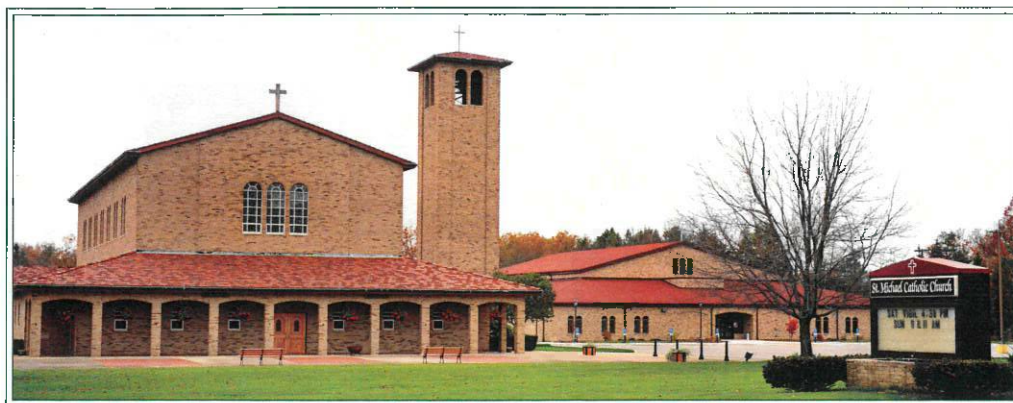


Saint Michael Parish

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Weekend Masses:
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Holiday 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

Fax 330-702-0432

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

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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 4

Saint John Damascene

8:00am – Tony Peluso

Tuesday, December 5

8:00am – Michelle Lombardo

Wednesday, December 6

Saint Nicholas

8:00am – William Sypolt

Thursday, December 7

Saint Ambrose

8:00am – Anna & Angelo Rocco

Vigil for the Immaculate Conception

6:00pm – The People of the Parish

Friday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15pm – The People of the Parish

Saturday, December 9

Vigil – Second Sunday of Advent

3:00pm – The People of the Parish

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00am – Mary Jean & George Cole

11:30am – The Sacred Heart Society

JOHN THE FORERUNNER



In addition to Christ himself, two people stand as a hallmark of the Advent season – The Blessed Virgin Mary and John the Baptizer. The icon of **John the Forerunner** depicts him as the adult prophet who is preparing the world for the coming of Jesus Christ. Illustrated in his camel hair coat and leather belt and with his wild hair, he also holds the scroll announcing to **“repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”** May the image of Saint John during advent challenge us to work to prepare the way of the Lord.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be next **Monday, December 11th** in the Church. The service will begin at 7:00pm. Please plan to join us as we prepare our hearts, as well as our homes, for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

ADVENT FAITH FORMATION

This year, we will have two Advent Faith Formation sessions. On **Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30pm**, we will welcome Sister Regina Rogers of the Ursuline Sisters to our parish for a presentation of the Blessed Mother in Advent, titled *“Mary, Woman of Joy, Disciple of Faith”*. A light reception will follow. Please plan to join us.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS

This year, we will be again using the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation I & II at our Sunday celebrations during the Advent season. These are designed to be used during times of reconciliation and penance and are particularly fitting during the Advent and Lenten seasons. As we heed the call of the Baptizer and prepare the way for the Lord, we are all in need of preparing our hearts, which in most cases, calls for repentance and change of heart. May these Eucharistic Prayers not merely serve to change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, but may they serve to transform our hearts into a loving dwelling place for Emmanuel – God with Us.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the patron feast of the United States. Our Mass schedule for the Immaculate Conception is **Thursday, December 7th at 6:00pm (Vigil Mass) and Friday, December 8th at 12:15pm**. Thank you.



This Sunday, we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. This wonderful, yet too often, overlooked, season affords us the opportunity to prepare for the coming of Christ. As the season of Advent begins, we are reminded that there are three comings of Christ we celebrate: [1] his coming into human history at Bethlehem, [2] his coming at the end of human history, [3] and his coming into our hearts. In today’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we do not know the day or the hour when the Lord of the House is coming – therefore, we must be alert. Let us take time during this wonderful season of preparation to make ourselves ready for the coming of Christ, not only at Christmas, but for all eternity. During this Advent season, let us welcome the radiant light which is the Lord, Jesus Christ – Emmanuel, into our hearts and into our homes.



Thank you to everyone who has already taken angel ornaments in support of our annual Christmas Giving Program. **Please return your monetary gift by December 10** using the "Christmas Giving Gift Return" boxes at the entrances, the offertory basket, or dropping off or mailing it to the parish office. Make sure to keep the Angel Ornament and hang it on your Christmas Tree when you decorate for the holidays as a reminder to keep those we are assisting in prayer throughout the Christmas season. Once again, thank you for your willingness to make Christmas a little brighter for others struggling in our community this year.

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: Beginning in January the current Prayer List will be removed, and a new Prayer List started. If you would like to have a name on the new list, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Immaculate Conception

Vigil – Thursday, December 7 – 6:00 PM

Lector: Kelly Frammartino
Euch. Min.: Joyce Sutton
Ushers: Chuck Wirtz, Tom Wainio

Friday – December 8 – 12:15 PM

Lector: Sue DePinto
Euch. Min.: Marleen Belfiore
Ushers: Richard Gary, Bill Petro, Marleen Belfiore

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday, December 9 – 4:00 PM

Lector: Jim Krivanek
Servers: Benjamin & Daniel Herrmann
Euch. Min: Barb Ricks (X)
 Diane Graham (HF)
 Ed Costello (T)

Ushers: Bill Petro, Marleen Belfiore

Sunday, December 10 – 9:00 AM

Lector: Gerry Ricciutti
Server: Michael Smallwood
Euch. Min: Sue DePinto (X)
 Barbara Cummings (HF)
 Sharon Harpster (T)

Ushers: Richard Gary, Mario Silvestri, Greg Iaderosa, Jim Basista, Brian Kerr

Sunday, December 10 – 11:30 AM

Lector: Barb Spencer
Server: Nate Ferguson
Euch. Min: Brian Berlin (X)
 Christy Berlin (HF)
 Fran Brayer (T)

Ushers: Tom Eaton, Russell Layfield, Luke Scolieri



Make sure to mark your calendar for December's Young at Heart. This month it will be on **Tuesday, December 12**, with a trip to the Arms Museum in Youngstown, Ohio. Mass will begin at 11:00am followed by lunch and then we will travel by chartered bus to the museum. The cost is \$10.00 which is your admission ticket to the museum. The parish will cover the cost of the bus as well as lunch that day. Please RSVP to the parish office (533-6839) as soon as possible since space is limited.

Please Note

The Parish Office will be closed on **Friday, December 8** for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation.

Parish Support

November 18, 2023

Amount Received \$ 13,900.31
Amount Budgeted \$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit) (\$ 1,099.69)
YTD Received \$315,637.26
YTD Budget \$315,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit) \$ 637.26



November 26, 2023

Amount Received \$ 13,735.00
Amount Budgeted \$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit) (\$ 1,265.00)
YTD Received \$329,372.26
YTD Budget \$330,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit) (\$ 672.74)

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 4

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Tuesday, December 5

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

7:00pm - Scouts

Wednesday, December 6

9:00am – Fitness Fun

6:00-7:00pm – Baptism Prep

Thursday, December 7

8:30am – Bible Study

10:30am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, December 8

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, December 9

3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, December 10

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



CHOIR PRACTICE

The Choir will be practicing after the 11:30 mass on Sunday. The choir will sing at the Midnight Mass on Christmas.



STEWARDSHIP

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” Mark13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

VOCATIONS

Advent is a time of watching and waiting. Are you open to the surprising ways God comes to you? Be attentive to God’s call in the ordinary.

(Mark 13: 33-37).

If you think God is call you to be a priest, contact Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A reminder to please fill out your Christmas flower envelope with the names of loved ones to be prayed for during the Christmas season. A listing of all names in memoriam will appear in the Christmas Bulletin, December 24.



In order to have names listed in the bulletin (and posted on our parish website as well), we must receive the envelopes by **Friday, December 15th**. Again, thank you for your kindness. May God bless us all with joyful hearts and loving remembrance during this coming Christmas Season.

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The Diocese of Youngstown is partnering with the Warren Civic Chorus to bring Handel’s most recognizable work to the Cathedral of Saint Columba! This concert will feature a collaboration with the Warren Civic Chorus Singers and the music directors from the Diocese of Youngstown. In the spirit of bringing people together and sharing great musical experiences, all are invited to come fill the Cathedral and experience this wonderful musical event.

The concert will be on **Monday, December 4, 2023, from 7:00pm – 8:30pm** followed by a reception in the Cathedral Hall. A free will offering will benefit Second Harvest Food Bank.

URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL

The Ursuline High School Theatre Department will present A Christmas Carol in the Deibel-Morley Arts Center on the Ursuline campus. The performances are set for Friday, December 8th and Saturday, December 9th at 7:00pm. A matinee will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 2:00pm.

Ticket cost: \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, students, and senior citizens. Pre-sale tickets for \$8 may be purchased with the code “scrooge” using the link: <https://www.showetix4u.com/event-details/77943>



Would you like to give electronically? We offer debit from a checking or savings account (preferred method) as well as VISA, Master Card and American Express.

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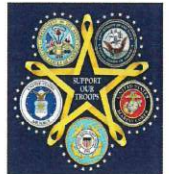
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2024 MASS INTENTIONS

Now that we have given everyone in the parish the opportunity to schedule a Mass for their loved ones in 2024, we are accepting additional Mass Intention requests. We will accept three additional Masses on a first received basis. We are still in the process of scheduling the Masses on particular days, based on what we know to the be calendar to date. We regret that there are always changes that happen and we appreciate your understanding when Masses need to be rescheduled. Thank you!

2024 Mass Intention Request Form

Name of Mass Intention

Name of person requesting the intention

Requested date – Not guaranteed

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.

URSULINE SISTERS HIRING

Ursuline Sisters Mission has an immediate opening for a Motherhouse Cook, 3-4 days a week and every other weekend.

10am-6:30pm on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

9am -5:30pm Sunday

Call Linda at 330-792-7636

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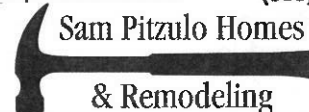


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