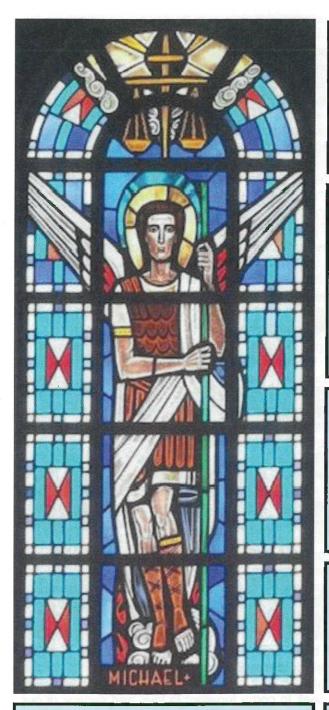
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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)

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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

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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

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

I would like to take some time discussing Parish Pastoral Councils. For the first 37 of my 38 months here as pastor, there has been almost no interest in Pastoral Council by the general parish community. In December of 2021, we announced the formation of a pastoral council. From the approximately 1700 families registered in the parish, 6 people offered their names for membership. We began the process of then discerning others to participate (there are no parish wide elections for pastoral council). Shortly after this, the priests of the diocese were informed that a revision of pastoral councils would be undertaken by the diocese. This was completed sometime in late 2023. We again sought This council, to the to form a council. misunderstanding of some, exists and has existed. You will have an opportunity to meet them at the socials on October 12th and 13th. I am herein including the sole canon in Canon Law that governs Parish Pastoral Councils, and a brief description presented by the diocese in their recent revisions of a council.

According to diocesan policy, each individual parish is required to have its own parish pastoral council. The nature of the council is envisioned by canon law:

"Can. 536 §1. If the diocesan bishop judges it opportune after he has heard the presbyteral council, a pastoral council is to be established in each parish, over which the pastor presides and in which the Christian faithful, together with those who share in pastoral care by virtue of their office in the parish, assist in fostering pastoral activity. §2. A pastoral council possesses a consultative vote only and is governed

The parish pastoral council is presided over by the pastor, who must take the responsibility of leading the council through the work of pastoral planning. The purpose of the council is specifically to foster pastoral activity—to open the parish to the shepherding work of Christ. Therefore, the council's work must always be done on the plane of faith, resisting the temptation to become merely an administrative or executive committee. Finally, the council possesses only a consultative vote, since the duty of decision-making lies with the pastor.

The Church's mission is evangelization. Our goal is given to us, but how do we arrive at that goal? Answering this question requires planning and goal setting. The parish pastoral council exists for this work, assisting the priest in his leadership of the parish to form a common vision of pastoral life at the service of mission. The parish pastoral council exists for the sake of pastoral planning, not administrative decisions, or oversight of parish

finances. Administrative decisions dealing with the day-to-day operation of the parish are generally the responsibility of the pastor and his staff, while parish finances are overseen by the pastor with the assistance of the parish finance council, as described in canon law. A parish pastoral council that becomes involved in administration loses its focus and its energy for the important work of pastoral planning. The council's role is unique and necessary: it deals with complex problems and forms long-term goals that will have a wider effect on the parish." Diocese of Youngstown Guidelines for Pastoral Councils - ©2023

I want to also make clear that there has been a Parish Finance Council in existence since my arrival and beyond. I arrived on July 1, 2021 , and had my first Finance Council meeting on July 7th. Over these three years, I have worked closely with members of the Finance Council to address the physical and fiscal matters of the parish.

Let me be blunt - very little interest was shown in the Pastoral or Finance Council here at Saint Michael until the removal of the trees. It appears that the sudden interest is connected to the misconception that they "run the parish". I am aware that this one phase of a variety of exterior projects has created a variety of discussions. I look forward to working with our Pastoral Council to create a vision of evangelization for the future, and with the Finance Council to make sure the structures in place also ensure a strong and vibrant future. As with any project, there have been negative and positive comments, and a vast majority of silence. It is time to move on. Over the coming months, I look forward to the completion of the parish residence, continued work on the exterior of the Church and Hall, and a strong spirit of worship, catechesis and service here in our parish. Please note that the cost of many of our projects has been defrayed by generous sponsors. I thank them for their generosity and commitment to the parish. As we prepare for our parish feast day, may we seek to come together in love and service of our God. "On Wings we Rise, Father Lavelle."

VOCATIONS

"The Lord upholds my life."

He indeed is our strength and foundation. Pray and ask him sincerely if he could be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or email at cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

MONTHLY WEEKEND SOCIAL AFTER (OR BEFORE) MASS





Father Lavelle and the Pastoral Council of Saint Michael Parish invite you to join us in a **Parish Social Hour**. Beginning the weekend of **October 12th & 13th**, we will hold a monthly social hour to bring our parish family together and spend a little time catching up with each other. Usually, these have been "Donut Socials" – and we will indeed be having **Donuts**, **Juice and Coffee** between the 9:00am and 11:30am Masses. However, there isn't too much of a call for a donut at 5:00pm on Saturdays, so after the 4:00pm Mass, we will have **Wine and Cheese**. We will have these gatherings on the second Sunday of each month (and Saturday) in the parish hall, taking a walk through the Stained Glass Gallery to get there. Please plan to join us as we seek to spend more time with each other. The dates for the remainder of the calendar year are November 9th & 10th and December 7th & 8th. Mark your calendars!



This ain't grandma's night at the Bingo Hall!!

Join us on **Saturday, October 19**th for our **Halloween Boozy Bingo**. We will have a variety of appetizers and finger foods, with an open bar featuring beer, wine, coolers and soft drinks. The evening will include 12 BINGO games with a **prize basket of wine and liquor, chocolates and gift cards**. The final game of the night will be a special "**Buy-In Coverall**" with the **grand prize of a limousine ride for 6 to and from Gervasi Winery in Canton, with a \$600 Gift Card for the evening.** There will also be a 50/50 for the night and we will pull for the **\$2,000 prize from our Annual Parish Raffle**. This promises to be a great night out for everyone. Doors open after the 4pm Mass and the first game begins at 5:45pm. Attendance is 21 and over and the cost of admission (including the first 12 Bingo games) is \$40.00. Tickets are on sale beginning this Monday in the parish office. Don't miss out on all the fun!



Monday, September 23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina 8:00am – Mary Jane Glatz

Tuesday, September 24 8:00am – Tammy Eiselt

Wednesday, September 25 8:00am – James R. DeCapua, Sr.

Thursday, September 26 Saints Cosmas & Damian 8:00am – Claire McLaughlin

Friday, September 27 Saint Vincent de Paul No Daily Mass

Saturday, September 28
Vigil –The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
3:00pm - Reconciliation
4:00pm - The People of the Parish

Sunday, September 29
The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am – The People of the Parish
11:30am – The People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Fran Amer	Dale Hynes	Edward Mosca
Mindy Cline	Christopher King	Bill Myers
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Jim Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Carol Ryan
Marilyn Fisher	Jayme Lynn Lowe	Jack D. Slifka
Jay Gettemy	Mary Lou Mack	
John Hahn	Vincent Mastromatteo	

STEWARDSHIP

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Mark 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

OCIA (formerly RCIA)

OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which non-Catholic adults join our faith. If you have never been baptized or baptized in another Christian tradition or faith, the OCIA process is your opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith and become Catholic. We will be working together with Saint Charles and Saint Luke Parishes starting in September on Monday evenings. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please call Marcy at the parish office (330-533-6839 for more information and details

GARDEN GUILD

Saint Michael Garden Guild will meet on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. The speaker will be Heather from the Birds in Flight Sanctuary located in Canfield. Visitors are welcome!



READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

The Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Revelation 12:7-12ab

John 1:47-51

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 23 9:00am – Fitness Fun

Tuesday, September 24 9:00am – Fitness Fun 11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, September 25 9:00am – Fitness Fun 6:00 – 7:00pm – Baptism Prep 7:00pm – Garden Guild

Thursday, September 26

8:30am – Bible Study 10:00am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, September 27 9:00am – Fitness Fun 7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, September 28 No Events

Sunday, September 29 10:05 – 11:20 – Youth Faith Formation 12:30pm – Parish Picnic



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, September 28 - 4:00 PM

Lector: Barb Spencer

Server: Abby & Andrew Tuscano Euch. Min: Marleen Belfiore (X-H) Diane Graham (Font-C) Bill Petro (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Marleen Belfiore, Don Kutsko

Sunday, September 29 - 9:00 AM

Lector: Paul McMullen Server: Ryan & Zac Hlywa

Euch. Min: Barbara Cummings (X-H)
Joyce Laska (Font-C)
Juanita Sherba (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Richard Gary, Greg laderosa, Mario Silvestri, Denny Sanders

Sunday, September 29 - 11:30 AM

Lectors: Bob Smallwood (1st reading)

Sister Dorothy Pawlus (2nd reading

& Intercessions

Servers: Nate Ferguson, Noah Gilbert,

Daniel Herrmann, Lauren Smallwood

Euch. Min: Maxine Gordon (Font -C)

Tom Eaton (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Jim Cleeland, Tom Eaton, Russell Layfield, Luke Scolieri, Tom Wainio, Chuck Wirtz

Parish Support September 15, 2024

Amount Received \$ 11,907.00
Amount Budgeted \$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit) (\$ 3,093.00)
YTD Received \$161,785.00
YTD Budget \$165,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit) (\$ 3,215.00)



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

BLESSING OF PETS

The Annual Blessing Pets will take place on **Saturday**, **October 5 at 11:30am** on the piazza.





Welcome our Newly Baptized

Sawyer Louise Dohner
Daughter of Scott & Brianne Dohner

2024-2025 ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE

Everyone should be receiving their Annual Parish Raffle Ticket packet in the mail this coming week. As in the past years, we are asking every household to buy or sell two books of tickets. These tickets cover



four different events, with a chance at six different prizes, ranging from \$1,000-\$3,000. There is even the possibility of winning more than once. At Boozy Bingo on October 19, we will draw 2 prizes – the first for \$1,000, (originally to be drawn on September 29) and the second for \$2,000. Please make every effort to get your tickets in by October 17 to be eligible for the first 2 drawings. The total prize package over the year is \$10,000.

MILITARY LIST

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



CALL FOR RECIPES



The Catholic Echo magazine would like to feature your favorite recipes in an upcoming print edition! All recipes are welcome. We will prioritize recipes for which the Echo staff can find photos to accompany the entries.

For more information or to submit a recipe, email catholicecho@youngstowndiocese.org.

I WANT TO HELP WITH THE SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOUP KITCHEN

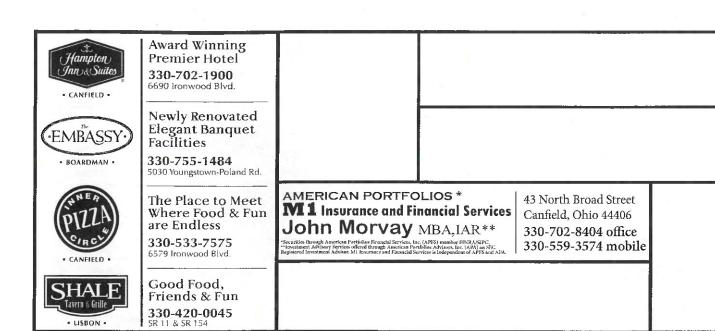
"But I don't have the time to give."

Please consider a monetary donation. We must pay each weekend for our required security protection on Saturday morning. Extra money can also go for extra food. Just mark a plain envelope "St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen" and place it in the collection basket at Mass.

It's a tangible way to be a part of this important work and we need your help!

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH, Canfield, Ohio Statement of Operations for the period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

PARISH OPERATING REVENUES		
Collections (Sunday, Holyday, Christmas, Easter)	\$	929,275.06
Bequests and Gifts (restricted & unrestricted)	φ \$	100.00
Parish Activities (NET)	\$	
Stewardship/Capital Campaign/Debt Reduction	\$	77,564.68 5,216.00
Other Church Income (candles/song books/societies/designated project donations/etc.		The state of the s
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Total Operating Revenues	\$	1,139,245.13
PARISH NON-OPERATING REVENUES		
Investment Income	\$	1,140.23
Proceeds from Loan(s)	\$	219,731.22
Other Parish Income (gas well royalties, rental income)	\$	14,729.45
Total Non-Operating Revenues	\$	235,600.90
TOTAL PARISH REVENUES	\$	1,374,846.03
PARISH OPERATING EXPENDITURES (enter as positive number)		
Salary, Payroll Taxes, Benefits Expense	\$	361,688.02
Office Expenses	\$	66,099.77
Rectory Expenses	\$	9,317.63
Sanctuary Expenses	\$	39,056.80
GOF and Adult Education	\$	21,023.99
Building Expenses, Utilities, Maintenance, Insurance, Taxes	\$	246,909.99
Payments to Diocese (Diocesan Assessment, High School Quota)	\$	125,028.00
Designated Payments to Others (social justice tithe/Soup Kitchen/Operation Blessing/etc)	\$	27,415.00
Other Parish Expense	\$	61,226.19
Total Operating Expenditures	\$	957,765.39
PARISH NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES (enter as positive number)		
Land and Building Purchases	¢.	274 802 42
Furniture and Equipment Purchases	\$ \$	274,602.12
Principal and Interest Payments on Loans	Φ	34,973.40
Tuitions subsidy to parish with a school	\$	10,212.00
Other Non-Operating Expenses	Ψ	10,212.00
Total Non- Operating Expenditures	\$	319,787.52
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TOTAL PARISH EXPENDITURES	\$	1,277,552.91
NET REVENUES	\$	97,293.12
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CASH IN CHECKING & SAVINGS		
Checking Account(s)	er.	202 720 07
Certificate of Deposit(s)	\$	362,726.97
	\$	30,742.89
TOTAL CASH	\$	393,469.86
TOTAL DUE TO DIOCESE GREATER THAN 30 DAYS	\$	Me .
OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL BALANCE ON LOANS (bank, individuals)	\$	329,850.60
TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS	\$	329,850.60



PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Lord Jesus Christ, I thank you for my Parish of Saint Michael. My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others into worship if I invite and bring them in. It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy if I who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Amen.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH AFTER THE 11:30AM MASS

Our Parish Picnic will be on the Piazza in front of the Church.

This year, we are asking families to bring either a side dish or a dessert, based on the first letter of your last name: A - K - side dishes L - Z - desserts (with enough for at least 12 servings).

The parish will provide the main entrée and beverages, along with place settings.

We will have a few surprises for our young people, and we will kick off our 2024-2025 Raffle Season with the first drawing of \$1,000 drawn that day! The 2024-2025 raffle packet will be mailed soon and will provide chances throughout the year for \$10,000 in prize money.

Please complete the portion below to make your reservation for the picnic.

 	SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PICNIC RSVP	
Family Name	Phone	
Number of Adults	Number of children 12 and under	
Side Dish or Dessert you are	e bringing	

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