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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

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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, February 9**

11:30am – Sonya Erdell Maletsky

Tuesday, February 10**Saint Scholastica**

8:00am – Clara Izzo

Wednesday, February 11**Our Lady of Lourdes**

8:00am – Wendy Lavelle

Thursday, February 12

8:00am – Vocations to the Priesthood

Friday, February 13

No Daily Mass

Saturday, February 14**Vigil – The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – Vincent Mastromatteo

Sunday, February 15**The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:30am – Chuck Swindler

FROM THE PASTOR...

In his message for the **34th World Day of the Sick, to be held on February 11**, Pope Leo invites the faithful to consider the Samaritan's compassion and how we too can offer love by bearing the pain of others. He noted that this image "is always relevant and essential for rediscovering the beauty of charity and the social dimension of compassion" and helps further "direct our attention toward the needy and all those who suffer, especially the sick."

In the Gospel according to Saint Luke, Jesus responds to a scholar of the law, who asks him to identify the neighbor he must love, with this story. A man was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho and was attacked by robbers and left for dead. While a priest and Levite passed him by, a Samaritan took pity on him, bandaged his wounds, took him to an inn and provided for his care.

Pope Leo said he has chosen to reflect on this biblical passage through the lens of the late Pope Francis' 2020 Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* on human fraternity and social friendship. There, compassion and mercy towards those in need are not reduced to a merely individual effort but are realized through relationships with our brothers and sisters in need, with those who care for them and, ultimately, with God who gives us His love.

The Pope went on to divide his message into the gift of encounter in three ways" *"The joy of offering closeness and presence"*, *The shared mission of caring for the sick*"; and *"Always driven by love for God, to encounter ourselves and our neighbor."*

Joy of offering closeness

Pope Leo highlighted that love is not passive, but it goes out to meet the other. Being a neighbor is not determined by physical or social proximity, but by the decision to love. This is why Christians become neighbors to those who suffer, following the example of Christ, the true divine Samaritan who drew near to a wounded humanity. While acknowledging that we live "immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste - a culture of discard and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us," Pope Leo observed that it is precisely in this hectic scenario that we can discover joy from helping.

Shared mission of caring for the sick

The Pope went on to discuss compassion as profound emotion that compels us to act, that "springs from within and leads to a committed response to another's suffering. I have personally witnessed many who show mercy and compassion in the spirit of the Samaritan and the innkeeper" seen in family members, neighbors, healthcare workers, those engaged in pastoral care for the sick, and many others who stop along the way to draw near, heal, support and accompany those in need. Thus, truly recognizing that we are members of a single Body that brings the Lord's compassion to the suffering of all people, each according to our own vocation.

Always driven by love for God, to encounter ourselves and our neighbor.

Pope Leo stated that "Love for our neighbor is tangible proof of the authenticity of our love for God," adding that "to serve one's neighbor is to love God through deeds." Pope Benedict XVI observed that "as a spiritual being, the human creature is defined through interpersonal relations" and that it "is not by isolation that man establishes his worth but by placing himself in relation with others and with God."

Praying for this 'Samaritan' spirit.

The Holy Father insisted that "the true remedy for humanity's wounds is a style of life based on fraternal love, which has its root in love of God," as he expressed his hope that our Christian lifestyle will always reflect this fraternal, "Samaritan spirit."

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 9

12:00pm – Young at Heart

Tuesday, February 10

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

6:00pm - OCIA

Wednesday, February 11

8:20 – 9:00am – Adoration

Thursday, February 12

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture

1:00pm – Monthly Scripture Group

7:00pm – Men's Club

Friday, February 13

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, February 14

Valentine's Day

3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, February 15

9:00am – Children's Liturgy of the Word



Happy
Valentine's
Day!

Readings for February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

MILITARY LIST

Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Colonel Gerald Nunziato
Lt. William "Bill" Sweeney", Battalion Surgeon, 6th Marines, US Navy
Capt. Lisa Sukenaga - Army



Born to Eternal Life

Stella Fryda

William Kerpsock

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

That we may prepare for the coming of Ash Wednesday, we are asking that you bring your palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration to Mass next weekend and place them in the bins by the entrances. Thank you.

CHANGE IN MENU

This year, Saint Michael Parish will not be hosting weekly Fish Dinners. For the past few years, we have been monitoring the attendance of diners, number of volunteers (for all roles), and the cost factor compared to the net profit. Each year, the attendance has been less than the year before, while volunteers for some jobs are good, certain key positions are hard to fill, and the costs continue to rise, including the increased utilities of the building during that time. While we had already decided not to continue this year, we then discovered that the cost of a case of fish has increased greatly. This has prompted others not to continue this year, and the rest are faced with increasing prices. We will, however, be holding a **Palm Sunday Pasta Dinner on Sunday, March 29, 2026 from 12:30 – 3:00pm in the FLC**. More information is on the Lenten card being mailed out and will appear in the bulletin. A heart-felt thanks to everyone who volunteered and supported the Fish Dinners over the past years. Please plan to join us for the Pasta Dinner and all other events throughout the year.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Dale Hynes	David Morrissey
James Dunn, Sr.	Jack LeBrun	Shirley Morvay
Jim Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Janice Rovnak
Marilyn Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Caroline Zeigler
John Hahn	Barbara Dunn Lowe	

God of all goodness, look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties, When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. Amen

2025 TAX STATEMENTS

To obtain a 2025 statement, please call the parish office (330-533-6839) and it will be ready in two days. **Statements will not be done while you wait.**



HANDEL'S PINT CARDS

Everybody Loves Handel's Ice Cream!

We have a new supply of Handel's pint cards that are good through January 2027.

The cost is \$6.75 per card. A portion of the proceeds from the purchase of the card is donated back to Saint Michael Parish.





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Q: Does Catholic Charities only serve people who are Catholic?

A: Catholic Charities doesn't serve people in need because of *their* faith. We serve people in need because of *ours*. We serve all people, regardless of faith or lack of faith, as our resources allow. A person does not have to be Catholic or referred by a Catholic Church or priest to receive help.

Q: What is the relationship between the Annual Diocesan Appeal and Catholic Charities?

A: Catholic Charities receives 60% of the funds raised through the Annual Diocesan Appeal for programs and services to those in need throughout our six-county diocese. The other 40% helps to pay for important diocesan ministries like Catholic schools; faith formation and lay ecclesial ministry; youth and young adult accompaniment; pro-life, marriage and family ministry; vocations; missionary discipleship; and more.

Q: I've heard of people calling Catholic Charities and not getting help. Does this really happen?

A: The practice of Catholic Charities has been to administer programs that address needs not being met elsewhere in the community. This means we do not have programs that address every need. We often refer people to other social service organizations who are better suited to help with particular needs. Additionally, demand for our assistance programs outweighs the resources available, so we are often forced to focus on the most vulnerable first. While we would love to help everyone who comes to us for help, it is not possible. We are charged with being good stewards of the gifts from the generous people of the Youngstown Diocese. We work very hard to ensure the dollars donated to us are used in an appropriate manner.

February is



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Information about your local Catholic Charities Agency

2025 Service Highlights

- Catholic Charities Regional Agency (CCRA) provided rent and security deposits to 442 clients, and utility assistance to 2,550 clients to stabilize their households.
- CCRA sheltered 72 persons fleeing domestic violence and 107 women and children who were homeless.
- CCRA was instrumental in opening a warming center for those experiencing homelessness during the cold weather, securing funding and partners in the community.
- CCRA was also instrumental in opening a medical respite unit ("Respite of Hope") in a partnership with Mercy Health, Mercy Health Foundation Mahoning Valley, and Meridian Healthcare for homeless individuals leaving the hospital and needing recuperative care and housing referrals.
- CCRA partnered with United Way, Direction Home and Community Action (MYCAP) in response to a low income apartment building explosion. The agency was on the scene with the Red Cross the first night helping secure shelter, housing, medicine and essentials to displaced residents. CCRA continues to work with the partner agencies on long term housing solutions and basic needs for these displaced individuals.

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Youngstown, OH 44502
330-744-3320

MAHONING COUNTY:

Voice of Hope Shelter
2124 Glenwood Avenue
Youngstown, OH 44511
234-228-9761

TRUMBULL COUNTY:

185 Laird Ave. NE
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330-393-4254

COLUMBIANA COUNTY:

Christina Center
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330-420-0845

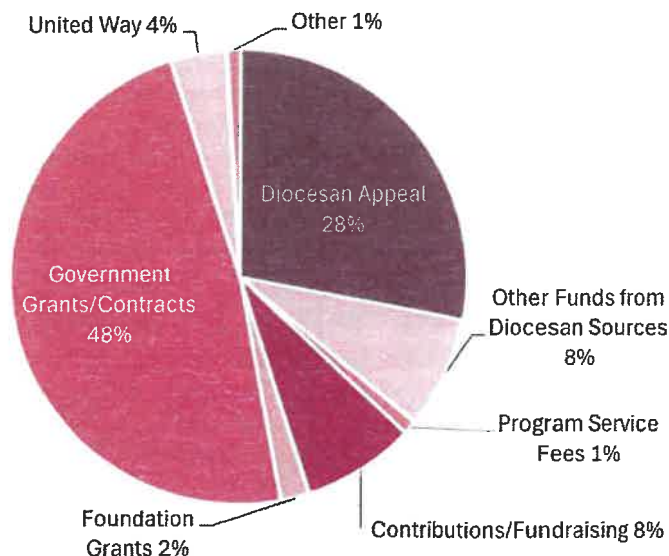
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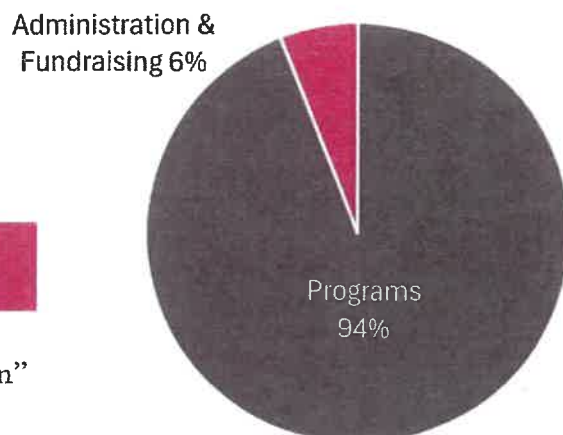
COLUMBIANA COUNTY:

Christina House
Domestic Violence Shelter
(Location undisclosed)
24-hour crisis line: 330-420-0036

Sources of Revenue



Allocation of Funds



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SAINT MICHAEL PARISH, Canfield, Ohio
Statement of Operations for the period July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

PARISH OPERATING REVENUES

Collections	\$ 474,126
Bequests and Gifts	300
Parish Activities	34,968
Designated Project Donations / Stewardship / Capital Campaigns	29,188
Other Church Income	12,757

PARISH NON-OPERATING REVENUES

Investment Income	2,190
Proceeds from Loan(s)	
Other Parish Income (ex: sale of land, royalty)	
Tuition Income	
Other School Income	

TOTAL REVENUES	553,529
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PARISH OPERATING EXPENDITURES (enter as positive number)

Salary and Payroll Tax & Benefit Expenses	193,399
Office Expense	35,751
Rectory Expense	12,021
Sanctuary Expense	8,904
YFF and Adult Education	7,997
Parish Activities	15,641
Building Expenses, Utilities, Maintenance, Insurance & Taxes	89,035
Payments to Diocese (Diocesan Assessment, High School Quota, Elementary Schools)	68,706
Other Parish Expense	21,080

PARISH NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES (enter as positive number)

Furniture and Equipment Purchases	
Principal and Interest Payments on Loans	35,731
Tuitions subsidy to parish with a school	
Total School Expenses	

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	488,265
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NET REVENUES	\$ 65,264
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CASH IN CHECKING & SAVINGS

Checking/Savings Account(s)	\$ 163,798.30
Certificate of Deposit(s)	\$ 31,954.03

TOTAL CASH	\$ 195,752.33
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TOTAL DUE TO DIOCESE GREATER THAN 30 DAYS	\$ -
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OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL BALANCE ON LOANS (bank, individuals)

Family Life Center - Farmer's National Bank	\$ 85,361.49
Capital Improvement Line of Credit - Farmer's National Bank	\$ 977,374.35

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS	\$ 1,062,735.84
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“Shaken not Stirred with a Twist”.

Thank you to all who attended our third Annual “Shaken not Stirred” with a Twist last Saturday evening. It was a great and enjoyable evening.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and worked to make the event a great night. Thank you to the food and wine vendors: **Superior Beverage, Tequila Jalisco, Broad Street Diner, Al a Carte, Yosteria, the Bread Chef, Carmella's Cafe and the Village Pump.** Thank you to everyone who donated gift cards, wine and spirits for our raffles.

It was a fantastic gathering of parishioners and friends in support of our parish. Thank you to everyone!

Congratulations to our Event Winners

\$3,000 – Albert Anzalone
\$2,000 – Grace Spletzer
\$1,000 – Karen Shuttleworth

Parish Support

February 1, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 13,225.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 1,775.00)
YTD Received	\$448,751.12
YTD Budget	\$435,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 13,751.12



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

GARDEN GUILD

Saint Michael Garden Guild will meet on **Tuesday, February 17th** at **6:00pm** in the Parish Hall for their business meeting. Afterwards,

Barbara Spencer will present a talk on the history of Mardi gras. Mardi Gras dessert refreshments will be served. Guests are always welcome.



VOCATIONS – February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

World Marriage Day & National Marriage Week

“You are the light of the world.” (Matthew 5:14)

On World Marriage Day, we honor couples who shine Christ's love through their union. Holy matrimony is a vocation of light, illuminating the world with faith and fidelity. Renew your commitment with your spouse in prayer.

STEWARDSHIP – February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.



Young at Heart will meet this coming **Monday, February 9th**, with Mass at 11:30am and lunch and a program to follow. This month's program will focus on the life of Saint Francis of Assisi. Hope to see you Monday!

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