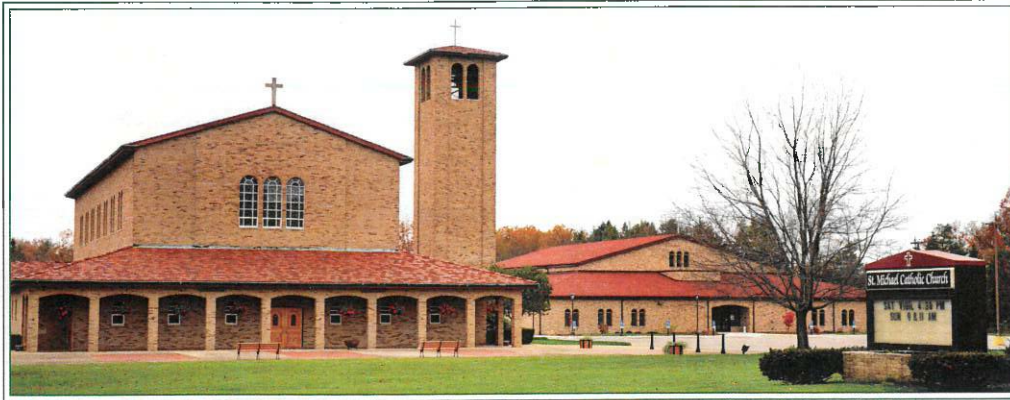


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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Holyday Masses:

12:15 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:00 p.m.

Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Parish Office 330-533-6839

Fax 330-702-0432

Family Life Center 330-533-3181

*Saint Michael Parish is a welcoming Roman Catholic Community united by faith in Jesus Christ.
Called to the mission of Jesus by Baptism, nourished by God's Word and Sacraments,
we join to celebrate our faith and to continue Christ's mission of love, justice and service.
As good stewards, guided by the Holy Spirit, we believe we are called to be Christ to one another,
sharing our time, talent, and treasure with our community and the world, especially with those less fortunate.*

PARISH STAFF:

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

Pastoral Associate for

Adult Faith Formation Maureen Hall

Pastoral Associate for

Youth Faith Formation Marcy Fessler

Music Ministry Director Laura Kunkel

Business Manager Stephanie Howley

Administrative Assistant Maxine Gordon

Family Life Center Manager Audrey Geskey

Maintenance Joe Serenko

Registration

Arrangements for registration can be made by calling the parish office.

Adult Inquiry/Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Adults who have questions about the Catholic faith, or who would like to become members of the Catholic Church are invited to contact a member of the Pastoral Staff.

Baptism

Baptisms are done during any weekend Mass. Expectant or new parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office 3-4 months prior to the preferred Baptism date to schedule Baptism preparation.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon.

See bulletin for holiday schedule/adjustments.

Confirmation

Celebrated for students in the 8th grade. Please call the parish office.

Marriage

Couples are asked to call the Parish Office prior to making other arrangements. A minimum of 6 months is required.

Liturgy

Persons interested in becoming a liturgical minister are asked to contact a member of the Pastoral Staff.

Youth Faith Formation

Catechetical program for students in grades K - 8.

Adult Faith Formation

Please contact a member of the Pastoral Staff for information about adult opportunities for education and spiritual growth.

Hospital

Please call the church office if a family member is in the hospital and would like to be visited.

Homebound/Nursing Home

If parishioner is homebound or in a nursing home and would like to receive Communion, please contact the church office.

Social Justice

Persons interested in becoming involved in ministries to the poor or oppressed are asked to contact a member of the Pastoral Staff.

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Mass Schedule

Monday, December 18

Late Advent Weekday

8:00am – John Janosik

Tuesday, December 19

Late Advent Weekday

8:00am – Michelle Lombardo

Wednesday, December 20

Late Advent Weekday

Mass in the Family Life Center

8:00am – George Smith

Thursday, December 21

Late Advent Weekday

Saint Peter Canisius

Mass in the Family Life Center

8:00am – John Janosik

Friday, December 22

Late Advent Weekday

No Daily Mass

Saturday, December 23

Vigil – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass in the Family Life Center

4:00pm – Ben Mangapora

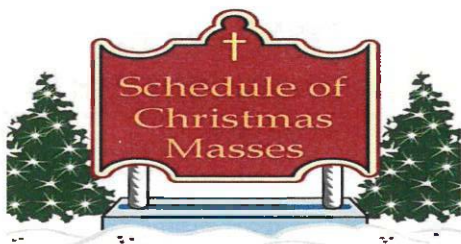
Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass in the Family Life Center

9:00am – Tim Mikes

11:30am – Tony Peluso



The Solemnity of the Birth of our Lord

(Christmas)

Sunday, December 24, 2023

4:00pm & 6:00pm

Monday, December 25, 2023

12:00am (Midnight Mass) & 10:00am

**The Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God**

Monday, January 1, 2024 - 10:00am

FROM THE PASTOR . . .



In this celebration of the *Third Sunday of Advent*, we are invited to look ahead. This day, once called *Gaudete Sunday*, resplendent in the rose colored vestments and the lighting of the rose candle, invites us to see that as the journey of preparation continues, we are almost there, but not yet. The joys of Christmas and the Birth of our Lord are not far away. And yet, we may have reached a point where, although Christmas is not yet here in our liturgical celebration, the secular trappings have us ready for Christmas to be over by now. Sometimes we forget that the Church will begin a celebration of Christmas that continues well into January, with the celebrations of the Holy Family; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; Epiphany; and transitioning into Ordinary Time with the Baptism of the Lord. Yet, due to the worldly atmosphere we live in, we are ready to stop celebrating as soon as the last gift is opened. Let us continue with joyful hearts to prepare for Christ's coming, and not rush the anticipation and celebration of His Birth. On wings we rise, Father Lavelle

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

On this joyful Sunday of the Advent season, as we prepare to welcome the new-born King of Kings at Christmas, let us ask for God's blessing upon our hearts and homes, family and friends. Let us pray for God's blessing upon the images of the infant Jesus that will grace our homes during the Christmas season:

God of every nation and people, from the beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. Lord God, bless all who will look upon the image of the Christ Child in our nativities; may he remind us of his humble birth, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

THANK YOU to everyone who so generously and lovingly supported our annual Christmas Giving Program. The outreach made possible this Christmas is a true testament to the core value of loving one another. We are grateful to the team who prepared the ornaments, replenished the wreaths, and assisted in forwarding the funds provided to the various agencies, who, in turn, will provide the gifts and food necessary to provide a glorious Christmas for so many. While the vast majority of the contributions have been received, there are always some last minute needs with which your gift could assist. Given this continuing need, we will keep the wreaths up through Christmas so we may provide for those who come to us even in the days following Christmas. Thank you, and as we prepare for our Christmas celebration, let us keep in prayer all served by this year's Christmas Giving Program. God bless you all!

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This year, we have the shortest Advent season possible. While many think of the season as having four weeks, there are actually only four Sundays, with the last Sunday, as it is this year, possibly being Christmas Eve as well. As each Sunday is a day of obligation, we will not be altering the Sunday Mass schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent. However, to allow for the Church to be prepared for Christmas, and still allow Advent to be Advent, the Masses for the Sunday will be in the Family Life Center (FLC), along with the morning Masses on Wednesday and Thursday, December 20th and 21st. The Church will be open for Christmas Masses beginning at 2:30pm on Sunday, December 24th. A reminder that the Christmas Mass schedule is 4pm and 6pm on December 24th and 12am and 10am on December 25th. And yes – Midnight Mass starts at Midnight. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Margaret Belcik	John Hahn	Jayne Lynn Lowe
Michael Belcik	Pat Hoyle	Mary Lou Mack
Bruce Brunner	Dale Hynes	Linda Miller
Mary Louise H. Buck	Steven Kaczmar	Cindy Morrissey
Dante DeAngelo	Mary Jo Latera	David Morrissey
Dorothy DeChicco	Patty Sweeney Lavolpa	Janice Rovnak
John Deley	Jack LeBrun	Scott Schulte
James Dunn, Sr.	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Joseph Slifka
Jay Gettemy	Patricia Lesho	Jay Smith
Richard R. Gregg	Barbara Dunn Lowe	

Please Note: Beginning in January the current Prayer List will be removed, and a new Prayer List started. If you would like to have a name on the new list, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 18

9:00am -- Fitness Fun

Tuesday, December 19

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

7:00pm - Scouts

Wednesday, December 20

9:00am – Fitness Fun

6:30pm – Advent Faith Formation

Thursday, December 21

8:30am – Bible Study

10:30am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, December 22

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, December 23

No Events

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

No Events



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A listing of all names in memoriam will appear in the bulletin on December 31, not December 24 as previously reported. Thank you for your understanding.

May God bless us all with joyful hearts and loving remembrance during this coming Christmas Season.



CHOIR PRACTICE



The Choir will be practicing after the 11:30 mass on Sunday. The choir will sing at Midnight Mass on Christmas.

Parish Support

December 10, 2023

Amount Received	\$ 11,601.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 3,399.00)
YTD Received	\$366,624.26
YTD Budget	\$360,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 6,624.26



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

EMERGENCY CALLS DURING CHRISTMAS

As has been the pattern for several years here at Saint Michael, the parish facilities will be closed the weekdays between Christmas and New Year, this includes daily Mass (Masses of Christian Burial will be celebrated as needed). The answering service will forward **emergency calls only** (the need for anointings or scheduling of a Mass of Christian Burial). All other calls will be forwarded to the office to be answered beginning January 2nd at 9:00am. Thank you for your appreciation of all the hard work our parish staff does throughout the year and recognizing their need to not only celebrate the holiday, but to take some needed rest before the new year unfolds. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE



The parish offices will be open through Thursday, December 21, 2023. The offices will close at 4:30pm on Thursday, December 21, and re-open on **Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 9:00am.**

This will allow our parish staff some time with their families and friends, and a little rest from the very busy time leading up to Christmas. The answering service will forward emergency calls only. Thank you for your cooperation.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, December 23 – 4:00 PM

Lector: Judy Richley
Server: Noah Gilbert
Euch. Min: Kim Gilbert (X)
Joyce Sutton (HF)
Bill Petro (T)

Ushers: Mark Graham, Bill Petro

Sunday, December 24 – 9:00 AM

Lector: Sharon Harpster
Servers: Elise & Sean Campbell
Euch. Min: Brandy Tomory (X)
Shirley Dunn (HF)
John Tomory (T)

Ushers: Richard Gary, Greg Iaderosa, Brian Kerr,
Mario Silvestri

Sunday, December 24 – 11:30 AM

Lector: Roseann Peluso
Server: Abigail Riblet
Euch. Min: Tom Eaton (X)
Doris Layfield (HF)
Mia Richardson (T)
Ushers: Tom Eaton, Russell Layfield

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24 – 4:00 PM

Lector: Olivia Donadee
Servers: Michael Smallwood
Benjamin & Daniel Herrmann
Euch. Min: Bill Petro (X)
Paula Lavin (HF)
Larry Lavin (T)
Ushers: Mark Graham, Bill Petro

Sunday, December 24 – 6:00 PM

Lector: Gerry Ricciutti
Server: Noah Gilbert
Euch. Min: Barbara Cummings (X)
Kim Gilbert (HF)
George Beelen (T)
Ushers: Chuck Wirtz, Mario Silvestri, Marty Repasky

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25 – Midnight

Lector: Sharon Harpster
Servers: Lauren Smallwood
Abigail Riblet
Euch. Min: Mia Richardson (X)
Janet Pitzulo (HF)
Shirley Dunn (T)

Ushers: Tom Eaton, Greg Iaderosa

Monday, December 25 – 10:00 AM

Lector: Judy Richley
Servers: Sean & Elise Campbell
Euch. Min: Sue DePinto (X)
Brandy Tomory (HF)
John Tomory (T)
Ushers: Chuck Wirtz, Russell Layfield,
Richard Gary, Brian Kerr

MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Colonel Gerald A. Nunziato, Jr.
Jacob Samson - Airforce
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Jonathan Kelly – Captain, USMC
Brian Litwin – Spec. Army Nat. Guard
Dr. Wm. M Sweeney – Lieutenant, Navy Med. Core

MASS CANCELLATION POLICY

Saint Michael Parish will follow the Canfield Schools cancellation schedule for snow and cold. If the Canfield Schools are closed or on a two-hour delay due to the weather, the 8:00am Mass will be cancelled, and the intention rescheduled. The office and any other activities will also be cancelled or delayed, depending on the timing. Thank you.

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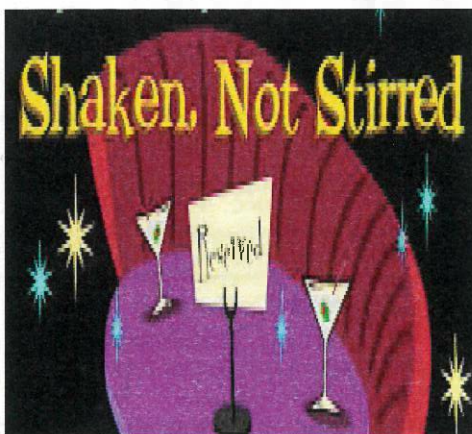
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BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illuminate this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



This year, our *Annual Wine Tasting Committee* has decided to *SHAKE* things up. We don't want anyone *STIRRED* up that it will be too different. We are looking to have the same fantastic night of fun, but with a *TWIST*!

So mark your calendars for our Saint Michael Parish *SHAKEN, not STIRRED with a TWIST* Night!

The event will be on **Saturday, February 3, 2024** with the doors opening after the 4:00pm Mass. This year, we will be having stations with foods provided by area restaurants, offering a little *Taste of Canfield*. Our dessert will also pay homage to our area with an *Over the Top Cookie Table*. While we will still offer some great wines, we are "branching out" – a little play on the western Bourbon and Branch. We will have a *Bourbon Table*, a *Tequila Table*, a *Wine Table*, and other drinks available at the bar. There will also be live entertainment!

We will also have our Grand Prize drawings for the \$6,000 pot of cash, with first place getting \$3,000, second place getting \$2,000 and third place getting \$1,000. We will have a raffle for an incredible Liquor Cabinet along with a 50/50 raffle and other items.

We are looking for businesses or individuals to partner with the food and liquor vendors in sponsoring the various tables. The cost of sponsorship for the tables is \$2,500 (two or more groups can go in on a sponsorship). Each full sponsorship will receive 4 complimentary tickets for the event, \$100 in 50/50 tickets and 5 tickets for the liquor cabinet raffle.

The cost of admission to the event is \$75 and can be purchased at the parish office. This great event began as a way to help support the debt reduction of the FLC – we now are at a point in our parish where there are a variety of other projects to secure our parish for the future. Please tell your friends about the evening. It promises to be a great night!

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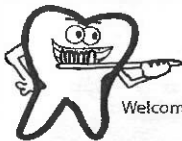
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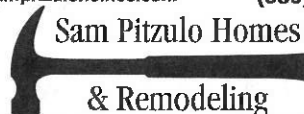


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