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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 24****Saint Bartholomew**

8:00am – The DeRosa Family

Tuesday, August 25**Saint Louis****Saint Joseph Calasanz**

8:00am – Special Intentions

Wednesday, August 26

8:00am – James Leugers.

Thursday, August 27**Saint Monica**

8:00am – Victor & Audrey Buente

Friday, August 28**Saint Augustine**

No Daily Mass

Saturday, August 29**Vigil – The Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – Mary Kelly

Sunday, August 30**The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**9:00am – The Deceased Members of the
Calvaruso Family

11:30am – The People of the Parish

SAINT MONICA

On Thursday, August 27, the church observes the memorial of Saint Monica, the patron of wives and abuse victims. She was born in 331AD in Tagaste, which is present-day Algeria. Saint Monica, also known as Monica of Hippo, is Saint Augustine of Hippo's mother. However, he didn't start out as such a great saint. While legend has Monica's years of tears finally securing his conversion, it is true that he spent many years living a life of grave sin, much like his own father. After many years, finally with the assistance of Saint Ambrose (through Monica's intercession), Augustine converted to the faith and lived a life completely focused on the Lord.

Saint Monica died in 387 and was buried at Ostia. Her body was removed during the 6th century to a hidden crypt in the church of Santa Aurea in Ostia, near the tomb of Saint Saura of Ostia. In 1430 Pope Martin V ordered her relics to be brought to Rome and many miracles were reported to have occurred along the way. Later her relics were placed in the Basilica of di Saint Agostino.

FROM THE PASTOR...**Saint John the Baptist**

Saint John the Baptist was a Jewish prophet and preacher who lived in the early 1st century AD. He is often called the "*Forerunner of Christ*" because he prepared the way for Jesus through his preaching and witness. He is best known for baptizing Jesus in the Jordan River and for calling people to repentance in preparation for the coming of the Messiah. Christians regard him as the last great prophet before Jesus and as a model of humility.

John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.

John began public ministry around 30 AD and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, "*It is I who need baptism from you.*" Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*"

John instructed his followers to turn to Christ, calling Him the "*Lamb of God*" and these people were among the first Christians. Following his baptism of Christ, John's popularity grew so much that he alarmed King Herod. Herod ordered him to be arrested and imprisoned. John spoke with Herod on several occasions and condemned his marriage to his half-brother's wife. This condemnation would be his downfall as King Herod promised to grant a wish to his daughter. In revenge for John the Baptist's condemnation of her mother's scandalous marriage of Herod, she asked for John's head. King Herod reluctantly obliged. John the Baptist died sometime between 33 and 36 AD. John the Baptist's feast day is June 24, and the anniversary of his death is August 29.

Saint John the Baptist influences our lives by modeling a life of humility, simplicity, courage and unwavering fidelity to God's mission. His example calls us to recognize our unique calling, to live for Christ and to prepare the way for others to encounter Him.

May the example of John the Baptist give us the courage to live the message of Jesus every day.
Father Lavelle

VOCATIONS – August 23, 2026

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18)

God does not call the perfect or extraordinary. Like Peter, ordinary men and women are invited to play extraordinary roles in His plan through priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Whatever your gifts or weaknesses, God can use you to build His Church and bring His love to the world.

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@youngtowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – August 23, 2026

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" (Romans 11:35)

Saint Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything – He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

Readings for August 30, 2026

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27



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 Wednesday, September 16. A morning option is available.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 24

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, August 25

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, August 26

8:20am – Adoration

6:00pm – Baptism Prep

Thursday, August 27

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture

Friday, August 28

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, August 29

3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, August 30

No Events Scheduled



Faith Formation

We are still accepting registrations for the 2026–2027 Faith Formation year. If you are new to the parish or have a child entering First Grade, please call Marcy at the parish office for YFF information and request a registration 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.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

A group gathers in the pews near the Holy Family Statues for an oral recitation of the rosary on the first Saturday of the month. **The next gathering will be on Saturday, September 5, at 3:15p.m.**

Patriotic Rosary

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

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.

Parish Support

August 16, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 11,402.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 3,598.00)
YTD Received	\$ 110,782.50
YTD Budget	\$ 105,000.00
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 5,782.50



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

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.

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.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament may be celebrated before surgery or during a serious illness. To schedule, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Because of Father Lavelle's many responsibilities, please allow adequate time when requesting an anointing.

Baptism

To have your child baptized, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Parents must be registered parishioners for a minimum of three months and attend Mass regularly. Parents may need to attend a Baptism class, usually held on the last Wednesday of the month. Godparents must provide a letter of suitability from the parish where they are registered, and at least one godparent must be Catholic.

Marriage

Couples requesting a wedding must be registered and active parish members for at least six months before a date can be reserved. If you are 25 or older and still registered under your parents' registration, you must register independently. A diocesan Pre-Cana class is required, along with meetings with Father Lavelle several months before the wedding.



*Welcome our
Newly Baptized*

Rudy A. Kesner

Son of Kara & Carson Kesner

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	Katherine Smith
John Hahn	Sharon Mangapora	Caroline Zeigler
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.

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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.



SONG BOOK SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor a book in memory or honor
of someone, please fill in the form below. The opening
announcements will ask everyone to first turn to the
front cover of the book and if there is a name in memory
or honor, please keep that person in prayer throughout
the Mass. The cost of sponsorship is \$20 each.

Thank you for your generosity and remembering our
loved ones in prayerful song.

MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
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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.

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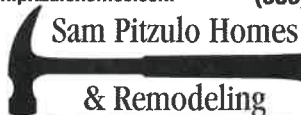
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