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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 17**

8:00am – Ruth Regano

Tuesday, August 18

8:00am – Laverne Schraf

Wednesday, August 19**Saint John Eudes**

8:00am – James Dunn, Sr.

Thursday, August 20**Saint Bernard**

8:00am – Sullivan & Webster Families

Friday, August 21**Saint Pius X, Pope**

No Daily Mass

Saturday, August 22**Vigil – The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – Elizabeth Webster

Sunday, August 23**The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:30am – William Carnie

**THE QUEENSHIP
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
August 22, 2026**

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, and because of her preeminent perfection and her intercessory power.

As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our king till the end of time, so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven and earth.

FROM THE PASTOR...

The summer is quickly coming to an end. The Canfield Fair is just around the corner, and students will be returning to classes very soon. Our Back-to-School Supply Drive is going very well. There is just a few more weeks to bring in supplies before our collection will be given to Catholic Charities to help students with the things they need to ensure a successful year.

This year's Faith Formation program at Saint Michael Parish begins on Sunday, September 13. If you haven't sent in your registration yet, please do so as quickly as possible. The final day to register for this year's Youth Faith Formation is August 31.

As we begin this catechetical year, please know that we try very hard to follow the teachings of the church, especially in the case of sacraments, sponsorship, godparents and religious education. The policies and procedures are in place to enhance the continued faith formation of all involved and not just the child. Our pastoral team and I work very hard to assist people in every situation. But, when the only two answers wanted are "yes" and "now", and it could be "yes", but can't be "now" – there are two responses: [1] walk away angry and tell everyone you know we wouldn't help you, or [2] listen to what is required and work with us to make it happen.

As we prepare for this catechetical year, we are ready and willing to work with our families, but they must be willing to work with us. With the number of young people in our program, we cannot possibly develop and schedule a program to meet the extra-curricular activities of everyone. A decision will have to be made about what is most important. If a family decides that other activities are more valued in their household and there isn't room for Mass attendance, YFF and Sacramental Preparation, that's fine. But that is a decision they have made. We will hold no ill will. Truth be told, an honest assessment of priorities is necessary and unfortunately, the active practice of one's faith doesn't always become a major priority. But, we cannot just let everything slide because of their choices.

At times, I know it would be far easier to follow no rules, to let everyone have everything they demand and move forward. But that's not possible. Thank you to the vast majority of our families who understand what is important, wrestle with the challenging decisions, and make a life of faith a priority in their lives and the lives of their children.

Let us work together, so that united "on wings, we rise." Father Lavelle

VOCATIONS – August 16, 2026

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Women, great is your faith!"

(Matthew 15:28)

In discerning a vocation, we are called to courage and perseverance, trusting God's plan for our lives. Whether called to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, answering His call requires faith that He will guide and sustain us every step of the way.

If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk with your priest or contact the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or vocations@youngtowntdiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – August 16, 2026

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."
(Romans 11:29)

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

Readings for August 23, 2026

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20



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 from 6:00 – 8:00pm beginning on Tuesday, September 15. A morning option is available.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 17

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, August 18

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

600pm – Garden Guild

Wednesday, August 19

8:20am - Adoration

Thursday, August 20

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am - Scripture

Friday, August 21

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, August 22

3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, August 23

No Events Scheduled



Faith Formation

Registration is underway for the 2026–2027 Faith Formation year. If you are new to the parish or have a child entering Kindergarten or First Grade, please call Marcy at the parish office for YFF information and to request a packet.

First Grade is required to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade. Students are expected to complete grades three through seven before entering eighth grade and Confirmation preparation.

The kindergarten class for the 2026-2027 is full. We cannot accept any more registrations for the kindergarten class.

The deadline for YFF registration is Monday, August 31.



Would you like to give electronically? We offer debit from a checking or savings account (preferred method) as well as VISA, Master Card and American Express. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839 for more information or to sign up. The form is also on our web site to print out, complete and turn into the office.

Back to SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



We will collect school supplies through August 31 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.

GARDEN GUILD

Saint Michael Garden Guild will meet on **Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00pm** in the Parish Hall. Along with a business meeting, we will finalize the details regarding our wreath exhibit at the Canfield Fair, then review and finalize our Fall Programming.



MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



The monthly Bible Study that meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month will resume on **Thursday, September 10th at 1:00pm** in the Family Life Center. Our text this year will focus on *"Women in the New Testament"*.

Please contact Barbara Spencer (330-503-4756) for more information regarding the text used if you wish to join us.

If you are interested in bringing up the gifts in the Offertory Procession, please see the ushers before Mass begins.



Please Note:

There are no more masses available for 2026.

The mass book for 2027 will open sometime in October. Please watch the bulletin for the exact date we will be accepting mass requests for 2027.

A HUGE THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Tabora and Father Patrick Bergin, we would like to thank you for your prayers and very generous support for the Tabora Mission Appeal. Your donations will help advance their socio-economic development, provide health services, educate children, and build small communities. In addition, the funds will also be used to help our seminarians with tuition and other expenses.

Thank you for your kindness to Father Bergin and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Father Daniel Malingumu
U.S. Representative

Parish Support

August 9, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 15,761.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 761.00
EFT July	\$ 10,905.00
YTD Received	\$ 99,380.50
YTD Budget	\$ 90,000.00
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 9,380.50



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



*Welcome our
Newly Baptized*

Ethan Joseph Comstock

Son of Amanda & Robert Comstock III

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Dale Hynes	Shirley Morvay
Milton Deichman	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Charles Slivkoff
Marilyn Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Caroline Zeigler
John Hahn	Sharon Mangapora	
Betty Hawco	JoAnn Mortimer	

O merciful God, look with compassion on those who are ill. Grant them healing and strength in body, mind, and spirit. Ease their pain and suffering and restore them to health. Give them patience in illness and trust in Your loving care. May they feel Your presence and find comfort in Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you are homebound or know someone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office so they can be put on the schedule.



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Potluck Dinner



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER
27TH AFTER THE
11:30AM MASS**

Our Parish Potluck
Dinner will be held in the
Family Life Center.

More information to follow.

HANDEL'S PINT CARDS

We have Handel's pint cards that are good through July 31, 2027. The cost is \$6.95 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.



MILITARY LIST



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

URSULINE SISTERS BOOK CLUB

The monthly Spiritual Book Group sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters Mission will resume on **Monday, September 14th at 1:00pm** and will meet monthly on the 1st Monday of the month at the Ursuline Center. The textbook for our nine-month consideration is: *"Desperately Seeking Spirituality"* by Meredith Gould. Contact Barb Spencer, facilitator at 330-503-4756 for information. One text is currently available to purchase for \$5.00.

SPONSOR GUIDELINES FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

It is an honor to be asked to serve as a sponsor, or godparent, for Baptism or Confirmation. This means you are recognized as someone who practices the faith and lives according to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Sponsors must be:

1. Registered in a parish.
Adult children age 25 or older must be registered independently.
2. Attending Mass regularly at their parish of registration.
3. If married, a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.
4. Forming their children in the faith through religious education or Catholic school.

Sponsors will be asked to submit a letter of eligibility, signed by the pastor of their current parish. These universal norms of the Catholic faith are found in Canon Law, nos. 872–874.

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