

Saint Michael Parish

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

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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 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight – The Sacred Heart Society

10:00am – The People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 26

Saint Stephen

No Daily Mass

Wednesday, December 27

Saint John

No Daily Mass

Thursday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

No Daily Mass

Friday, December 29

Fifth Day within the Octave

Of the Nativity of the Lord

No Daily Mass

Saturday, December 30

Vigil – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

3:00pm - Reconciliation

4:00pm – Jerry Carter

Sunday, December 31

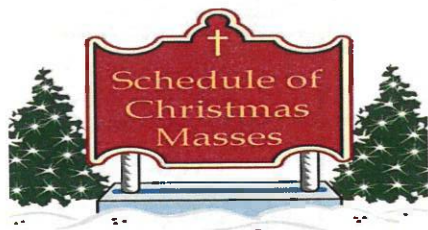
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:00am – Father Terry Hazel

11:30am – The People of the Parish

2024 PARISH CALENDARS

Our 2024 Parish Calendars will be blessed and made available the weekend of December 30th & 31st. Thank you.



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 . . .



Today, as we enter these final hours of preparation for the Birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ, we hear the story of how the angel Gabriel announced God's plan for salvation to Mary, and her humble yes. This year, with the Christmas celebration just hours away, let us try and take just a few moments to think of the times we have been invited to humbly say yes to God's will, and if we have not always responded with that yes, may the Christmas season challenge us to be more responsive to God's plan in the future.

Thank you to everyone who has committed themselves to the Advent journey. I pray that these weeks of preparation have truly allowed us to look inward and make our hearts a noble and worthy place for the Lord to dwell not only during this Christmas season, but always.

God bless us all, Father Lavelle

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.

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.



THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The *Twelve Days of Christmas* are the festive days beginning with the evening of Christmas Day through the morning of Epiphany. This period is also known as Christmastide. Over the centuries, differing churches and sects of Christianity have changed the traditions, time frame, and their interpretations. What remains constant is celebrating the Birth of Jesus from December 25th and leading to Epiphany, traditionally January 6th. The popular song "*The Twelve Days of Christmas*" is usually seen as simply a nonsense song for children. However, it is believed to be a song of Christian instruction dating back to 16th century England, with hidden references to the basic teachings of our faith. The song contains a mnemonic device to teach the catechism. The translated lines of the song are:

- The *partridge in the pear tree* was Jesus Christ.
- The *two turtle doves* were the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures.
- The *three French hens* are the virtues of faith, hope & love.
- The *four calling birds* were the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John.
- The *five golden rings* recalled the Torah or Pentateuch – the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.
- The *six geese a-laying* stood for the six days of creation.
- The *seven swans a-swimming* represented the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, right judgment, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord.
- The *eight maids a-milking* are the eight Beatitudes: the poor in spirit, the meek, they who mourn, they that hunger and thirst for justice, the merciful, the clean of heart, the peacemakers, and they who suffer persecution for the sake of justice.
- The *nine ladies dancing* were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
- The *ten lords a-leaping* were the Ten Commandments: You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make any graven images. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Keep holy the Sabbath. Honor your father and mother. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against thy

neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

- The *eleven pipers piping* stood for the eleven faithful disciples: Peter, Andrew, James the Greater, James the Lesser, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, Thaddeus and Simon.
- The *twelve drummers drumming* symbolizes the twelve points of belief in the Apostles Creed: [1] I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth [2] and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord [3] who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary [4] suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried: He descended into Hell [5] the third day He rose again from the dead [6] He ascended into Heaven [7] and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty [8] From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead [9] I believe in the Holy Spirit [10] one holy Catholic Church, the fellowship of saints [11] the forgiveness of sins [12] the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 25
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26
Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27
Parish Office Closed

Thursday, December 28
Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 29
Parish Office Closed
7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, December 30
3:00pm – Reconciliation



Parish Support

December 17, 2023

Amount Received	\$ 13,096.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 1,904.00)
YTD Received	\$379,720.26
YTD Budget	\$375,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 4,720.26



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

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.

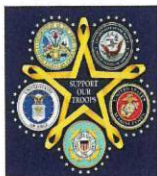
PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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: If you would like to have a name on the 2024 prayer list, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

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



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Saturday, December 30 – 4:00 PM

Lector: Linda Kneen

Server: Noah Gilbert

Euch. Min: Janet Pitzulo (X)
Paula Lavin (HF)
Larry Lavin (T)

Ushers: Mark Graham, Bill Petro

Sunday, December 31 – 9:00 AM

Lector: Kelly Frammartino

Server: Michael Smallwood

Euch. Min: Kim Maciukiewicz (X)
Janet LeClair (HF)
Barbara Woerner (T)

Ushers: Richard Gary, Jim Naples, Jerry Laska

Sunday, December 31 – 11:30 AM

Lector: Steve DeCapua

Servers: Benjamin & Daniel Herrmann

Euch. Min: Donna Wainio (X)
Steve Hlavac (HF)
Laura Lonardo (T)

Ushers: Tom Wainio, Chuck Wirtz, Luke Scolieri

The Solemnity of Mary

Monday, January 1, 2024 – 10:00 AM

Lector: Maxine Gordon

Server: Nate Ferguson

Euch. Min: Sue DePinto (X)

Ushers: Chuck Wirtz, Tom Eaton, Kevin Henchar

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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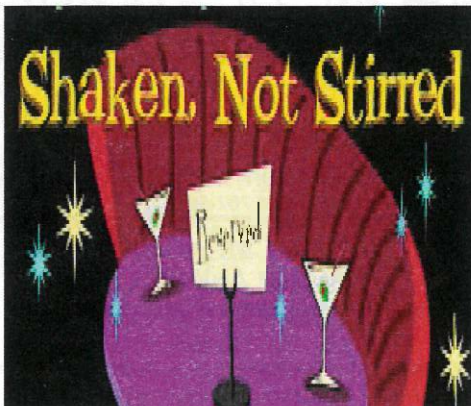
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CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

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. 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



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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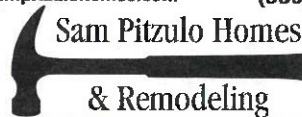


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