

# SAINT MICHAEL PARISH

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN



## 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)

## PARISH STAFF

Very Reverend John-Michael Lavelle, D.Min., *Pastor*

Daniel LaPolla, *Seminarian Intern*

Marcy Fessler  
*Pastoral Associate*

Katherine Garchar  
*Director of Music*

Maxine Gordon  
*Administrative Assistant*

Stephanie Howley  
*Business Manager*

Audrey Geskey  
*Facilities Manager*

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*Maintenance*

## SACRAMENTS AND CATECHESIS

To register your child(ren) for Youth Faith Formation (YFF), to inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), to begin the Annulment process, schedule a Baptism Prep session, or discuss the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Eucharist (and Reconciliation), and Confirmation, please contact Marcy Fessler, our Pastoral Associate at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

## 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  
Closed on Friday

## CONTACT US

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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



**Monday, August 11****Saint Claire**

8:00am – Joann Roberts

**Tuesday, August 12****Saint Jane Frances de Chantal**

8:00am – Vic &amp; Rita Klingensmith

**Wednesday, August 13****Saint Pontian, Pope****Saint Hippolytus, Priest**

8:00am – Tom Dwyer

**Thursday, August 14****Saint Maximilian Kolbe**8:00am – Sargent Frank Kukura and  
Doctor David Kukura**Friday, August 15****The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:15pm – The People of the Parish

6:00pm – The People of the Parish

**Saturday, August 16****Vigil – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

**Sunday, August 17****Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – The Sacred Heart Society

11:30am – Antonette &amp; Edward Sutton

### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation, is **Friday, August 15**.

**Masses that day are at 12:15pm and 6:00pm.**

#### Readings for August 15, 2025

##### **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Luke 1:39-56

#### Readings for August 17, 2025

##### **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

### FROM THE PASTOR . . .

As we prepare for this Friday's observance of the Assumption of Mary, we recall the relative newness of this official teaching. Addressing a jubilant crowd of more than 500,000 people packed into Saint Peter's Square, Pope Pius XII solemnly defined in "Munificentissimus Deus" on Nov. 1, 1950, that the *"Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."* Although the solemn definition may have been at the midpoint of the 20th century, the belief in the Assumption of our Blessed Mother exemplifies the dynamism of revelation and the Church's ongoing understanding of it as guided by the Holy Spirit.

We firmly believe that from the first moment of her conception Mary was free of all sin, including Original Sin, by a special favor of almighty God. The Archangel Gabriel recognized her as "full of grace," "blessed among women" and "one with the Lord." Mary had been chosen to be the Mother of our savior. By the power of the Holy Spirit, she conceived our Lord Jesus Christ, and through her, true God became also man, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

During her lifetime, although the Gospel citations are limited, Mary always presented our Lord to others: to Elizabeth and her son, John the Baptist, who leapt for joy in the womb at the presence of the Lord still in his own mother's womb; to the simple shepherds as well as the wise Magi; and to the people at Cana, when our Lord acquiesced to His mother's wish and performed the first miracle.

Moreover, Mary stood at the foot of the cross with her Son, supporting Him and sharing in His suffering through her love as only a mother could do. Finally, she was with the Apostles at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended and the Church was born. Therefore, each of us can step back and see Mary as the faithful servant of God who shared intimately in the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord.

The Feast of the Assumption gives each of us great hope as we contemplate this one facet of the beautiful woman of faith, our Blessed Mother. Mary moves us by example and prayer to grow in God's grace, to be receptive to His will, to convert our lives through sacrifice and penance, and seek that everlasting union in the heavenly Kingdom. As we gather to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may we all come to a deeper understanding of our union with her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, August 11

9:00am – Fitness Fun

### Tuesday, August 12

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

### Wednesday, August 13

8:20 – 9:00am - Adoration

9:00am – Fitness Fun

### Thursday, August 14

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture Sharing

7:00pm – Men's Club

### Friday, August 15

**Parish Office Closed**

7:30pm – AA Meeting

### Saturday, August 16

3:00pm – Reconciliation

### Sunday, August 17

No Events Scheduled



## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

**THE DEADLINE FOR YFF REGISTRATION IS MONDAY, AUGUST 25.**

If you are new to the parish or have a child entering Kindergarten or First Grade call Marcy at the parish office for information about YFF and to request a registration packet.



First Grade is required in order to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade. It is expected that grades three through seven are completed before entering eighth grade and Confirmation preparations.

Kindergarten is not required but highly encouraged. We limit the Kindergarten class to 10 children. If you are considering registering your child for Kindergarten YFF, be sure to get your registration packet in early to ensure a spot for your child.

### Parish Support

August 3, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 12,037.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 2,963.00)
EFT July	\$ 11,360.00
YTD Received	\$ 73,061.50
YTD Budget	\$ 75,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 1,938.50)



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

## Back to SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



From now until August 31 we will be collecting school supplies to help students start the year with the tools they need to succeed! Your generous donations can make a huge impact on their education and future. Please place all donations in the bins at the entrances of the church. Donations will then be given to Catholic Charities for distribution to those in need.

*Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

## BIBLE STUDY

The Parables of Jesus text written by Stephen Binz will be the focus of the monthly parish Bible study resuming **Thursday, September 11 at 1:00pm.** The group meets

monthly from September through May on the second Thursday of the month in the Family Life Center. Please contact Barbara Spencer, facilitator at 330-503-4756, for further information. Two texts are currently available for any new people joining. The cost for the text is \$13.00.



## ADULT EDUCATION

A four consecutive Wednesday evening scripture program on interpreting the parables of Jesus and how to better grow more spiritually from them, will take place in the Parish Hall beginning **September 17 through October 8 from 6:30pm until 7:45pm.** The program will be facilitated by Barb Spencer.

Please bring your Bible with you. Each evening is self contained to make it easier for those who could not attend all four.

## Electronic Giving

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.

If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839 for more information or to sign up.

The form is also on our web site to print out, complete and turn into the office.



Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic but aren't sure where to start? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith but aren't sure if you are ready to become Catholic? Have you been baptized in another faith tradition but attend Saint Michael with your spouse and are feeling called to explore becoming Catholic. Now is a great time to inquire about becoming Catholic.

Call Marcy at the parish office (330-533-6839) to begin the conversation and see if this is the right time for you. We will be meeting at Saint Michael Parish at 10:00am during the week. The date will be announced in September.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Debbie Cancio	Jay Gettemy	Patricia Lesho
Mindy Cline	John Hahn	Shirley Morvay
Dante DeAngelo	Dale Hynes	Theresa Morvay
James Dunn, Sr.	Jim Jones	Bill Myers
Arlene Dyman	Jack LeBrun	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Jack D. Slifka
Marilyn Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Caroline Zeigler
Dorothy Furden		

### YOUNGSTOWN CURSILLO CENTER

Attention Men: Are you searching for a way to grow in your faith? A Cursillo retreat weekend will show you how to live with purpose and vision. Want to know more? Check us out on the web at [youngstowncursillo.com](http://youngstowncursillo.com) or come to Ultreya:

#### Youngstown Ultreya:

Second Thursday of the Month at 7:00pm  
August 14, September 11  
Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

#### Columbiana Ultreya:

Fourth Tuesday of the Month, after the 6:00pm Mass  
August 26, September 23  
Saint Jude Parish

*For questions or more information contact  
Martha Coulter at 330-207-6808*

### **Just a Reminder:**

**If you would like to schedule a meeting or event for any of our parish organizations or schedule a rental in the Parish Hall or Family Life Center please contact Audrey at 330-533-3181.**

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### **Anointing of the Sick**

This Sacrament can be celebrated before any surgery or if you are experiencing a serious illness. Please call the parish office (330-533-6839) to schedule. Due to the many duties of Father Lavelle, please allow time when calling to schedule a visit.

### **Baptism**

If you would like to have your child baptized please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Parents must be registered parishioners for at least 6 months and attend Mass regularly. Parents may need to attend a Baptism Class usually held on the last Wednesday of the month. Godparents must provide a letter of suitability from the parish where they are registered. One godparent must be Catholic.

### **Marriage**

Couples requesting a wedding must be registered and active members of the parish for at least 6 months before a date can be reserved. If you are 25 years old and still registered under your parents registration, you need to register independently. A Pre-Cana class sponsored by the diocese is required as well as meeting with Father Lavelle a few months prior to your wedding.

### **JUST A REMINDER**

**The parish office hours are 8:30am – 4:00pm  
Monday through Thursday. The Parish Office  
is closed on Friday.**

### **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Nate Ferguson, who has been a dedicated Altar Server for the past 6 years and a scout with Troop 9115, is working on his Eagle Project. Lord of Life Church approached him to tear down their playset and build another for the community to use.






It is a costly project and Nate's goal is to raise \$3000 with a stretch goal of \$4650 to supply rubber mulch. Let's help Nate reach his goal! Any amount is greatly appreciated. To donate you can see Nate after mass or mail a check to

Nathan Ferguson  
159 Jade Circle  
Canfield, Ohio 44406

*Thank you in advance for your consideration in donating to this worthwhile cause and helping one of our dedicated altar servers.*





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## STEWARDSHIP – August 10, 2025

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Luke 12:34)*

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

## VOCATIONS – August 10, 2025

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"You also must be prepared for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." (Luke 12:40)*

The call to serve can come unexpectedly. Be open to the ways God may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life.

Talk to your priest or reach out to  
 Father Chad Johnson  
[cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org)

or Father Will Wainio at  
[wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org)

## MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Colonel Gerald Nunziato
Lt. William "Bill" Sweeney", Battalion Surgeon, 6 <sup>th</sup> Marines, US Navy
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Visit [ohiocathconf.org/edchoice](http://ohiocathconf.org/edchoice) to learn how EdChoice scholarships can help you send your child to a Catholic school near you.



## OFFERTORY GIFTS

*If you are interested in bringing up the gifts in the Offertory Procession, please see the ushers before Mass begins.*

## HANDEL'S PINT CARDS

We have Handel's pint cards that are good through January 2026. The cost is \$6.50 per card and are good at several Handle's stores throughout the area. A portion of the proceeds from the purchase of the card is donated back to Saint Michael Parish.



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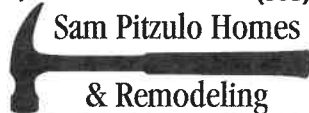
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