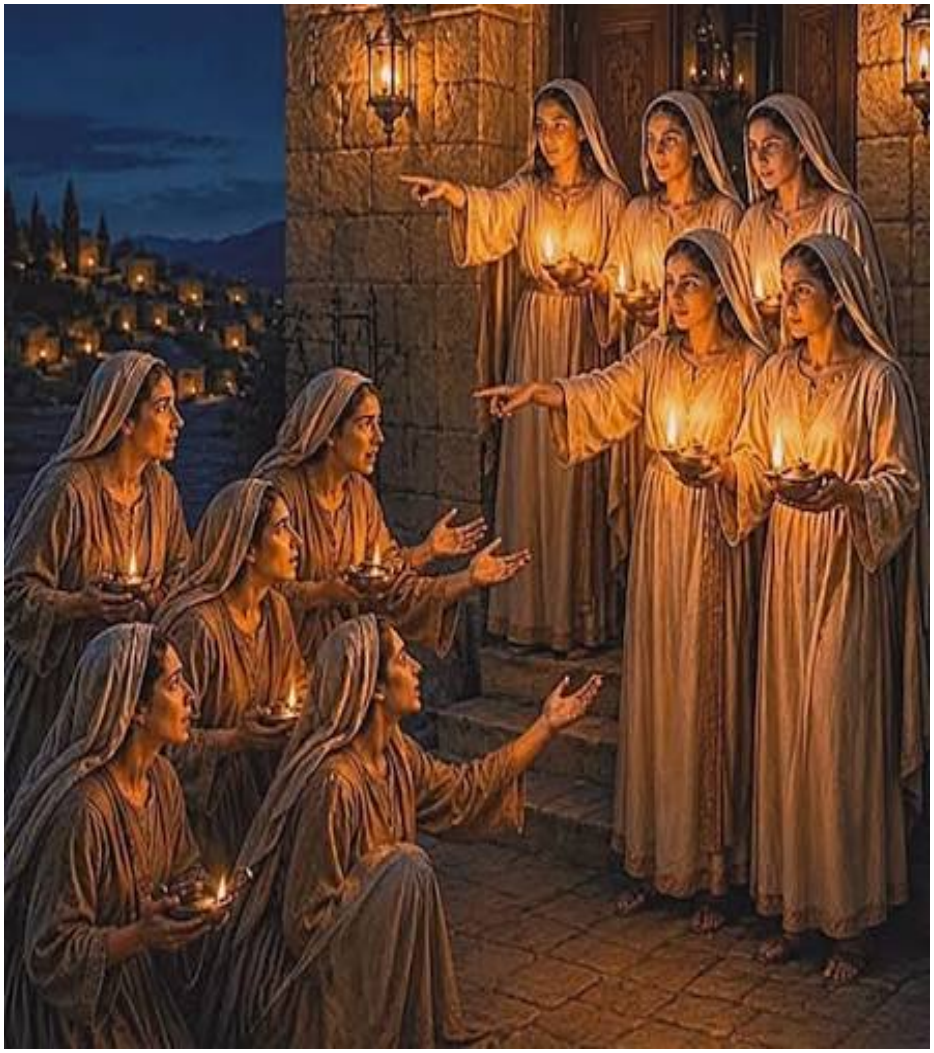
Wednesday: 6:00 pm, St. Michael's Church following 5:30 pm Mass,
Benediction at 7:00 pm
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

First Fridays

To all elderly and home-bound, 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. (2026/27)

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



Pastoral Council: David Brann, John Ciribassi, Leslie Debach, Ray Harrington, 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 though 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 7 Weekday
VIGIL: 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Alan Cole (Jeff & Beeth Cole)

Sunday, Nov 8 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Maria Miosi (Dan & Betsy Clark & Family)
9:30 am, Canton † Joy & Douglas Snell (Pat Pepper)
11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

Mon, Nov 9 THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
7:00 am, Rectory † Doug Greene (Martha Greene)

Tuesday, November 10 Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church
5:30 pm, Troy † Michael Yanak, Sr. (Barbara Wywiorski)

Wednesday, Nov 11 Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
5:30 pm, Canton † Deceased members of Knights of Columbus Council #5517 (K of C Council #5517)
6:00pm, Rosary

Thursday, Nov 12 Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
No Mass

Friday, Nov 13 Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
7:00 am, Canton † Donna Beers (St. Michael's A&R)

Saturday, November 14 Weekday
VIGIL: 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Maria Diesel (Jeff & Beeth Cole)

Sunday, Nov 15 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Marilyn Gilbert (Pat Pepper)
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 this week in memory of Richard V. Olack. Offered by Christine Misson. *Contact the parish office to request Sanctuary lamp intentions. 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.



SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS
October 26 - November 1, 2026

Weekly Offerings:	2,935.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,445.00
One-time Donation:	6,000.00
Other Parish Income:	323.50
Total Parish Income:	10,703.50
Average Weekly Expenses:	5,040.67
Difference:	
Care & Education of Priests:	197.00

Thank you for your continued support.

All Souls' Day envelope offerings and intentions will be published soon. Thank you for your patience.

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 non-Catholics to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church and for Catholics who have not been fully initiated to receive Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. For more information or to register, call Father Joe at 570-673-5253. The next session of OCIA will be Monday,November 9th at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will hold our FOOD FOR FAMILIES THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE during the month of November. Donations will go to the food pantries of Canton and Troy. The Supreme Knights of Columbus will refund $100.00 for every $500.00 donated 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 checks 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 pantry. Financial contributions can allow the pantries to procure the exact items needed. The Knights thank you for your generosity.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Roberta Arnold, Warren Batcheller, John Bilbrey, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blasz, Mary Blasz, Boyd Bradford, Gus Branish, Betty Brown, Dan Clark, Dennis Clarke, Ezra Cole, Grace Cott, Violet Davis, Chris DeMarco, Philip Doud, Dorland & Carlene Eck, Colleen Eklund, Donna Emmerick, Leon English, Wayne Ettinger, Aldie Fitzwater, Misty Frame, Melissa Gowan, Mary Graham, William Hall, Peter Hamburger, Barb Hinman, Dot Hopkins, Robert Hostetter, Paula Horton, Maryllis Hughes, Victoria Johnson, Stephen Joyce, Ben Kopetan, David Kule, Jo Kule, Judy Lepper, Bob Lutz, Marnie Lutz, Jim Maloney, Joyce Maloney, David Martinez, Tom McBlane, Linda McFadden, Ed "Buster" Merritt, Diego Fernández Castaño Morales, Delina Morgan, Mary Nybeck, Pamela Porter O'Brien, John O'Brien, Ramona Parker, Gary Paquette, Lori Pellegrini, Giselle Phillips, Elizabeth Ross, Joan Ross, Pat Rushin, Cristy Schmelzle, Jean Schoonover, Marilyn Scott, Ahmed Hassa Sharief, Bev Smith, 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.

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November 2026

St. Michael Parish

One Minute Meditations

St. Gertrude the Great

Born in Germany in 1256, St. Gertrude was raised and educated by Benedictine nuns before entering religious life herself. Around age twenty-five, she began experiencing visions of Christ that continued throughout her life. She recorded these profound spiritual encounters in *The Herald of Divine Love* for the benefit of her fellow nuns. Renowned for her holiness, compassion toward rich and poor alike, and devotion to praying for souls in Purgatory, St. Gertrude remains an inspiring example of faith.

Loving like the saints

"Consider the example of the saints from every walk of life. What have they not done to love God, and devote themselves to him? … With such a great host of models, what can we ourselves fail to do? They were what we are. What they did was animated by love for the same God and by a desire to acquire the same virtues. Why, then, should not we do as much, according to our condition and vocation, for our cherished resolution…?" St. Francis de Sales

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

Don't let Christmas sneak up on you!

Between the shopping lists, work parties, cooking and baking, and that one string of lights that never works, it's easy to reach Christmas morning wondering where Advent went. A few small changes can help you prepare heart and home for Jesus, even during the rush.

Clear some clutter, inside and out. As you tidy up for guests, tidy up your schedule too. Pick one thing to skip this year, like an extra party or one batch of cookies, and use that time for God. Five quiet minutes with your morning coffee counts.

Decorate a little at a time. Put the tree up early if you like, but decorate slowly: lights one week, ornaments the next, the star on Christmas Eve. Let the kids light the next candle on the Advent wreath each Sunday at dinner. The waiting becomes part of the joy.

Spend extra time with Jesus in the Eucharist. Try adding one weekday Mass during Advent, perhaps on your day off or lunch break. Or stop by church for 10 minutes on your way home from errands. You may find He's been waiting for you too.

Receive mercy, then share it. Check the bulletin for your parish's Advent Reconciliation service and mark your calendar. Then think of one person who could use some mercy from you: a relative you've been short with, a coworker, a neighbor who's alone this year. A phone call, a note or a plate of cookies can go a long way.

"The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God!'" (John 1:35-36).

Notice your blessings. Starting at Thanksgiving, have everyone at the dinner table name one thing they're grateful for each night. While shopping or rushing between parties, remember: people matter more than presents.

At Christmas we celebrate the best news of all: Jesus, the Savior God promised, has come for each of us.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor old basilicas?

In the Old Testament, the Temple was Israel's sacred place of worship, where God dwelt among His people. For Catholics, the Church is the new Temple and the Body of Christ. Our churches remain sacred spaces where we gather to worship and Heaven meets earth in the Mass. Each church building also symbolizes the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2-3). Recognizing their profound historical and spiritual significance, the Catholic Church honors Rome's four major basilicas: St. John Lateran, St. Peter's, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and St. Mary Major, enduring witnesses to our Catholic faith.

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"Pray, hope, and don't worry!"

St. Padre Pio's timeless advice offers a practical path to finding peace, patience, and joy amid the demands and expectations of the holiday season.

Pray: Although quite busy, St. Thomas More visited Jesus in the Eucharist daily while serving as Chancellor of England. He explained, "I have much very important business to handle and I need light and wisdom; it is for this very reason that I go…to consult Jesus." Amid holiday preparations, prioritize prayer over busyness. Entrusting our concerns to God allows His wisdom to guide our plans and priorities.

Hope: Christian hope teaches us to "desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). Even when celebrations fall short of expectations, God's love remains constant. As St. Thérèse reminds us, "We obtain from [God] as much as we hope for." Our deepest joy comes from Christ, not perfect holidays.

Don't worry: Holiday pressures can convince us that everything must go according to plan. Yet even when gatherings disappoint, relationships strain, or unexpected difficulties arise, God never abandons us. We can prepare thoughtfully, love generously, and release what we cannot control. Lasting peace comes not from flawless celebrations, but from trusting God.

from Scripture

Mark 13:33-37, Preparing hearts for Christ's coming

In this Gospel, Jesus calls us to prepare our hearts for His coming. Advent invites us to reflect on three ways Christ comes to us.

First, we remember His coming in history. Through Mary's faithful yes, *"the Word became flesh"* (John 1:14). At Christmas, we celebrate the extraordinary gift of the Incarnation: God entered human history to redeem us from sin and restore our communion with Him.

Second, we anticipate His coming in glory. Christ will return "to judge the living and the dead," as we profess in the Creed. Because we know neither the day nor the hour, Advent calls us to vigilance, conversion, and renewed trust in God's mercy, especially through Confession.

Third, we welcome His coming into our lives today. Christ encounters us through prayer, acts of charity, and especially the Sacraments. At every Mass, His sacrifice becomes present, and He nourishes us with His very Body and Blood.

This Advent, prepare for Christ through repentance, receive Him with gratitude, and carry His love into the world.

Feasts & Celebrations

November 22: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. On this day we celebrate Christ's supreme authority over all creation and remember that His Kingdom is founded on truth, justice, mercy, and love. As the liturgical year draws to a close, this feast invites us to surrender our hearts more fully to Christ, trusting in His reign and looking forward to the eternal Kingdom He has promised.

November 23: St. Columban, Abbot (615). St. Columban was born into a noble family in Ireland and chose to become a monk. He lived quietly in a monastery on the island of Lough Erne until he was ordained, then traveled to France in 590 to found more monasteries. He was exiled for criticizing King Theodoric II for his scandalous life and moved to a monastery in Bobbio, Italy.

November 29: First 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.

November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle. St. Andrew, a fisherman, was one of the first to follow Jesus. Immediately, he told his brother, Simon Peter, *"We have found the Messiah"* (John 1:41). This Advent, follow Andrew's lead and invite one person to come to Mass with you.

Q & A

Why does the Church discourage scattering loved ones' ashes?

The Church's teachings on care for the dying, funeral rites, and burial reflect profound respect for every person and their ultimate destiny: eternal union with God. This reverence extends to the human body, which Catholic teaching recognizes not as separate from the person, but as an essential part of their identity and dignity.

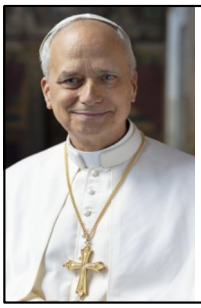
For the baptized, this dignity takes on deeper significance through the Sacraments. In Baptism, we become children of God and *"temples of the Holy Spirit"* (1 Corinthians 6:19). In the Eucharist, we receive Christ Himself, Body and Blood, as supernatural nourishment. Our bodies participate in our relationship with God and life of grace.

In the Creed, we profess our belief in the resurrection of the body on the Last Day. This hope shapes how Catholics honor the deceased. Although the Church permits cremation, it requires cremated remains to be preserved in a sacred place, rather than scattered or divided. Such practices uphold the dignity of the deceased and express our faith that death is not the end of human existence, but a passage toward eternal life in Christ.

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Pope Leo XIV
November Prayer Intention
For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

This week on FORMED, week of November 8, 2026

Cabrini



From Alejandro Monteverde, award-winning director of Sound of Freedom, comes the powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.

The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death..

How to Advent | Episode 2



The Advent wreath is an invitation to enter into the waiting and preparation for the birth of our Savior! As we explore the meaning of the Advent wreath – its light, colors, and components – we can better grasp how we should be preparing our hearts. As the light from the candles grows brighter and brighter throughout the four weeks of Advent, so too grows our longing for the coming Light of Christ.

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November 9 - 16, 2026 Readings

Mon: 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
Tues: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27-29
Lk 17:7-10
Wed: Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1b-6 Lk 17:11-19
Thurs: Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7-10 Lk 17:20-25
Fri: 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18 Lk 17:26-37
Sat: 3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-6 Lk 18:1-8
Sun: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Ps 128:1-5
1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30

Have you even been so caught up in the buying of presents, decorating, parties, and dinners that you find yourself feeling empty on December 26, wondering how you missed out on the best part of Christmas? Please consider joining your fellow parishioners for a new opportunity to invite Jesus more deeply into the inner stable of your heart and make this a Christmas like no other. Advent is a time of great preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, so let us prepare together on the three Thursdays leading up to Christmas Eve. We will also enjoy fellowship and some supper together.

Instead of frankincense, gold and myrrh, let us make this a year where we all bring the ointment of our presence to our Lord.

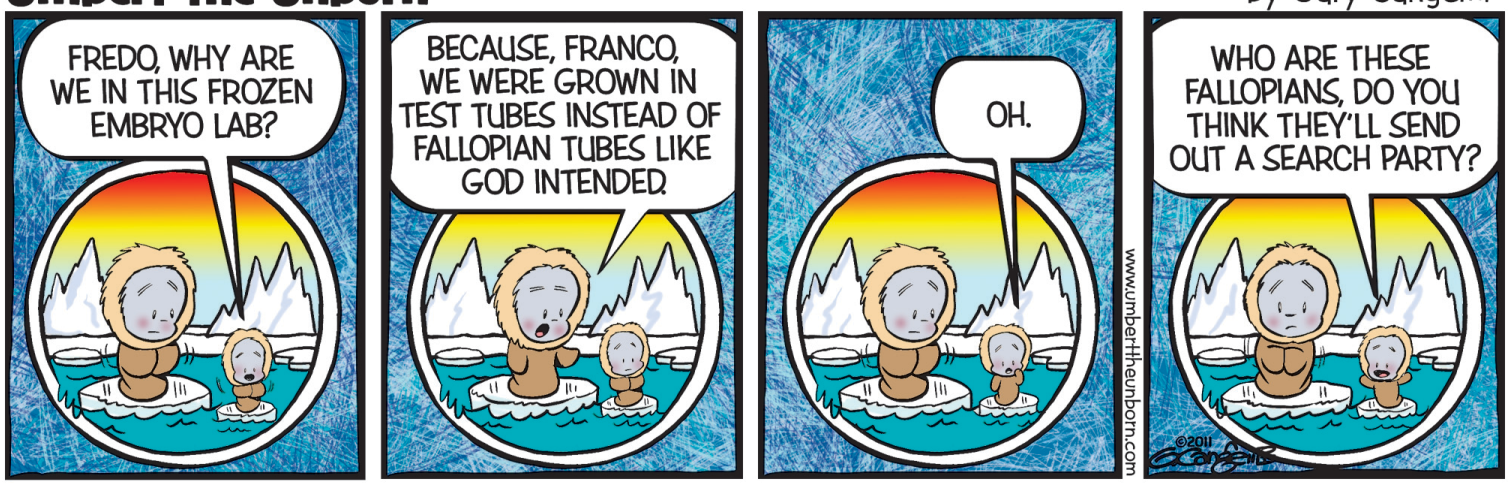
December 3rd, 10th and 17th. Dinner begins at 6:00 with presentations to follow.

OUR CALL TO SERVE
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

As of October 31st, we have reached 55.79% of our $20,820 parish goal. $11,615 has been donated or pledged thus far. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



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

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