Saint Michael Parisl 300 North Broad Street, Canfield, Ohio 44406



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:

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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.

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.

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.

Catholic Charities Regional Agency Mahoning County (330) 744-3320

E-Mail.....info@saintmichaelparish.net

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Monday, September 25 8:00am – James DeCapua

Tuesday, September 26 Saints Cosmas & Damian 8:00am – Mary Ann Anderson

Wednesday, September 27 Saint Vincent de Paul 8:00am – Blanche & Donald Dobrindt

Thursday, September 28
Saints Wenceslaus and Lawrence Ruiz
8:00am – The Deceased Members of the
Calvaruso Family

Friday, September 29
Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
No Daily Mass

Saturday, September 30 Vigil – The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 3:00pm - Reconciliation 4:00pm – Julia Visingardi

Sunday, October 1
The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am – Edward Louis Sammarco
11:30am – The People of the Parish

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Michael, Although the feast day is our Parish Patron. September 29th, it is permissible during ordinary time, to transfer the feast to the nearest Sunday so the greater parish family has the opportunity to participate in the celebration. There is a phrase that says if you want to hear the voice of God in laughter - plan your life. That could be true about this weekend. We originally planned a three-day celebration, but community events and a limited response whittled us back down to the one-day parish picnic. While writing this article, the response for the picnic is very good, so I am sure that once all the Masses this weekend have been celebrated, we will have a great gathering for our picnic on the front piazza.

As we mark another year honoring our parish patron, it offers questions about how we can better communicate with our parish family, and even more importantly, who is part of that family with which we wish to communicate. In the coming months, the diocese will be implementing a new database. Part of that process is to make sure we know who is part of our diocesan community, and to which parish they belong. Included

in that is the ever-increasing desire to communicate not only by mail, but email and even texts – with so many people having cell phones. That is a process we certainly need to look at here on the parish level. Over the course of each parish's history is the phrase "another parish census". And so indeed, here at Saint Michael, it's time for "another parish census".

This census will be done in phases. It is unnecessary to print and mail a vast questionnaire to everyone for whom we have a mailing address. The first phase that will occur in the coming weeks is to simply mail a "survey card" to every household. The main focus of the survey is to find out where everyone is - not only physically, but spiritually. By the fact that you receive the card, it will tell us that we have the correct physical address for you. If the envelope is returned to us, it may provide a new address or tell us it is undeliverable. That physical component will then invite a little more work to see where everyone is. Some people register for a wedding or baptism and then move, and we are unaware. Some adult children move from their parents' house, and we don't know that. Some people move out of the area for jobs or other reasons and we don't know that either. One little bit of information, if you move to another community that precludes the ability to drive in every Sunday for Mass, it is imperative that you register in and participate in a parish near you. It is wonderful to consider Saint Michael your "home parish" (where you grew up), but it is so important to engage with a new community near your home.

The second aspect of the survey card is that of one's "spiritual location". The vast majority will undoubtedly check the box that indicates they are part of Saint Michael Parish and intend to remain so. However. there will be some who for the physical location stated above, or for other reasons, have chosen to participate in another Catholic parish, a Church of a different denomination, or for some reason, have chosen to no affiliate with any religion. There are no judgement calls on marking any of those boxes. Each person's expression of their relationship with God is ultimately their choice. We simply need to know those choices as we seek to enhance our forms of communication with our parish family. Another vital aspect of this process is to better assist the diocese as we communicate with various parishes, deaneries, and the whole six-county community of faith.

Once we have the response from the "survey cards", we will then move to phase two to better understand each currently registered family in the scope of our parish community. I ask that when the letter arrives, you take time to respond. The fact that you are reading about this in the bulletin would indicate that you most likely are an active part of our family. We are very blessed to have so many wonderful members of our parish community. Thank you for your efforts in helping us stay connected. Happy Feast Day!

Join us for the 3rd Annual

Saint Michael Parish



Saturday, October 14, 2023 Family Life Center

Doors open at 5:15pm - Dinner at 6:00pm

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BLESSING OF PETS

The annual Blessing of Pets will take place on **Wednesday**, **October 4**, **at 6:00 pm** in the courtyard by the Saint Michael Statue.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS



The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults will be held on Sunday November 19, at 4:00 p.m. in Saint Columba Cathedral. This is a special opportunity for anyone (age 18 or

older) who has not received the sacrament to join with other adults of the diocese.

Candidates must register with our parish and be eligible to receive the sacrament by verifying baptism and marital status. A preparation program will be held at our parish. Sponsors must be baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholics and may not be the candidate's parent.

Please contact the parish office no later than Tuesday, September 26 in order to register and verify eligibility to receive the sacrament.

RCIA

Although we have begun the RCIA process, we are still open to those who have never been baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian tradition to join. We are combining with Saint Charles and Saint Luke Parishes and are meeting on Monday evenings at Saint Charles Parish. If you are a non-Catholic who is interested in becoming Catholic, please call Maureen at the parish office (330-533-6839) for more information and for further details.

GARDEN CLUB



Saint Michael Garden Club will resume Wednesday, **September 27 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall with a fun auction evening led by Claudia Direnzo. Please bring nice item(s) only, to be put up for bid. Bring cash, preferably lots of dollar bills! Guests are welcome.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Please join us on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in the church to say *The Patriotic Rosary*. For more information call Kate Pavlich at 330-533-2432.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, September 30 - 4:00 PM

Lectors: Jim Krivanek (1st), Dominic Rich (2nd)

Server: Lauren Smallwood Euch. Min: Janet Pitzulo (X) Audrey Geskey (HF) Maxine Gordon (T)

Ushers: Marleen Belfiore, Don Kutsko, Michael Kempe, Bill Petro

Sunday, October 1 - 9:00 AM

Lectors: Sue DePinto (1st), Juanita Sherba (2nd)

Server: Michael Smallwood Euch. Min: John Tomory (X) Sharon Harpster HF) Brandy Tomory (T)

Ushers: Richard Gary, Jerry Laska, Jim Naples

Sunday, October 1 - 11:30 AM

Lectors: Barb Spencer (1st), Judy Richley (2nd)

Server: Nate Ferguson

Euch. Min: Mia Richardson (X)
Laura Lonardo (HF)
George Beelen (T)

Ushers: Tom Eaton, Chuck Wirtz, Russell Layfield

Parish Support

September 17, 2023

Amount Received \$ 10,201.00 Amount Budgeted \$ 15,000.00 Surplus/ (Deficit) (\$ 4,799.00) YTD Received \$ 172,072.17

YTD Budget \$ 180,000.00 YTD Surplus (Deficit) (\$ 7,927.83)

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

Born to Eternal Life Larry O'Neal



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 25

9:00am - Fitness Fun 6:30 -8:00pm - RCIA

Tuesday, September 26

11:00am - Patriotic Rosary 7:00pm - Scouts

Wednesday, September 27 9:00am - Fitness Fun

6:00-7:00pm - Baptism Prep 7:00pm - Garden Guild

Thursday, September 28

8:30am-Bible Study 10:30am - Scripture Sharing

Friday, September 29

9:00am - Fitness Fun 7:30pm - AA Meeting

Saturday, September 30

3:00pm - Reconciliation

Sunday, October 1

10:05 - 11:20am - Youth Faith Formation/ Parent Session

2:00-3:30pm - Eucharist Sacrament Meeting



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY – October 1, 2023

The Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, will preside at a Mass for Life on Sunday, October 1, at 11:30am at Saint Paul Parish, 241 South Main Street, North Canton, to mark the beginning of October Respect Life Month and pray for the defeat of the pro-abortion amendment to the Ohio Constitution. A reception will follow. All are welcome - no reservations needed.

For more information call 330-744-8451, extension 272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY



A group gathers in the pews near the Holy Family Altar for an oral recitation of the rosary the first Saturday of the month at 3:45 PM. The next rosary will be Saturday, October 7th. Please call Mary Ann Camardo at 330-286-3432 for more information.

MILITARY LIST

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