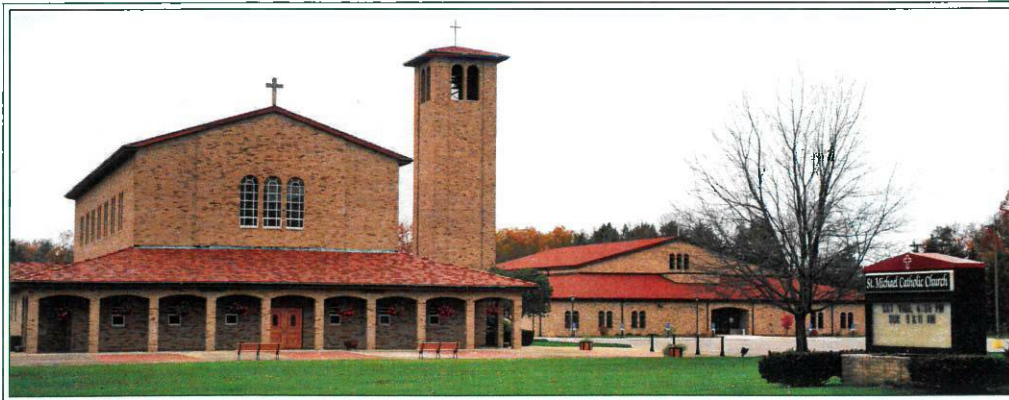


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300 North Broad Street, Canfield, Ohio 44406



Weekend Masses:
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 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.

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Office of Catechesis..... 330-533-5275

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.

Transitional Deacon Rev. Mr. John T. Rovnak

Pastoral Associate..... Maureen Hall

Pastoral Minister for Catechesis Marcy Fessler

Music Ministry Director..... Laura Kunkel

Business Manager..... Stephanie Howley

Administrative Assistant..... Maxine Gordon

Family Life Center Manager Audrey Geskey

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.

Generations of Faith

Multigenerational Catechetical program for students and families 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, May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker

8:00am – William Phillips

Tuesday, May 2

Saint Athanasius, Bishop

8:00am – Mr. & Mrs. John Serenko

Wednesday, May 3

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

8:00am – Private Intentions

Thursday, May 4

8:00am – Mary Catherine Livingston

Friday, May 5

No Daily Mass

Saturday, May 6

Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00pm – James Leugers

Sunday, May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:00am – Larry Teaberry

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

When it was announced that I would become the sixth pastor of Saint Michael two years ago, one of the issues that quickly surfaced was that of the religious education program for our young people. Not only had the then Director of Catechesis accept a position at one of our Catholic High Schools, but a wide variety of people offered their suggestions about what needed to happen. These ranged from “go back to the way it used to be” to “keep it exactly as it is”, to “this isn’t working” (with no offer of what would work), and every possible suggestion in between. And this was all before I even stepped foot on the property. One of the greatest blessings was having Marcy Fessler join our team as the Director of Catechesis. The initial attraction to Marcy was her experience with a Generations of Faith program, but also her previous parish ministry in larger parishes. Both would serve our parish well. However, more than these past experiences on her resume, was the incredible enthusiasm and dedication to advancing the opportunities of faith formation for our young people and their families – along with a wonderful work ethic to make things happen. As much as both Marcy and I were committed to extending the Generations of Faith program for that first year, we knew that we needed

to be open to what would ultimately best serve our children and indeed, our entire faith community. We sought to incorporate a family service dimension into the program, which continues to be successful – at least in the physical goal of the projects. At the conclusion of the 2021-2022 catechetical year, we decided to continue for another year, but spending even more time in prayer and reflection, as well as researching what might work better. In the promulgation letter from Bishop Bonnar for the revised Diocesan Curriculum for Catechesis, he speaks not only of the mandated implementation of the curriculum, but that “a consistent presentation of the faith will lead all of us to embrace our call to Missionary Discipleship and the New Evangelization”. Some of the major setbacks of the GoF model are the lack of consistent presentations, a continuity of material, and the ability to form relationships between the catechists, children, and families. After careful consideration, and hours of prayer and thought, we have announced to our catechists and parents that the Generations of Faith approach to faith formation will end with the conclusion of this current catechetical year in May.

Beginning in September, we will be implementing our Youth Faith Formation program (YFF). This program, while inviting a traditional “timing” model, will invite a variety of support materials to progress our children forward in their learning and comprehension of the faith. The program will meet weekly (with periodic holiday breaks) from September through April. The sessions will be from 10:05 – 11:20am. To accommodate this schedule, beginning September 9th & 10th, our weekend Mass Schedule will be 4:00pm Vigil, 9:00am and **11:30am** on Sunday. The program, while following the curriculum of the diocese, will be text-supported by a series that incorporates various devotions, seasonal opportunities, along with a wonderful “family life connection” component that allows the family to keep involved with what the children are learning. We will also be offering a monthly parent session to discuss various topics that arise. We will continue to have additional sacramental preparation sessions for those young people preparing for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Before any of this programming makes sense, families must be committed to the obligation of all baptized Catholics to actively participate in the celebration of the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. The “Mass Attendance” cards will continue to be required for any child seeking participation in the Youth Faith Formation program and the reception of a sacrament.

In the letter from Bishop Bonnar referenced above, he also states that "pastors (and many others) are essential in oversight of the curriculum...(and) careful adherence in the implementation of the objectives will empower and enrich our young disciples on their journey of faith". As pastor, I very much take this charge to heart. I thank everyone who has played such an important part in the faith formation of our young people in the past, and we look forward to increasing that gift of faith as we journey together as disciples of the Lord. God bless you all. Father Lavelle

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

As we continue in the Easter season, each week, we will be challenged to select one of the three possible ways of living out the example of the First Believers in our own journey toward the joy of the Resurrection. Each week, three possibilities – to be adapted to your own ability, will be presented based on Time, Talent and Treasure through the Acts of the Apostles reading for that week.

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit... Save yourselves from this corrupt generation. Those who accepted his message were baptized and about three thousand persons were added that day". *Acts of the Apostles*

What can we do to strengthen our own baptismal call, and by our own lives, of discipleship, challenge others to do the same? This week is one where we need to give more of our faith witness, rather than our mere physical time, talent, or treasure.

TIME: Do I spend more time in prayer – not just at Mass, or before meals, but in true conversation with God, that will bring a sense of conversion into my life?

TALENT: Have we considered offering our gift in the Spirit as a minister at Mass – as a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, or, for our young people, an Altar Server?

TREASURE: Do I make my weekly stewardship one of true prayer and reflection with God, or merely what I have left over from all my other wants and desires?

"Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ this Jesus whom

you crucified - and when they heard this they were cut to the heart, asking – *What are we to do?*"

Young at Heart

Our monthly Young at Heart gathering will be on **Monday, May 8th**. As always, we will begin with Mass at 11:30am, and then have lunch and a presentation to follow in the parish hall. The topic for this month is "*Mary in the Easter Season*". The cost of the gathering is \$5.00. Please contact the parish office to RSVP so we can prepare properly.

Thank you, and we hope to see you on the 8th!

POINT OF CLARIFICATION

As a point of clarification, Saint Michael Parish is not affiliated with any soccer league, identified as "Catholic" or not. There have been some inquiries in reference to this matter. No team or teams in Canfield should be identified as such, even if using a name that references a religious connotation. To the best of our knowledge, this is not overtly happening, but there has been some confusion brought to our attention. 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



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be selling super Cash Bonanza tickets after all Masses this weekend.

Tickets are \$5 and all proceeds go to Knights Charities.



The Catholic Echo is arriving! The 1st edition of the Catholic Echo, our diocese's new magazine is in this week's mail. The Catholic echo is replacing the Catholic Exponent. Be sure to take a look at "**The Catholic Echo**" when it arrives.

Welcome our Newly Baptized



Eve Josephine Capetillo

Daughter of Jeremy & Julia Capetillo

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, May 6 – 4:00 PM

Lectors: Barb Spencer (1st), John Morvay (2nd)
Server: Noah Gilbert
Euch. Min: Deacon John Rovnak (X)
 Fran Amer (HF)
 Janet Pitzulo (T)
Ushers: Don Kutsko, Bill Petro,

Sunday, May 7– 9:00 AM

Lectors: Kelly Frammartino (1st), Sue DePinto (2nd)
Server: Sarah, Ryan & Zach Hlywa
Euch. Min: Deacon John Rovnak (X)
 Jeanne Neville (HF)
 Tom Vljakovich (T)
Ushers: Jim Naples, Marty Repasky, Russ Miklos,
 Kevin Henchar

Sunday, May 7– 11:00 AM

Lectors: Judy Richley (1st), Roseann Peluso (2nd)
Servers: Nathan Ferguson, Elise & Sean Campbell
Euch. Min: Deacon John Rovnak (X)
 Fran Brayer (HF)
 Barbara Cummings (T)
Ushers: Tom Eaton, Tom Wainio,

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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Peggy Binashesky	Pat Hoyle	Linda Miller
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Mary Louise H. Buck	Steven Kaczmar	David Morrissey
Dante DeAngelo	Mary Jo Latera	Janice Rovnak
John Deley	Patty Sweeney Lavolpa	Maryann Rovnak
James Dunn, Sr.	Jack LeBrun	Lenore Slotterback
Jay Gettemy	Bridget Dunn Leonard	George Wild

Parish Support

April 23, 2023

Amount Received \$ 20,035.75
Amount Budgeted \$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit) \$ 5,035.75
YTD Received \$737,021.14
YTD Budget \$645,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit) \$ 92,021.14
Holy Thursday to date \$ 2,183.00
Good Friday to date \$ 2,370.00
Easter to date \$ 32,901.75



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

Please support the patrons who place ads in our bulletin. Their generosity helps to defray the cost of our bulletin.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, May 1

8:00am – 5:00pm – Lifeline Screening
 9:00am – Fitness Fun

Tuesday, May 2

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

Wednesday, May 3

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Thursday, May 4

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

Friday, May 5

9:00am – Fitness Fun
 6:00pm - Rehearsal

Saturday, May 6

3:15pm - Rosary

Sunday, May 7

12:00 -2:00pm - GoF
 2:00pm – Confirmation Practice



CAN YOU SUPPLY COOKIES?

Saint Michael Parish is hosting the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration to be held at the Cathedral of Saint Columba on Sunday, May 7. We have been asked to provide cookies for the reception to follow.



Please drop cookies off at the Family Life Center no later than 3:00pm on Friday, May 5.

SAINT MICHAEL MEN'S CLUB

Mother's Day Breakfast



The Men's Club is inviting Saint Michael Parishioners and their guests to our annual Mother's Day Breakfast in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, May 14th** following the 9:00am Mass and serving until

11:00am. We will be featuring scrambled eggs with or without ham, French toast, sausage, donuts, Ladies champagne, coffee, etc.

Donation request is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 5-10 and kids under 5 are free.

Please Note:

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, May 5.

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Today, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, more commonly called "Good Shepherd Sunday". Each year, we hear a different Gospel centered on the role of the Shepherd. Our responsorial psalm refrain also reminds us that with the Lord as our Shepherd, there is nothing we shall want. Yet we know that there are many who want – not lavish things, but the basic necessities of life. The challenge is for many of us to recognize the wants that have been fulfilled in our lives and extend Christ's love to others by sharing those blessings with them. Through the Annual Diocesan Appeal: One in Hope, One in Mission, we are afforded the opportunity to share our blessings with those in need. If you have not yet made a prayerful response to the Appeal, please take some time to reflect on your ability to participate using either a pledge card available at our Church or by visiting www.doy.org and clicking on the Diocesan Appeal button. To date, **244 families** of our parish have pledged **\$106,626 (99.6%)** toward our parish goal of **\$107,000**. This is outstanding to be this close to our parish goal at this point in the Appeal. The overall goal of the diocese is **\$4,000,000**. All dollars raised remain within the six counties of our diocesan community to assist in the work of charity and advance the mission of the Church. On behalf of Bishop Bonnar and all who will be served by the Annual Diocesan Appeal – THANK YOU for your generosity and your commitment to sharing God's blessing with those in need.



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