

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

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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
Friday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

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, January 27

Saint Angela Merici

8:00am – Dominic Raco

Tuesday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:00am – Tim Mikes

Wednesday, January 29

8:00am – Healing for Janet DeCapua

Thursday, January 30

8:00am – Patti Deake & Mike & Dottie Bagnoli

Friday, January 31

Saint John Bosco

No Daily Mass

Saturday, February 1

Vigil – The Presentation of the Lord

3:00pm – Reconciliation

4:00pm – Anthony J. Sano

Sunday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

9:00am – The Sacred Heart Society

11:30am – The People of the Parish



Young at Heart will meet on **Monday, February 10th**, with Mass at 11:30am and lunch and a program to follow. More information on the program for February will follow.

Please RSVP to the parish office (330-533-6839) by **Thursday, February 6**, if you plan to attend.

MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

Can you help?

We need a few more volunteers for Homebound Eucharistic Ministry.

If you are a Eucharistic Minister and are interested in taking communion to the homebound, please contact Kay McCarthy at 330-533-4982.



DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK

This annual celebration includes a variety of events running from January 26 – February 1

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Youngstown welcome all to join in the annual celebration of National Catholic Schools Week, beginning Sunday, January 26 and concluding Saturday, February 1. The theme, “*Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community*,” highlights our focus on faith development, academic excellence, and dedication to community service. This week is an opportunity to highlight these efforts as school communities in the Diocese of Youngstown. Individual Catholic Schools have planned various events, including Masses, open houses, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. We take this week to recognize what makes Catholic education unique.

For more information on Catholic Schools Week, visit www.ncea.org

This year the daily themes are:

Sunday, January 28: Celebrating Your Parish
Monday, January 29: Celebrating Your Community
Tuesday, January 28: Celebrating Your Students
Wednesday, January 29: Celebrating the Nation
Thursday, January 30: Celebrating Vocations
Friday, January 31: Celebrating Faculty, Staff & Volunteers.

Saturday, February 1: Celebrating Families

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Thank you to Father Korda for celebrating our Saturday Vigil Mass this weekend. I am spending the day teaching our deacon candidates for the diocese. It is always good to have Father with us.

As you see from the above article, this week is Catholic Schools Week. Among the Saints on the calendar this week are Angela Merici, Thomas Aquinas and John Bosco. Each was deeply involved in the education and catechesis of people in the ways of our faith. Whether our young people attend a Catholic school or our Youth Faith Formation Program, we want to continuously lift them up in prayer, and, like these great Saints, be a model example of Christian service and ministry. God bless all our teachers, catechists, students and families. Happy Catholic Schools Week!



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 27

9:00am – Fitness Fun

6:30pm – OCIA

Tuesday, January 28

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, January 29

8:20-9:00am – Adoration

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Thursday, January 30

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, January 31

9:00am – Fitness

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, February 1

3:15pm – Rosary

5:00pm – Shaken not Stirred

Sunday, February 2

10:05 – 11:20am – Youth Faith Formation



SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

Our 2nd Annual “**SHAKEN NOT STIRRED**” event will take place this coming **Saturday, February 1, 2025.**

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, they are still available in the Parish Office.

If you have a favorite cookie that you are baking for the event, they can be brought to the Family Life Center the week of January 27 – 31.



We still need gift card donations and donations of bourbon, vodka and tequila for our tasting tables.

Donations can be brought to the parish office any time this week. Thank you in advance for your support!

COMBINED COLLECTION

This weekend the Diocese of Youngstown is holding the Church Overseas Combined Collection for ministries of the Church around the globe. These ministries of the **Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Holy Father/Peter's Pence, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and the Church in Latin America** assist the Church in serving people who are hungry, refugees, victims of natural disasters, and development projects.

Please give generously to this collection which combines four collections in one.

VOCATIONS – January 26, 2025

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.”
(Luke 4:18)

Are you being called to share Christ's message of hope through a life of service in the Church? Explore your vocation with openness.

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

STEWARDSHIP – January 26, 2025

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...”
(Nehemiah 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

Readings for February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Debbie Cancio	Marilyn Fisher	Theresa Morvay
Margaret Chizmar	Jay Gettemy	Bill Myers
Mindy Cline	Christopher King	Janice Rovnak
Dante DeAngelo	Jack LeBrun	Jack Slifka
James Dunn, Sr.	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Caroline Zeigler
Jim Fisher	Patricia Lesho	
Leslie Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	

If you would like a name on the 2025 prayer list, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839.

MILITARY LIST



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

Stay Connected

Visit our website at www.stmichaelcanfield.org for more information on parish activities.

STEP INTO THE NEW YEAR

We are collecting tennis shoes throughout the month of January and early February for young people in need in our area. Canfield High School National Honors Society members Lauren Smallwood and Jenna Wilkeson will oversee this collection, including the organizing of the shoes and assisting with the distribution to various charities in our area.

We are asking for **BRAND NEW tennis shoes, youth through adult sizes**. They can be placed in the large black bins by the entrances.

Again, thank you for your generosity to all our projects and collections here in our parish.



Parish Support

January 19, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 9,838.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 5,162.00)
YTD Received	\$430,916.27
YTD Budget	\$435,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 4,083.73)
Christmas Offering	\$ 39,773.00



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

2025 MASS INTENTIONS

There are daily masses available for 2025. If you would like to schedule a mass, please complete the form, include the \$10 stipend and return the form to the parish office. Thank you.

2025 Mass Intention Request Form

Name of Mass Intention

Name of person requesting the intention

Requested date – Not guaranteed

Telephone Number

2024 TAX STATEMENTS

We are in the process of posting the final contributions for 2024, including the many offertory gifts received for Christmas. As such, 2024 tax statements will be available beginning **Monday, January 27th**.

To obtain a statement, *please call* the office and it will be ready in two days (beginning on the 27th). **Statements will not be done while you wait.**



FISH DINNER

With Lent about six weeks away, we need to decide about the viability of having Fish Dinners here at Saint Michael. That "viability" is based on having enough volunteers for the six-week duration of the dinners. Whenever the topic of the fish dinners comes up, the constant refrain goes something like this: "*It's not about the fundraising, it's about the socialization of the community*". In turn, that requires the parish community to enthusiastically participate, both in working the dinners and supporting the dinners. We are very appreciative of everyone who has volunteered in the past, and who has consistently supported the dinners by dining with us. To help us determine the ability of having dinners this Lent, we need a solid response from the volunteers by February 4th. It takes many, many people to make this happen. Please take some time to reflect and pray about your participation and respond. A final decision will be announced in the February 8th-9th bulletin. We are hopeful that enough people will be committed to this endeavor. Thank you.



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dates Available: March 7 _____
March 14 _____
March 21 _____
March 28 _____
April 4 _____
April 11 _____

Times available:

Wednesday 9:00 – noon _____
Friday 9:00 – noon _____
Friday 3:00 – 8:00 _____



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Sunday, February 2

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- Our Catholic faith permeates every aspect of the Ursuline experience.
- Each day begins with prayer and each class begins with prayer.
- Ursuline students have the opportunity to live their faith as lectors, members of El Fuego (liturgical choir), servers, and Eucharistic Ministers. Students work with our Faculty to plan Masses and Prayer Services.
- Students annually perform thousands of hours of service.
- Ursuline students participate in a four-year retreat program.
- Ursuline is committed to teaching and living the charisms of St. Angela Merici, foundress of the Ursuline Sisters, through prayer, hospitality, and resilience.

A SAFE & WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT WHERE STUDENTS FIND THEIR HOME

- Ursuline High School is a welcoming, family-oriented school community that fosters healthy relationships.
- Ursuline is the place where every student finds his/her niche in a wide variety of co-curricular programming.
- Students have the opportunity to join the marching and concert bands, participate both on and off the stage in three theatrical performances a year, perform with the choir, take a variety of art classes, such as Advanced Placement (AP) Studio Art, ceramics, photography, printmaking, and multi-media art, and compete as members of our award-winning Speech and Debate Team.
- Ursuline High School offers student-athletes 17 different varsity sports. It is not uncommon for a freshman to be a part of a varsity team.
- Students have the opportunity to lead as a Student Ambassador, participate in Quiz Bowl, design the yearbook, produce a television show, travel the world, and much more!
- Students have the opportunity to join Ursuline's Merici Med Prep Program. This program provides students who are interested in health care professions with experiences designed to increase awareness of the various medical career paths available.
- Student safety and well-being is always a top priority at Ursuline.
- Continued investment in the latest school safety resources including the daily presence of an officer.
- In a recent parent satisfaction survey, Ursuline parents overwhelmingly praised the family-like environment at Ursuline and cited it as a major strength of the school.

COLLEGE PREP CURRICULUM

- All students at Ursuline experience a college prep curriculum that challenges them to do their best. Ursuline's academic program is based on a traditional liberal arts curriculum designed to develop each student's ability to read critically, write well, think logically, and make informed decisions.
- Following our school's mission, dedicated teachers challenge students to reach their God-given potential. Students are supported in their academic endeavors with extensive resources including on-line research databases, preparation for the ACT and SAT, teacher and peer tutoring, and guidance counselors.
- 97% of the Class of 2024 enrolled in a four-year college or university.
- 33 Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses available for all grade levels
- Ursuline students earned an 88% pass rate on the May 2024 AP exams.
- 33% of the Class of 2024 earned Advanced Placement (AP) Credit on the May 2024 exams.
- Ursuline students' scores on standardized tests, including the ACT, SAT, and PSAT exceed state and national pass rates.
- Ursuline students outscored district peers on the PSAT with a composite score of 1082 as opposed to 946.
- The average composite ACT score for juniors in the top 15% of the class is 30.1 and students in the top 50% of the class average a score of 24.4.
- Continuing the Ursuline tradition of National Merit Scholars, four members of the Class of 2025 are National Merit Commended Scholars.
- Ursuline students enroll in some of the nation's most prestigious universities and colleges including Princeton, The United States Naval Academy, New York University, and Vanderbilt University.
- Our STEM curriculum encompasses critical thinking, analysis, and collaboration in which students integrate processes and concepts in real world contexts of science, technology, robotics, engineering, and mathematics. We annually invest significant financial resources into our STEM programs.
- Ursuline students benefit from cutting edge classroom resources. All students receive up-to-date textbooks.
- Ursuline is home to the world-renowned Anatomage Virtual Dissection Table.
- Ursuline provides support for those students who need extra help by offering tutoring by their teachers, as well as tutors, a developmental reading teacher, and math support teachers.

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PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be open after all Masses this weekend, January 25/26. Tickets for *Shaken, Not Stirred* will be available.



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

Shaken. Not Stirred



This year, we have again 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 1, 2025**, 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 *Vodka Table*, and wine, beer, 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 several liquor baskets 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 \$2,000 (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 basket raffle.

The cost of admission to the event is \$80 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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