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

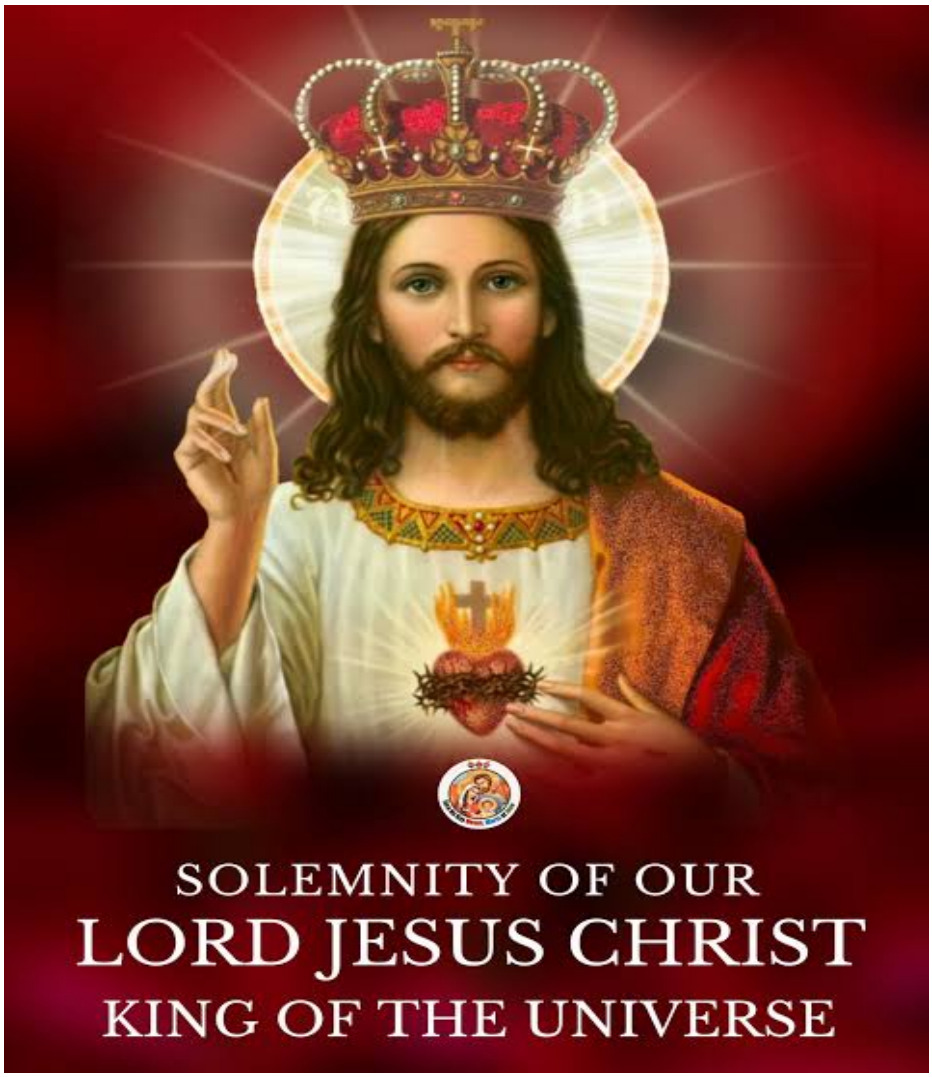
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

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

Sat, Nov 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
VIGIL: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
4:00 pm, Canton - For the Special Intentions of Aaron & Kerri Jones (Mom & Dad)

Sunday, November 22 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Carol Toomey (Mary Frances Baker)
11:15 am, Troy † Craig Stanton (Chris & Chrissi Stanton)

Monday, November 23 Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † John "Jack" Rushin (Cathy Asbury)

Tuesday, November 24 Saint Andrew Dûng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
5:30 pm, Troy † Barbara Shanley (Barbara Wywiorski)

Wednesday, November 25 Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Carol Toomey (Charlotte & Margy Sweeney)

Thursday, November 26 Weekday
No Mass

Friday, November 27 Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Toomey (Linda Waterman)

Saturday, November 28 Weekday
VIGIL: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm, Canton † Rich Stankiewicz (Bob & Diane Jones)

Sunday, November 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Holy Souls in Purgatory (Christina Fleury)
11:15 am, Troy † Richard V. Olack (Christine Misson)

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 repose of the souls of Joe Sheridan and John Mulno and for consolation for their families and freinds as they mourn their losses. *Contact the parish office to request Sanctuary lamp intentions.*

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
November 9 - 15, 2026

Weekly Offerings:	2,941.00
Electronic Offerings:	525.00
Bulletin Ad renewals:	375.00
Other Parish Income:	583.00
Total Parish Income:	4,424.00
Average Weekly Expenses:	5,040.67
Difference:	(616.67)
CCHD:	419.00
Care & Education of Priests:	25.00

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 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 23rd at 7 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, John Manarchuck, 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.

2026 All Souls' Day Envelope Intentions

††† Marilyn Gilbert, Paula Brown, Helen MacBlane, and James MacBlane by Kimberly A. Brown.

††† Gerald W. Brann, Mr. & Mrs. William J. Brann, Mr. & Mrs. William L. Madigan, Patti Pessoni, and Jefferey Wynne by Mrs. Gerald Brann.

††† Charles & Anna Capaldi; Pasquale & Maria DePalma; Nicholas & Florence DePalma; Nichael De Palma, Jr.; Robert DePalma; deceased relatives of Capaldi, DePalma, and Cleveland Families by Jayne Cleveland.

††† Bill & Bonnie Spencer; Monty and Kathie Spencer; Christine Vroman; Walt & Gerry Spencer; Bob, Joe & Tom Spencer; Ruth Bailey; Lisa Mosser; Gary & Claudia Blaney; Craig Stanton; Hilda & Dick Cressy; Kevin Rook; Vayda, Bryan, and Kloey Miller; Tory & Peg Acresti; Herman & Kate Kilburn; Steve & Frances Reed; Mike & Nancy Acresti; Juigi & Rose Acresti; Nancy & Willie Wright; Thelma & Perry Cole; Allan Cole and Lisa Rook; Skip & Darlene Cole; Evelyn Terry; Marty and Mark Kaczmarek. And Doug Peabody by Jeff & Beth Cole.

††† The Acresti Families and the Fitzwater Families by Mr. & Mrs. Alden Fitzwater.

††† Carol Ann Gergel, the Gergel Family, and the Yankus Family by James R. Gergel.

††† Pamela Harrington, Katherine Harrington, Russell and Vena Harrington, Michael Harrington, Matilda Harrington, Phoebe Harrington, Joseph Hoover, John and Gertrude Alcibiade, George and Amelia Rusc, Wanda Rusc, Charles and Emelia Miklosz, Ethel and William Beauregard, Arthur and Bessie Denault, Raymond and Evelyn Jones, William and Dottie San Souci, and Patricia Provenzanoby Ray Harrington.

††† Joe & Josephine Hamburger, Albert Davis, and Julia Hambrger by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hamburger.

††† Private Intentions by Mr. Will Hawrylo.

††† Frank Taverniti and Helen Taverniti by Mrs. Diane Hedrick.

††† Gene & Mary McMahon, Frank & Joey Herman, and Ken Riordan by Jean Herman.

This list is on all four of our altars (St. Aloysius Church, St. Michael Church, St. John Nepomucene Church, and the Rectory Chapel). Individual envelopes are on the altar of the church normally attended by the family or individual. Lists and envelopes will remain on the altars until the First Sunday of Advent.

Come Sing with Us!

Preparations are undeway for the Christmas Music Program that precedes the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass in Saint Michael Church. If you would like to sing with us, call or text Anna Bradford at 570-295-8808.



2026 Sayre Deanery Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 6
2:00 pm, Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Towanda
4:00 pm, St. Michael Church, Canton

Sunday, December 13
2:00 pm, St. Basil Church, Dushore
4:30 pm, Epiphany Church, Sayre

Saint Michael's

Marketplace & Cafe'

Saturday, December 5, 2026

9:00 am until 3:00 pm

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Santa Claus is coming to town

from 12 pm until to 2 pm!

Quilt Raffle!







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.

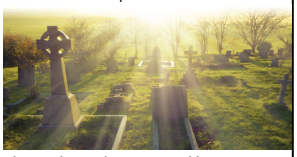
This week on FORMED, week of November 22nd

Sacred Art: Christ the King



Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4



What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.

How to Advent | Episode 4



In this episode, we explore the incarnational meaning of the nativity set, traditions to follow within your own family, and how we're not only preparing for the birth of Christ that happened 2000 years ago – but the present reality that Christ will one day come again for us. Are you ready?

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November 23 - 29, 2026 Readings

Mon: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1b-4b Lk 21:1-4
Tues: Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10-13 Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1-3b, 7-9 Lk 21:12-19
Thurs: Rv 18:1-2, 21-26; 19:1-3, 9a Ps 100:1b-3 Lk 21:20-28
Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11 - 21:2 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Rv 22:1-7 Ps 95:1-7b Lk 21:34-36
Sun: Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2Lk21:25-28,34-36



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.

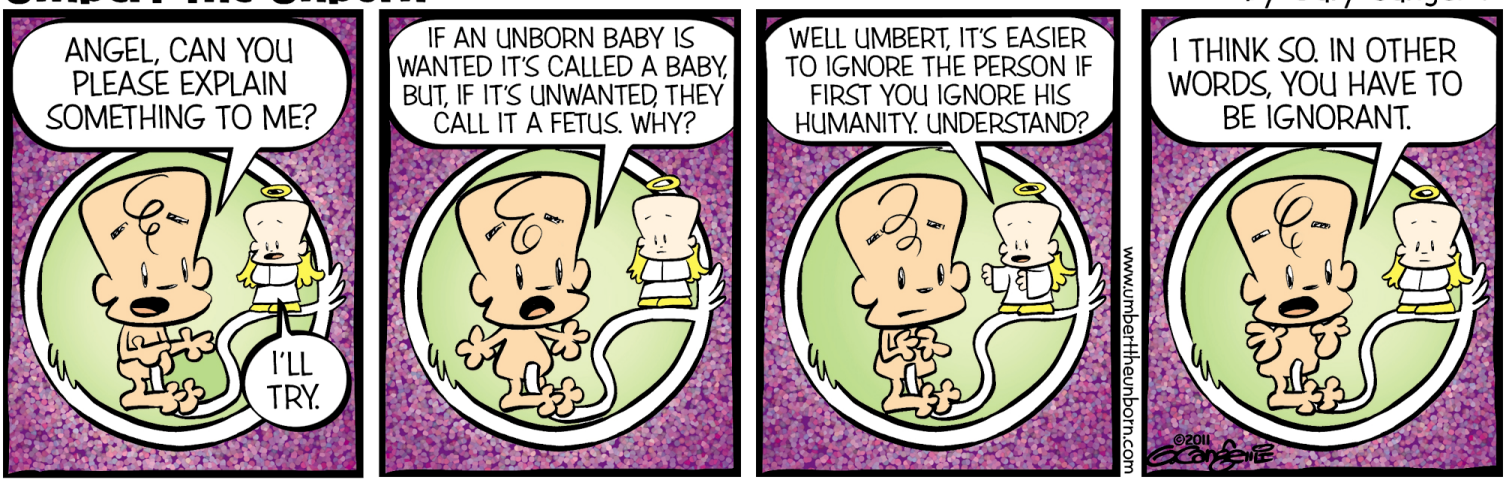
December 3rd, 10th and 17th. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm with presentations to follow.

OUR CALL TO SERVE
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

As of November 14th, we have reached 56.27% of our $20,820 parish goal. $11,715 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

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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Handel's Messiah, Part 1
Two Performances on November 29, 2026
3:00 pm, Towanda Episcopal Church
7:00 pm, Austinville Union Church

2026 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 November **First Sunday of Advent** *"Be watchful! Be alert!"* (Mark 13:33). Bless an Advent wreath and light the first violet candle.	**30** **Feast of St. Andrew** Andrew met Jesus, then brought his brother (John 1:41). Invite one person to grow closer to Christ.	**1 December** *"Do everything without grumbling" (Philippians 2:14).* Today, make a conscious effort to replace complaints with gratitude.	**2** St. Francis built the first crèche in 1223. Set up your nativity but leave the manger empty. Ask: what in me still needs preparing?	**3** Charity reaches beyond our circle (CCC 2446). Put out a jar for spare change. At Christmas, give it to the poor box.	**4** We wait for Jesus to come, yet He waits for us in the tabernacle (CCC 1418). Attend Mass or spend fifteen quiet minutes with Him today.	**5** *"It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep"* (Romans 13:11). Start a task you've been putting off and offer the first hour to God.
6 Second Sunday of Advent John the Baptist cries, *"Prepare the way of the Lord"* (Mark 1:3). Light the second candle. Make a step toward repentance this week.	**7** Worry imagines a future without God. *"Do not worry about tomorrow"* (Matthew 6:34). When anxiety rises, pray: "Jesus, I trust in You!"	**8 Immaculate Conception** Mary was preserved from original sin from her conception (CCC 491). Attend Mass; it's a holy day of obligation.	**9** St. Juan Diego faced delays and doubts, but kept returning faithfully. Today, when you find yourself waiting, pray a Hail Mary instead of complaining.	**10** Today recalls the Holy House of Nazareth. Your parish is a household, too, and this season is busy. Ask the parish office how you can help.	**11** Fasting makes room for others' needs (Isaiah 58:6-7). Skip dessert or coffee for someone in the news. When you feel the absence, pray for them.	**12 Our Lady of Guadalupe** "Am I not here, I who am your mother?" Place roses by an image of Mary, recalling Juan Diego's tilma, and pray the Hail, Holy Queen.
13 Gaudete Sunday *"Rejoice in the Lord always… the Lord is near"* (Philippians 4:4-5). Light two violet candles and the rose one. Thank God for promises he has kept.	**14** Pray with Mary's *"May it be done to me"* (Luke 1:37-38). Where is God drawing you deeper in faith and trust? What are you resisting?	**15** Instead of scrolling, read a saint: St. Bernard's Advent sermon on Christ's three comings, a letter of St. Thérèse, or *Introduction to the Devout Life*.	**16** *"Love is patient"* (1 Corinthians 13:4). Patience is charity. St. Francis de Sales said to practice it on yourself first. When you fall, begin again.	**17** Through December 23, the Church calls Jesus by prophetic titles, the basis of *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."* Meditate on today's: O Wisdom (Sirach 24:3).	**18** *O Adonai* Moses turned aside to see the burning bush (Exodus 3:3). Abstain from recreational screens from noon to 3:00pm for a personal intention. Be still.	**19** *O Root of Jesse* "God never tires of forgiving us; we tire of seeking his mercy" (Pope Francis). Make a careful examination of conscience and go to Confession.
20 Fourth Sunday of Advent Gabriel visits Mary (Luke 1:26-38). Light all four candles. Pray with this Gospel and ask Mary to help you trust God's plan.	**21** *O Radiant Dawn* On the year's longest night, Christ shines *"on those who sit in darkness"* (Luke 1:79). Call or visit someone lonely. Listen more than you talk.	**22** *O King of Nations* Advent habits often die December 26. Reflect on how your Advent went. Choose one practice to continue into the new year and write it down.	**23** Tidy the house and prepare to receive the King into your heart and home.	**24** *Rejoice!* Place the Infant Jesus in the manger and pray with Luke 2:6-7.	*"While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn"* **(Luke 2:6-7).**	

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