

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00pm
Sunday Mass	9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Mass	8:00am (Monday–Thursday)
Holy Day Mass	12:15pm & 6:00pm
Reconciliation	3:00pm (Saturday)

PARISH STAFF

Very Reverend John-Michael Lavelle, D.Min., *Pastor*

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SACRAMENTS AND CATECHESIS

To register your child(ren) for Youth Faith Formation (YFF), to inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), to begin the Annulment process, schedule a Baptism Prep session, or discuss the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Eucharist (and Reconciliation), and Confirmation, please contact Marcy Fessler, our Pastoral Associate at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

PARISH INFORMATION

To register in the parish, begin planning for the Sacrament of Marriage, discuss a Mass of Christian Burial, request Letters of Suitability to serve as Godparents or Sponsors, or seek any other parish-related information, contact Maxine Gordon, our Administrative Assistant at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 4:00pm
Closed on Friday

CONTACT US

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community of Roman Catholic Christians dedicated to lovingly extending the mission and ministry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, through Word, Sacrament, and Christian Service to the People of God, both in our parish and the surrounding areas, all to the Glory of God!

PARISH HALL & FAMILY LIFE CENTER RENTALS

Parishioners: please call Audrey Geskey at 330-533-3181



Monday, August 4

Saint John Vianney

8:00am – Mary Keightly

Tuesday, August 5

The Dedication of the Basilica of

Saint Mary Major

8:00am – Ella Mae Serenko

Wednesday, August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00am – Gerald Carter

Thursday, August 7

Saint Sixtus II

8:00am – In Thanksgiving

Friday, August 8

Saint Dominic

No Daily Mass

Saturday, August 9

Vigil – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm – James Mullarkey

Sunday, August 10

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – Tony DeRosa

11:30am – The People of the Parish

SAINT MICHAEL SAVINGS ACCOUNT

We are just about a month into the new fiscal year. As we look ahead to the various fundraising activities for our parish, in addition to the different stewardship offertory envelopes and projects that may arise from time to time, there are four fundraising efforts for the 2025-2026 year. These events are: [1] **The Annual Raffle** (Fall 2025); [2] **Boozy Bingo** (November 1, 2025); [3] **Shaken Not Stirred** (January 31, 2026); and [4] **Palm Sunday Pasta Dinner** (March 29, 2026). The total cost of all four of these efforts is \$250 - \$100 for two books of raffle tickets (with \$6,000 given away over the course of the year); \$50 for Boozy Bingo; \$80 for Shaken Not Stirred; and \$20 for the Pasta Dinner (with some proceeds going to charity). Often, people will say they do not have the money for one or more of these events. While I understand that sometimes, it may be a challenge to come up with \$80 or \$100 at a given time, I am asking everyone to consider establishing in your own home a “**Saint Michael Savings Account**”. Like the old “Christmas Club Accounts” that some may remember the banks having, if you placed \$5 a week per person in this “Account”, at the end of the

year, you would have \$260 per person, which would cover participation in all four activities (noting the two books of raffle tickets are based on households not individuals). I realize there will be a bit of a deficit in this first year, with the events running from August through March, but at the end of the year, it will all work out. It is imperative that everyone considers their active participation in the life of the parish. I am extremely appreciative of the support demonstrated through the weekly offertory (we ended the previous fiscal year with about \$10,000 more than anticipated); the generosity to the Annual Diocesan Appeal (currently \$141,000 of a \$103,000 goal); and the support to the many other envelopes and projects around the parish, the diocese, and the greater Church. I ask that everyone consider participating in their own “Saint Michael Savings Account”, to have on hand the funds to support these four fundraising activities. As a faith community – a family, we need to unite in these moments that provide a social dimension, while also allowing various aspects of ministry to happen. Thank you, and in addition to tucking away that \$5 per week, please mark your calendar for the following events:

2025 – 2026 Annual Raffle Tickets

(\$100 for two books)

Fall 2025

Parish Potluck (side dish or dessert per family)

September 28, 2025

Boozy Bingo (\$50 per person)

November 1, 2025

Shaken Not Stirred (\$80 per person)

January 31, 2026

Palm Sunday Pasta Dinner (\$20 per person)

March 29, 2026

Take Heart! Do Not Lose Heart! Behold the Sacred Heart!

Every loss yields an end of sorts. For the person of faith, however, the moment of loss can become an opportunity to grow as a person and to renew our relationship with Jesus Christ who is “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). In other words, these moments can be an opportunity to “take heart.”

From Bishop David J. Bonnar's third pastoral letter, "Take Heart! Do Not Lose Heart! Behold the Sacred Heart!"



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 4

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, August 5

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, August 6

8:20 – 9:00am - Adoration

Thursday, August 7

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, August 8

Parish Office Closed

6:00pm - Rehearsal

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, August 9

1:00pm - Wedding

3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, August 10

No Events Scheduled



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

THE DEADLINE FOR YFF REGISTRATION IS MONDAY, AUGUST 25.

If you are new to the parish or have a child entering Kindergarten or First Grade call Marcy at the parish office for information about YFF and to request a registration packet.



First Grade is required in order to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade. It is expected that grades three through seven are completed before entering eighth grade and Confirmation preparations.

Kindergarten is not required but highly encouraged. We limit the Kindergarten class to 10 children. If you are considering registering your child for Kindergarten YFF, be sure to get your registration packet in early to ensure a spot for your child.

Parish Support

July 27, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 12,738.50
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 2,261.50)
YTD Received	\$ 49,664.50
YTD Budget	\$ 60,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 10,335.50)



Thank you for your continued support of our parish and all our ministries! God Bless

Back to SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



From July 27 – August 31 we will be collecting school supplies to help students start the year with the tools they need to succeed! Your generous donations can make a huge impact on their education and future. Please place all donations in the bins at the entrances of the church. Donations will then be given to Catholic Charities for distribution to those in need.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Readings for August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:32-48

BIBLE STUDY

The Parables of Jesus text written by Stephen Binz will be the focus of the monthly parish Bible study resuming **Thursday, September 11 at 1:00pm.**

The group meets monthly from September through May on the second Thursday of the month in the Family Life Center. Please contact Barbara Spencer, facilitator at 330-503-4756, for further information. Participants must purchase their own text (\$13.00) with a group order made in early August or one can purchase the book separately.



SAINT MICHAEL SHRINE ENVELOPES



We will continue to have an additional collection on the second weekend of each month. The envelopes that were for the Saint Michael Shrine will now be for Saint Michael Parish Projects. The money collected from these envelopes will fund various physical and spiritual projects in our parish.

Thank you for your continued support.



Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic but aren't sure where to start? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith but aren't sure if you are ready to become Catholic? Have you been baptized in another faith tradition but attend Saint Michael with your spouse and are feeling called to explore becoming Catholic. Now is a great time to inquire about becoming Catholic.

Call Marcy at the parish office (330-533-6839) to begin the conversation and see if this is the right time for you. We will be meeting at Saint Michael Parish at 10:00am during the week. The date will be announced in September.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Debbie Cancio	Jay Gettemy	Patricia Lesho
Mindy Cline	John Hahn	Shirley Morvay
Dante DeAngelo	Dale Hynes	Theresa Morvay
James Dunn, Sr.	Jim Jones	Bill Myers
Arlene Dyman	Jack LeBrun	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Jack D. Slifka
Marilyn Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Caroline Zeigler
Dorothy Furden		

Welcome our Newly Baptized

Evelyn Lucille Warga

Daughter of Curtis Warga
and Abigail Maxin



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION IN THE PARISH

The Parish is the central community of faith expressed and lived out by the believing and worshipping faithful. All Sacraments, especially Sacraments of Initiation rightfully are celebrated within the context of the parish. All persons whether enrolled in a parish faith formation process, a catholic school or a home-based catechetical process are expected to be prepared for and celebrate sacraments in the parish to which they belong and where they worship on weekends.

Please be aware of the parish of belonging and respect the expectations of the diocese and the particular parish.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament can be celebrated before any surgery or if you are experiencing a serious illness. Please call the parish office (330-533-6839) to schedule. Due to the many duties of Father Lavelle, please allow time when calling to schedule a visit.

Baptism

If you would like to have your child baptized please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Parents must be registered parishioners for at least 6 months and attend Mass regularly. Parents may need to attend a Baptism Class usually held on the last Wednesday of the month. Godparents must provide a letter of suitability from the parish where they are registered. One godparent must be Catholic.

Marriage

Couples requesting a wedding must be registered and active members of the parish for at least 6 months before a date can be reserved. If you are 25 years old and still registered under your parents registration, you need to register independently. A Pre-Cana class sponsored by the diocese is required as well as meeting with Father Lavelle a few months prior to your wedding.

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

Beginning August 8, the parish office hours will be 8:30 – 4:00 Monday through Thursday, The Parish Office will be closed on Friday.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT







Nate Ferguson, who has been a dedicated Altar Server for the past 6 years and a scout with Troop 9115, is working on his Eagle Project. Lord of Life Church approached him to tear down their playset and build another for the community to use.

It is a costly project and Nate's goal is to raise \$3000 with a stretch goal of \$4650 to supply rubber mulch. Let's help Nate reach his goal! Any amount is greatly appreciated. To donate you can see Nate after mass or mail a check to

Nathan Ferguson
159 Jade Circle
Canfield, Ohio 44406



Thank you in advance for your consideration in donating to this worthwhile cause and helping one of our dedicated altar servers.

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STEWARDSHIP – August 3, 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." (Luke 12:15)

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves, rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle and becoming more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

VOCATIONS – August 3, 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Take care to guard against all greed." (Luke 12:15)

In a world filled with distractions, God invites us to prioritize what truly matters – our relationship with Him. Is He inviting you to set aside worldly concerns and serve Him as a priest or religious brother or sister?

Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Colonel Gerald Nunziato

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

The Spiritual Book Club hosted by the Ursuline Sisters Mission will resume **September 8 at 1:00pm at the Ursuline Center**, 4280 Shields Road, Canfield. The book "Falling Upward", revised edition, by Father Richard Rohr is our text from September 2025 through May 2026.

Contact Barbara Spencer, (330-503-4756) Ursuline Associate and facilitator, for further information and meeting schedule.

MAKING CATHOLIC EDUCATION AFFORDABLE FOR ALL FAMILIES

The Ohio EdChoice Expansion Scholarship program offers ALL Ohio students a scholarship to attend a Catholic school!

Most Ohio families (80%) qualify for the full scholarship of \$6,166 for students in K-8 and \$8,408 per year for high schoolers. Scholarships are awarded on a sliding scale and are based on income and household size, with no less than \$616 awarded per child.

Visit ohiocathconf.org/edchoice to learn how EdChoice scholarships can help you send your child to a Catholic school near you.

HANDEL'S PINT CARDS

We have Handel's pint cards that are good through **January 2026**. The cost is \$6.50 per card and are good at several Handle's stores throughout the area. A portion of the proceeds from the purchase of the card is donated back to Saint Michael Parish.



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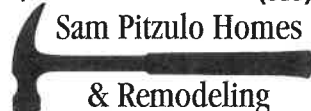
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