

Upcoming Events - Parish

- 11/16 Families of Grace Gathering after 9:00 AM Mass
Adult Confirmation at Saint Columba Cathedral 5:00 PM
- 11/26 The Turkey Connection
See the Bulletin for information.

11/30 First Sunday of Advent

Calendar - YFF & Sacraments

- 11/9: Regular Class / Snack Sunday
2:00 - 3:30 PM First Reconciliation Class #2
- 11/16: Regular Class
- 11/23: Regular Class
2:00 - 3:30 PM Confirmation Class #2
- 11/30: NO CLASS



General Updates/Quick Notes:

Remind has been acting up again. If I do not respond, even with a “thumbs up” within 12 hours, please send me an email: mfessler@saintmichaelparish.net.
If Remind continues to be challenging, we may go back to emails only. I will keep you posted on any decisions.

YFF is on Instagram!

Did you know that YFF has an Instagram account? It is called “@learningfaithtogether” and you can find and follow it here:



Please remember if you are out of town and unable to make it to Mass here at Saint Michael, take a picture of your family with the bulletin in the church and send it to Miss Fessler.



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From Miss Fessler:
I apologize for the newsletter being a week late. Thank you for being understanding and patient with me.
By now, you know that Maureen Hall, our former Pastoral Associate for Adult Formation died October 31st. Mass on Saturday November 15 at 4:00 PM will be offered for her soul. What you may not know is that I had been friends with Maureen long before I came to Saint Michael. We met in 2006 when I was working at Saint Paul in North Canton. I am sad my friend is gone, yet I know she is at peace, one step closer to “the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.” Rest in peace, my friend.
YFF will once again participate in the iGiveCatholic fundraiser event on Giving Tuesday, December 2nd. Past donations helped make us eligible for the technology grant. Father Lavelle and I decided to participate this year because we desperately need new bibles, for all classes. The ones we have are old and falling apart. Early donations can be done through the attached envelope (drop it in the collection basket or bring it to YFF). The link to early online donations will be live on November 17th. The link will be on the parish website, Facebook page, and YFF’s instagram. Thank you in advance for supporting YFF.

Finally, in this month of giving thanks, I would like to express my gratitude to God for all the blessings in my life that have flowed from my years of ministry in the Diocese of Youngstown. I may be Buffalo, New York born and bred, but the DOY is home.

God bless,
Miss Fessler



Children’s Liturgy of the Word is offered during 9:00 am Mass for children ages 4 - second grade. If you would like to become a leader, contact Marcy.

Stuff the Stocking

5th Annual Christmas Gift Drive

Every year we support Catholic Charities to help make Christmas brighter for families in need. Please help by donating the “stuffings” of stocking for children: small games, coloring books, small toys, puzzles, and other fun items that will fit into a Christmas stocking. Bags are included with the newsletter. Please return all donations by **November 23, 2025**.

Catholic Charities will be picking up our donations on November 24th, in the morning. Thank you for helping to make Christmas brighter for families who are in need.



Why Do We Do That at Mass?

Why do we bless ourselves with holy water when we walk into and out of Church?

We bless ourselves with holy water when we enter Church to remind us of our baptism, when we were cleansed of Original Sin, to help prepare ourselves for the celebration of Mass and receiving Eucharist, and to celebrate that we are the beloved adopted children of God. We make the sign of the cross as we bless ourselves because that is how we were baptized: water and the Trinity: God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The gesture of making a cross is a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross. When we leave Church after Mass, we bless ourselves to remember that we are disciples of Christ. Nourished by the Eucharist, enriched by the Word of God, we are sent out to live what we believe. We remember that because of our baptism we are members of the body of Christ called to live the Good News of Christ everyday.

Next month: Why do we genuflect, bow, stand, and kneel?

Monthly Prayer

The November Monthly Prayer is:

Blessing Before Meals

Bless us O Lord,
and these your gifts,
which we have received
from your bounty
through Christ our Lord. Amen.



This prayer isn't just for meal time. We can start our day by praying this prayer to remind ourselves that God gives us gifts throughout the entire day. In the month we celebrate thanksgiving, let's offer thanks to God for everything we receive each day.

Please pray the Blessing Before Meals with your children throughout the month at home.

We will be praying it during class time.



Spotlight on: Technology Arrives and Celebrating All Saints and All Souls

Our Smart TVs are up! Second Grade has even used it to learn more about the Saint Michael Prayer. On November 2, we had an great class learning about the Saints on the window in Church and the Saint Joseph the Provider Gallery. Our learning experience was led by our middle school (5-6) and junior high (7-8) classes.

Both classes did a great job teaching our younger grades about the Saints in our stained glass windows.

