



**Monday, October 5****Saint Faustina Kowalska****Blessed Francis Xavier**

8:00am – Brother Christopher Sullivan

Tuesday, October 6**Saint Bruno****Blessed Marie Rose Durocher**

8:00am – James Dunn

Wednesday, October 7**Our Lady of the Rosary**

8:00am – Nick DePinto

Thursday, October 8

8:00am – Michael Robertson III

Friday, October 9**Saint Denis****Saint John Leonardi**

No Daily Mass

Saturday, October 10**Vigil – The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – Nick & Ann Skoufatos

Sunday, October 11**The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – Yerman & Kutsko Families

11:30am – The People of the Parish

WORLD MISSION MONTH***One in Christ, United in Mission***

Each October which is World Mission Month, the Church invites us to reflect upon our missionary vocation. This year's theme, *One in Christ, United in Mission*, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, invites us to rediscover the profound unity we share in Christ through baptism and how our baptismal mission identity overflows into the mission of the Church to bring all creatures into communion with God and us.

World Mission Sunday is October 18, and Pope Leo XIV has stressed how important this day is for the Church. He spent a large part of his priestly ministry as a missionary in Peru and has noted how dependent he was on the prayers and financial support of the universal Church through World Mission Sunday.

Let us pray this week for those missionaries who bring Christ's love to far-off places, often at great personal cost and risk. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle a zeal in our own hearts, that we may also be missionaries, wherever we are.

FROM THE PASTOR...

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Feast Day Parish Potluck last Sunday. Thank you to Dave and Patti Marshall for preparing all the wonderful ham and beef and to the Knights of Columbus for supplying the bottled water. Thank you to everyone who made side dishes and desserts, and everyone who volunteered in the kitchen and the hall. Thank you especially to Audrey Geskey for organizing everything in the hall.

Congratulations to Gail Repasky on winning the \$1,000 cash prize. Don't forget that we will raffle off a \$2,000 prize at Boozy Bingo on October 24. Tickets are \$50 a person and are available in the Parish Office.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**Feast Day – October 4**

Saint Francis of Assisi was an Italian Catholic friar, preacher, and mystic who founded the Franciscan Order. He is one of the most beloved and influential saints in Christian history. He is the Patron Saint of animals, ecology and merchants.

Saint Francis was born in Assisi, Italy, in 1181 into a wealthy merchant family. He founded the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans), as well as inspiring the Poor Clares with Saint Clare of Assisi. He was known for poverty, humility, love of nature, service to the poor and devotion to Jesus Christ.

As a young man, Francis enjoyed a life of wealth and privilege. After experiences of war, imprisonment, and spiritual awakening, he renounced his family's wealth and chose a life of simplicity and service. He became known for helping the poor, caring for the sick, and preaching peace and compassion. Francis believed all creation reflected God's goodness. Stories describe him preaching to birds and befriending animals. His famous "*Canticle of the Sun*" praises God through nature and creation.

Saint Francis designed the first Nativity Set and was the 1st man ever recorded to receive the Stigmata, the wounds of Christ.

In 1979, **Pope John Paul II** named him a patron saint of ecology because of his deep respect for the natural world.

One of his most famous prayers "*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.*" reflects his spirit of peace, humility, and love.

Years of poverty and wandering had made Francis ill, and he never recovered from his illness. He died on October 4, 1226, at the age of 45.

Saint Francis, pray for us, that we may follow your example and become instruments of peace and love in God's creation, Father Lavelle

VOCATIONS – October 4, 2026

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (Matthew 21:42)

Jesus, the cornerstone, calls us to build His Church. In holy matrimony, couples become cornerstones of love and faith for a family. Have you talked to your children about their vocation? Pray with them and walk alongside them as they discern how God may be calling them to build up God's Church.

STEWARDSHIP – October 4, 2026

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (Matthew 21:42)

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

Readings for October 11, 2026

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

BLESSING OF PETS

The statue of Saint Francis will be blessed at the conclusion of the 11:30 Mass on Sunday.

The Annual Blessing of Pets will follow at 1:15pm.



Young
at
Heart

Please plan on joining us for the next Young at Heart on **Monday, October 12, 2026**. We will begin with Mass at 11:30am followed by lunch at 12:00 and then a presentation. The cost for the lunch is \$5.00.

Call the Parish Office (330-533-6839) by **Thursday, October 8th** to make a reservation.

Hope to see you on the 12th!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, October 5

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, October 6

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

6:00pm – OCIA

Wednesday, October 7

8:20am – Adoration

10:00am – OCIA

Thursday, October 8

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture

1:00pm – Monthly Bible Study

7:00pm – Men's Club

Friday, October 9

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, October 10

Second Collection

3:00pm – Reconciliation

5:00pm – Wine & Cheese

Sunday, October 11

Second Collection

9:00am – Children's Liturgy

10:00 – 11:15am – Coffee & Donuts

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

2:00 -3:30pm – Confirmation Class



*Welcome our
Newly Baptized*

Naomi Ann Knebel

Daughter of Eli & Emily Knebel

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Dale Hynes	Shirley Morvay
Milton Deichman	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Nick Rubbo
Marilyn Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Charles Slivkoff
John Hahn	Sharon Mangapora	Katherine Smith
Betty Hawco	Terry Martin	Caroline Zeigler
	JoAnn Mortimer	

Born to Eternal Life

Lorraine Parnell

Richard Peake

*Gone
but not
Forgotten*

MARRIAGE VALIDATION

As Catholics, we believe that marriage is a sacrament. In recent years, more people are choosing to be married at venues or special destinations. Civilly this is a marriage. However, it is not a valid sacramental marriage. On **Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall** we will hold a class for any parishioners who were not married in the Catholic Church and would like to explore having their marriage convalidated, that is made sacramentally valid in the Catholic Church. We will discuss the process, documents needed, preparation class, and address previous marriages, if necessary. This is open to everyone, regardless of length of marriage.

To register for this class or if you have any questions, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839.

MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Colonel Gerald Nunziato
Lt. William “Bill” Sweeney”, Battalion Surgeon, 6 th Marines, US Navy
Capt. Lisa Sukenaga - Army



Faith Formation

We need a few more people to lead **Children’s Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 Mass**. You will be given training and resources to help you. We work in teams of two or three leaders at each Mass. This is a great opportunity to help our littlest parishioners learn to appreciate the Word of God at their level. Please call Marcy at the Parish Office (330-533-6839) for more information. All volunteers are required to be in compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy.

Parish Support

September 27, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 10,262.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 4,738.00)
YTD Received	\$194,908.00
YTD Budget	\$ 195,000.00
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 92.00)



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



PARISH SOCIAL

Please join fellow parishioners next weekend, **October 10/11** after the 4:00

Mass on Saturday for a Wine & Cheese Social and Coffee & Donuts on Sunday from 10:00-11:15 between the 9:00 and the 11:30 Masses.

The Parish Office will be open for ½ hour after each mass next weekend.

2027 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2027 book for Mass Intentions is open. Initially you will be allowed to schedule **ONE WEEKEND MASS INTENTION. AND THREE DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**. After everyone has had an opportunity to schedule masses, we will invite the opportunity to schedule additional mass intentions.

Just a reminder, all Holy Day Masses, including Christmas and Easter, are celebrated for the people of the parish, living or deceased. Additionally, Masses for Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day are celebrated for all our mothers and fathers, respectively.

The form also asks for a suggested date. This is not a guarantee. We will do our best to accommodate such requests, but on a first received basis. To schedule your first Mass Intention, please complete the form and return it to the office. The form must be completed and include the \$10 stipend. This is the best way to adhere to the prescribed laws and be fair to everyone.

Thank you.

2027 Mass Intention Request Form

Name of Mass Intention

Name of person requesting the intention

Requested date – Not guaranteed

Telephone Number

Pope Pius XI

Pope Pius XI (1857-1939) was Pope from 1922–1939. He is remembered for resolving the “Roman Question”, strengthening Catholic social teaching, condemning totalitarianism, establishing Vatican City, and promoting Catholic Action.

Signing the Lateran Treaty (1929)

Pius XI resolved the long-standing “Roman Question” by signing the Lateran Pacts with the Kingdom of Italy. This created the sovereign Vatican City State, guaranteed the Holy See’s independence, and established a concordat regulating Church–state relations in Italy.

Issuing *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931)

Forty years after Leo XIII’s *Rerum Novarum*, Pius XI’s encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno* renewed Catholic social teaching, addressing industrial-age problems, condemning capitalist greed and atheistic communism, and reaffirming the dignity of the human person.

Condemnation of Nazism and Communism

He strongly opposed totalitarian ideologies, condemning Nazism in *Mit brennender Sorge* (1937) and Communism in earlier encyclicals, defending human rights and the Church’s moral authority.

Establishing the Feast of Christ the King

Through the encyclical *Quas primas* (1925), Pius XI instituted the *Feast of Christ the King* to affirm Christ’s sovereignty over nations and to counter anti-clericalism.

Promoting Catholic Action

He championed *Catholic Action*, encouraging lay participation in the Church’s mission through religious life, charity, and public witness, without political partisanship

Reflection Questions (more than yes and no – what can I do with this information)

What do I think of when I hear “The Vatican” – a Church?, the Pope?, a Nation in collaboration with others throughout the world? I want to learn more about the structure of the Vatican.

It’s been 95 years since *Quadragesimo Anno* (which simply means “40 years” since *Rerum Novarum*). How am I living a life which rejects greed and seeks to bring charity to others?

What does it mean to me that Christ is my King, and that I seek to be part of his Kingdom, here on earth, and one day in Heaven?



SAINT MICHAEL PARISH, Canfield, Ohio
Statement of Operations for the period July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

PARISH OPERATING REVENUES

Collections (Sunday, Holydays, Christmas, Easter)	\$ 926,174.55
Bequests and Gifts (restricted & unrestricted)	\$ 550.00
Parish Activities (NET)	\$ 48,916.82
Stewardship/Debt Reduction	\$ 5,938.00
Other Church Income (candles/song books/societies/designated project donations/etc.)	\$ 83,139.20
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 1,064,718.57

PARISH NON-OPERATING REVENUES

Investment Income	\$ 10,635.55
Proceeds from Loan(s)	\$ -
Other Parish Income (gas well royalties, rental income)	\$ 8,983.39
Total Non-Operating Revenues	\$ 19,618.94

TOTAL PARISH REVENUES	\$ 1,084,337.51
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PARISH OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Salaries, Payroll Taxes, Benefits Expenses	\$ 361,125.71
Office Expenses	\$ 65,517.71
Rectory Expenses (supplies/food/includes seminarian)	\$ 20,876.54
Sanctuary Expenses	\$ 31,481.98
Youth Faith Formation and Adult Education	\$ 24,616.68
Building Expenses, Utilities, Maintenance, Insurance, Taxes	\$ 186,299.07
Payments to Diocese (Diocesan Assessment, High School Quota)	\$ 127,200.00
Designated Payments to Others (social justice tithe/soup kitchen/Operation Blessing/etc)	\$ 22,750.00
Other Parish Expenses	\$ 52,324.02
Total Operating Expenditures	\$ 892,191.71

PARISH NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Land and Building Purchases	\$ -
Furniture and Equipment Purchases	\$ -
Principal and Interest Payments on Loans	\$ 104,368.49
Tuitions subsidy to parishes with a school	\$ 10,212.00
Other Non-Operating Expenses	\$ -
Total Non- Operating Expenditures	\$ 114,580.49

TOTAL PARISH EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,006,772.20
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NET REVENUES	\$ 77,565.31
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CASH IN CHECKING & SAVINGS

Checking Account(s)	\$ 234,439.92
Certificate of Deposit(s)	\$ 31,954.03
TOTAL CASH	\$ 266,393.95

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT(S)	\$ 243,032.01
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TOTAL DUE TO DIOCESE GREATER THAN 30 DAYS	\$ -
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL BALANCE ON LOANS (bank, individuals)	\$ 1,040,978.11
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A PRAYER FOR HOPE

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own. Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world. Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying. Guided by your Holy spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

Join us on **Saturday, October 24** for our **3rd Annual 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 \$500 Gift Card for the evening**. There will also be a 50/50 raffle 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 \$50.00. Tickets are on sale in the parish office.

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