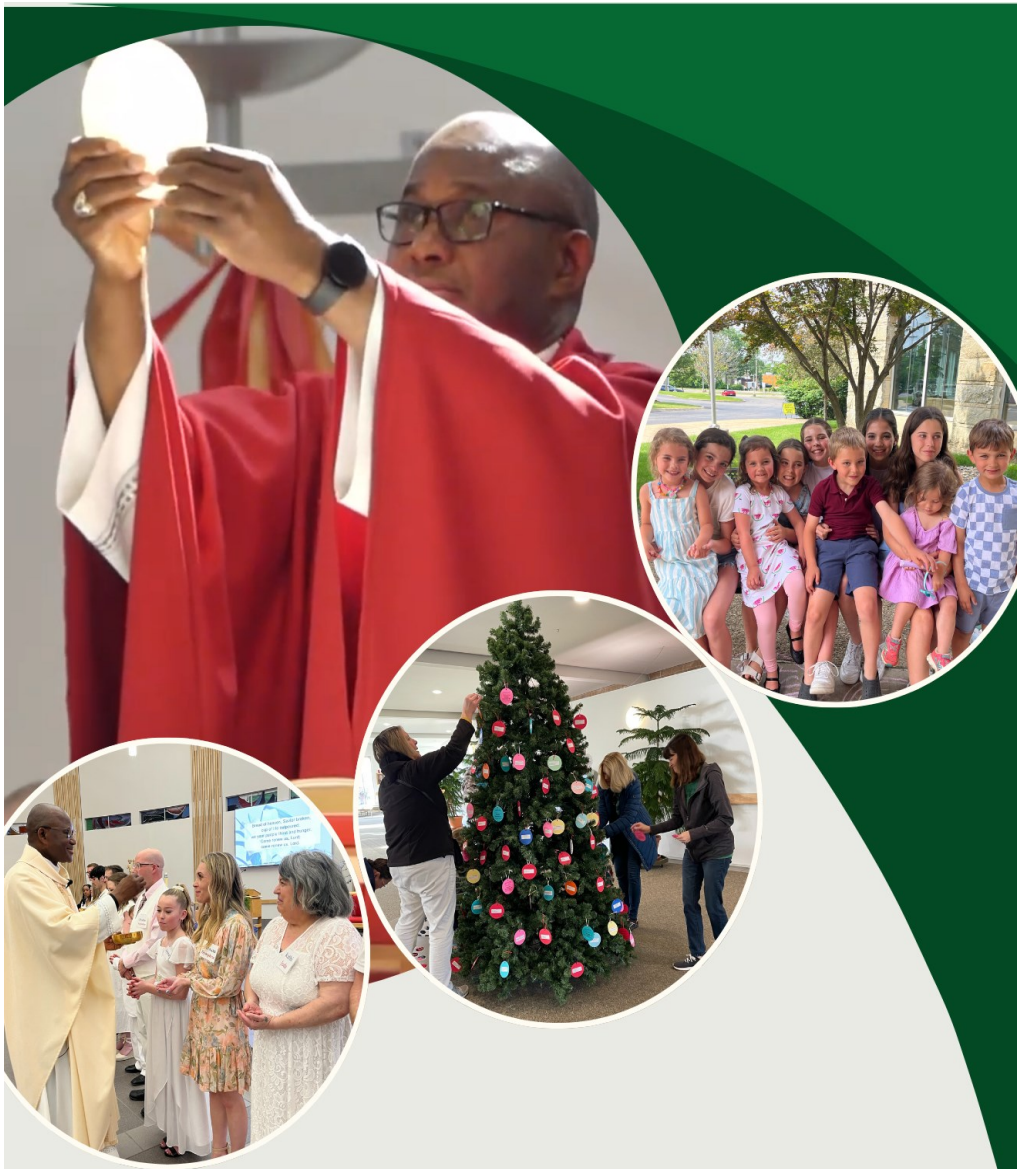




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Our Mission

St. Michael's Parish is a Catholic Christian community called together by God to share in the mission of Jesus Christ.

Our community invites each member to participate actively in the parish by freely developing his/her unique, God-given gifts to love and care for one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

We recognize our responsibility to share these gifts with all members of the Kingdom of God.

We bear the responsibility of a community of believers to accept and respect each others expressions of faith, to proclaim the Glory of God through worship, ministry and joyful love for all people.

We willingly embrace the needs of our members as well as the members of the wider human community and challenge each other to live the gospel values of Jesus Christ.

We hope that living our parish mission will result in the spiritual growth and unity of our parish.



Our Vision

A Catholic Community on Journey in the Tradition of the
Second Vatican Council Seeking Companions on the Way to the Reign of God.

Prayer for Stewardship

Loving God,
I come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all that I am
and all that I have is a gift from you.
In faith and love, help me to do your will.
Amen

A Message From our Pastor

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

Change is inevitable. I sometimes hear the phrase, “the only constant is change.” We have experienced it in our lives, and we experience it in our church as well.

However, change can lead to renewal and reinvigoration. We are in an exciting time in the life of the Church. The Jubilee of Hope that began in December continues into the new year with a focus on our own pilgrimages and living a life of hope. We just concluded a special focus on the Eucharist with the Eucharistic Revival and we renewed by the election of Pope Leo XIV just a few months ago.

When I think of all of these events coming together, I think of the preface of the Eucharistic Prayer when the priest says, “Lift up your hearts,” and the people respond, “We lift them up to the Lord.” In this dialogue, the priest asks the people to raise their hearts, minds, wills, and emotions to God and leave behind the troubles, annoyances, and preoccupations of everyday life and reach for something higher. The higher thing is the hope of things to come, the knowledge that true rewards extend beyond this life.

Hope is a virtue rooted in faith. There is freedom in hope. Regardless of life circumstances, the freedom to seek and respond to God’s voice unifies us with God. To use the Jubilee of Hope logo, we are anchored in hope through the ups and downs, twists and turns of life.

It is the same hope that we base our 2025 Stewardship campaign on. This year’s theme is “Joyfully Living, Gratefully Giving.” We ask that the hope we receive through God’s love, care, and mercy be extended to you all. I encourage you to take an active role in our stewardship program. We value every one of you and your gifts to our community.

With your help, we welcomed over 100 new families this year and welcomed many children, teens, and adults into the Catholic Faith through the Sacraments of Initiation. Your increase in giving will help us continue this work of forming new disciples.

We offer this directory as a summary of our parish ministry activities and financial positions. The **Annual Report** shows our strong financial position, due to your offerings. The **Ministry Directory** lists all of our activities and organizations. Take time to review the enclosed information. We hope it will help you stay informed of the state of our parish and how you can get involved in our ministries.

I am always humbled by your generosity of time, talent, and treasure. With your support, we will continue to fulfill our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

God Bless,



Rev. Benson Okpara, Ph.D.
Pastor



Finance Report

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

On behalf of the Finance Council and with a grateful heart, I thank you for the monetary and spiritual sacrifices you make to our St. Michael parish community. We can minister in so many ways – in our community and around the globe – because of your commitment to the spirit that exists here at St. Michael.

Our combined parish and school were able to complete this fiscal year with net gains in our assets over the previous year, all while improving our campus, supporting our staff, and contributing to many charitable works. Our Council's monthly work is often unseen, much like important upkeep to our building. This year we replaced the roof over the gathering space, replaced one of the chillers, renovated the gymnasium bathrooms, sealed all parking lots and driveways, purchased new equipment for the school kitchen, and installed the beautiful mosaics in the lower Chapel and Blessed Virgin prayer space. Some of these were completed with the proceeds of designated gifts from parishioners and the School Advisory Board; others were completed with the availability of funds from the general offertory. Regardless of the source, we accept the responsibility to care for these dollars and our worship areas, our school, and our grounds, and we are so thankful.

We have renewed our focus this year in community outreach, recognizing the needs of all those around us and importantly understanding the changing needs of our brothers and sisters at other parishes. Whether through our weekly food ministry or direct donations to gospel driven causes – needy children, the hungry, the under-housed – we accomplish this in your name and in the name of St. Michael parish.

We are grateful to our staff – over 70 strong in our parish and school – who daily deliver good news to all who encounter God's presence in all we do at St. Michael. Their gifts and professionalism create such a welcoming environment, allowing us to increase our outreach every year and to convey to everyone we touch how warm and caring St. Michael is.

We are grateful for those who, in a special way, remember St. Michael as part of their estate or long-term financial planning. These extraordinary gifts provide opportunities for expanded programming, environment enhancement, and student scholarships. We are mindful and grateful for all you do to ensure our St. Michael community remains a special spiritual home for each of us and for generations to come.

And for all that you do for our parish - for your generosity, for your sacrifices, for your prayers, for your love of St. Michael – thank you.

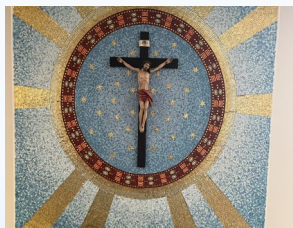
Alan Harold, Chair
St. Michael Parish Finance Council

Projects and Initiatives

Each year, the Finance Council, in collaboration with Fr. Benson, the Parish Staff and Parish Pastoral Council, conducts an annual review to determine which capital projects should be undertaken. These projects are not normally funded by operating revenue, but by savings, designated contributions, reserved funds, and through the efforts of the School Advisory Board (SAB). In evaluating projects, we look at the maintenance that is necessary to support our aging facilities as well as initiatives that support our ministries.

Since our last report to you St. Michael's carried out the following capital projects:

- ♦ Installed new Mosaics in the Chapel and at Marian Statute
- ♦ Replaced Air Conditioning for the Gym, Vesting Sacristy and Gathering Space
- ♦ Completed Gym restroom renovation
- ♦ Upgrades to school cafeteria equipment
- ♦ Crack Fill and Seal Parish parking lots and School Playground



In the current year, the capital projects include:

- ♦ Build outdoor learning center and pavilion complete by August 17
- ♦ Reupholster church pews and kneelers Complete by Advent
- ♦ Replace Labyrinth surface. Complete before Dec 1
- ♦ Upgrade classroom furniture 1st & 2nd Grade rooms
- ♦ Replace aging school communications systems and emergency alert capability in church and school*
- ♦ Other security improvements to the campus - video surveillance and impact barriers*

*FEMA grant funding of \$150,000 is targeted for these improvement

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH FINANCIALS

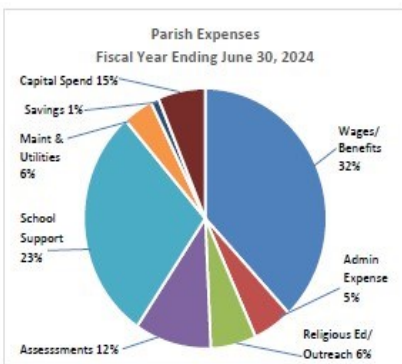
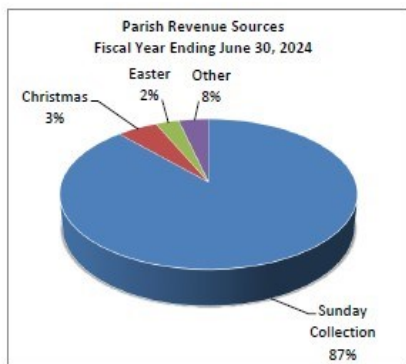
OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSE

Fiscal Year Ending June 30

OPERATING INCOME:	Budget YE 2026	Actual YE 2025	Actual YE 2024	Actual YE 2023
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$1,986,840	\$1,892,225	\$1,770,764	\$1,793,750
Christmas	76,500	72,856	78,669	57,418
Easter	43,330	41,265	37,900	39,023
Other	165,470	195,746	162,115	156,539
Total Parish Income	\$2,272,140	\$2,202,092	\$2,049,448	\$2,046,730

OPERATING EXPENSE:

Wages & Benefits	\$678,435	\$686,633	\$689,278	\$632,206
Administrative Expenses	112,690	123,124	85,779	89,355
Religious Education/Outreach	124,880	115,431	114,288	90,573
Assessments	260,365	253,116	236,880	223,980
Support of School	485,040	517,000	618,880	574,877
Maintenance & Utilities	123,865	104,440	97,387	84,453
Replenish Savings	24,000	24,000	24,000	18,000
Operations Capital Spending	<u>335,100</u>	<u>118,466</u>	<u>136,109</u>	<u>318,555</u>
Total Parish Expenses	\$2,144,375	\$2,024,133	\$2,002,601	\$2,031,999



Please feel free to visit the parish office to review the full set of financials.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

	Budget YE 2026	Actual YE 2025	Actual YE 2024	Actual YE 2023
Paid to the Diocese of Youngstown				
Diocesan Assessments	\$161,375	158,640	157,656	149,688
High School Quota	81,710	80,080	79,224	74,712
Catholic Echo Subscription	17,280	16,080	16,080	N/A
Property & Liability Insurance	81,865	77,230	62,744	66,227
Employee Benefits & Premiums*	516,900	565,800	588,936	549,174
Total Paid to the Diocese of Youngstown	\$859,130	897,830	904,640	839,801

*All employee benefits are paid through the Diocese

	Budget YE 2026	Actual YE 2025	Actual YE 2024	Actual YE 2023
St. Michael School Income				
Tuitions	2,383,550	\$2,287,025	\$2,183,195	\$1,512,963
Other Income	435,000	433,434	356,806	386,953
Parish Subsidy to School	485,040	517,000	618,880	556,835
Total School Revenue	3,302,590	\$3,237,460	\$3,158,881	\$2,456,751
Total School Expenses	3,435,715	\$3,056,875	\$3,178,103	\$2,456,751

Enrolled Students PreK – 8	450	436	399	405
Actual Cost Per Student	\$7,635	\$7,011	\$7,965	\$6,066
Parish Subsidy Per Student	1,080	\$1,185	\$1,551	\$1,375



2025 Social Justice Ministry Highlights

Paper and Cardboard recycling: approximately 382 Tons

Giving Tree: 1,763 individual gifts provided for people through 17 community agencies.

Habitat: Over \$3,000 raised via the Toolbox collection and over 130 volunteer construction hours.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Baskets: volunteer hours provided for registration and distribution processes by St. Michael Emergency Assistance.

Food Assistance: Approximately 2,000 pounds (1 ton) of food provided to people via multiple agencies and schools each month.

School supplies: Over 806 pounds of supplies provided to children.

All of this is provided through the involvement and generosity of our Saint Michael community members!



2025 Outreach Highlights

Addressing the pressing needs of poverty in our community. From the Archangel Charity Fund, Hunger Awareness Fund and Emergency Assistance program we have distributed almost \$100,000 in grants to the following:

Stark Hunger Task Force - Catholic
Food Pantries
Habitat for Humanity
Catholic Charities
Domestic Violence Project
Urban Ark

Compassion Delivered
Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration
Total Living Center
Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown
Little Pink Ribbon Girl Foundation

Also a significant impact to the community is the countless hours St Michael volunteers donate to more than 60 ministries of the church and external community agencies. This volunteer time and spirit is priceless!

Parish Council Report

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Parish Pastoral Council is one of the many ministries compiled of St. Michael's parishioners coming together to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are the visionary, consultative, planning, and evaluative voice of St. Michael's Parish. We work with Fr. Benson and the staff to prayerfully discern the needs of the parish community and to guide the parish into the future.

St. Michael's is blessed to have an abundance of parish and community-based activities that allow us to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and show the value of the Catholic Church. We are also comprised of a vibrant community that has flourished for over 70+ years. This year, we welcomed close to 120 new families! It is because of you, our parishioners, who share the Light of Christ. Our council will continue to promote our welcoming atmosphere here at St. Michael's as we venture into another year.

The Parish Pastoral Council encourages and welcomes all of you to reach out to one of our members to share how we may better represent and serve you. We look forward to the many gatherings this year, especially those that highlight our active and lively ministries that bring our parish to life. We want to share the purpose of these ministries with you and encourage you to get involved in any way you can to help serve our parish community and to ensure a bright future for the next generations to come.

We are deeply grateful for your support and participation in our parish activities and ministries. Thank you for allowing us to serve you!

God Bless You All!

Erin Dickey
Parish Pastoral Council





Gt. Michael Ministry Directory

Prayer for Stewardship

Loving God,
I come to you in thanksgiving,
knowing that all that I am and
all that I have is a gift from you.
In faith and love, help me to do
your will.

Amen

Invitation to Stewardship

Dear Fellow St Michael Community,

Thank you for supporting St Michael's ministries through your prayers, participation, and financial gifts. Your generosity helps extend God's blessings throughout our community. Please review this booklet to see how your contributions make a difference.

During stewardship month, we invite you to prayerfully consider increasing your support of St. Michael's mission—whether through time, talent, or treasure. As Psalm 115 asks, "How can I make a return to the Lord for all He has given me?" We hope this directory serves as a helpful and inspiring resource.

May we continue to be blessed and guided by Matthew 25:21: "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness."

In the Spirit of St. Michael,

Rev. Benson C. Okpara, Ph. D.
Pastor

Kathy Smithberger
Stewardship Committee Chair



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Share the vision.
Grow our future.
Reach for God's plan



Liturgical Ministries

As members of the Church – the People of God – we answer our Baptismal call to ministry in various ways. Whatever our response, our meaning of ministry involves far more than “doing things for people.” Rather, ministry is a mutual giving of self to one another – a caring enough about others to give them our personal presence, with deliberation and purpose, with a deep sense of faith and commitment, and to do this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Eucharistic Ministers

Contact: Deacon Mark Fuller or Deacon Phil Tischler

Phone: (330) 492-3119

Email: deaconmark@stmichaelcanton.org, deaconphil@stmichaelcanton.org

Purpose: To share the Body and Blood of Christ with the People of God – the Body of Christ.

Responsibilities: Eucharistic Ministers must have an understanding, love and reverence for the Eucharist, and for those with whom and to whom they minister. Eucharistic Ministers are responsible for being present, well-prepared, and familiar with procedures when scheduled to minister.

Requirements: To be a Eucharistic Minister, one must be at least 16 years of age, Baptized and Confirmed, in full communion with the Catholic Church, participating in the Sacramental life of the Church, a registered member of St. Michael Parish, and must feel a calling to this ministry. Participation in the entire Formation Workshop is required, along with events offered for the updating and enrichment of this ministry.

Time Commitment: In addition to the initial formation (see below), there is a commitment of time in prayer and preparation before ministering. Frequency of scheduling is contingent upon the choice of Mass times.

Formation: Participation in an initial formation workshop is required, regardless of prior experience as a Eucharistic Minister. The present workshop consists of a four-hour workshop on one day. Participation in ongoing formation, such as Ministry Evenings, is expected.

Live Stream Team

Contact: Rachel Shumar

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 222

Email: rachel@stmichaelcanton.org

Goals and Purpose: To provide the liturgy and other prayer experiences throughout the year online via our website and social media for those who are sick, homebound, or unable to attend in-person.

Responsibilities: Volunteers help produce the 4:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass live stream, along with other prayer experiences throughout the year. Some experience with technology recommended, but not necessary. Training is provided. Youth and adult volunteers welcome.

Lector

Contact: Deacon Mark Fuller or Deacon Phil Tischler

Phone: (330) 492-3119

Email: deaconmark@stmichaelcanton.org, deacon phil@stmichaelcanton.org

Purpose: To effectively proclaim the living Word of God to the people of this parish community.

Responsibilities: Lectors proclaim the Word of God at Masses and on other occasions such as Prayer Services, Communal Reconciliation Services, etc. Lectors are responsible for being present and well-prepared when scheduled to read.

Requirements: A Lector must be a practicing Catholic, in communion with the Church, a person of faith and good character, who takes his or her faith life seriously. A Lector needs to be a registered member of the parish and one who feels a calling to this ministry. Lectors need to exhibit a love and respect for the Word of God and the community, and be willing to expend the time necessary in prayer and preparation for this ministry. Participation in an initial formation workshop is required, regardless of prior experience as a Lector. The workshop consists of two meetings of three hours each. Participation in ongoing formation, such as Ministry Evenings, is expected.

Time Commitment: In addition to the initial formation, there is a commitment of time in prayer and preparation each time a Lector is scheduled to read. Frequency of scheduling is contingent upon choice of Mass times.

Liturgical Environment Volunteers

Contact: Trevor Ivan

Phone: (330) 492-3119 x216

Email: trevor@stmichaelcanton.org

Purpose: As the liturgical seasons change, the worship space is transformed to reflect and enhance that particular season or celebration.

Responsibilities: Joining with the members of the Liturgy Committee to help to prepare the worship space for a season or particular celebration.

Requirements: This ministry is for anyone who would like to assist with liturgical preparation, but who does not wish to be a full member of the Liturgy Committee.

Time Commitment: The time commitment is a few hours, usually on a Saturday morning, several times during the year.

Liturgy Committee

Contact: Sr. Carolyn Capuano, H. M.
Phone: (330) 492-3119 x215
Email: srcarolyn@stmichaelcantonn.org

Contact: Trevor Ivan
Phone: (330) 492-3119 x216
Email: trevor@stmichaelcantonn.org

Goal: To create an atmosphere in which the worshipping assembly can experience God, so that a feeling of real celebration will be present in every liturgy and also to enable and encourage members of the parish to recognize and grow in the ministries to which they have been called by Baptism. St. Michael's Liturgy Committee is deeply rooted in the tenets of the Second Vatican Council and respectful of the liturgical reforms that emanated from it.

Liturgical Planning and Preparation – general planning for the seasons and specific planning for individual celebrations. These include not only Masses, but also Evening Prayer, Morning Prayer, Communal Reconciliation services, any liturgical celebrations.

Liturgical Catechesis – providing information so that the people of the parish understand what is taking place and the reasons for it. Offering liturgical catechesis by allowing the people to experience good liturgy, well planned and well implemented.

Liturgical Evaluation – an ongoing process of determining the needs of the worshipping community and the effects of the celebrations that have been prepared.

Environment and Art – planning and arranging the liturgical environment for seasonal and special celebrations. We primarily use natural materials for enhancement of the worship space (plants, flowers, wood, rock, fabrics, etc.)

Preparation of Liturgical Ministers – planning and implementing workshops to form those who wish to be liturgical ministers and to enrich those presently serving in these ministries.

Qualifications: Membership on the Liturgy Committee requires: 1.) A basic knowledge of liturgical principles, which can be acquired through reading and study, and a willingness to continue learning. 2.) An interest in and a love for good liturgy. 3.) A desire to help bring about good community worship in the parish.

Membership: The Liturgy Committee heartily welcomes new members. Please consider joining us if you have a desire to continue to learn about liturgy and liturgical principles, and if you personally love liturgy that is prayerful and life-giving and want to share your time and talent to help bring about good communal worship at the parish. Call Trevor or Sr. Carolyn.

Time Commitment: Committee meetings are held once or twice a month (September through May) depending on the season and needs. The committee is responsible for setting the various liturgical environments throughout the year, assist as they are able (usually on Saturdays) so actual time commitment varies.

Ushers and Greeters

Contact: Deacon Mark Fuller or Deacon Phil Tischler

Phone: (330) 492-3119 x217

Email: deaconmark@stmichaelcanton.org, deaconphil@stmichaelcanton.org

The Ministry of Hospitality is the first liturgical ministry that people encounter upon arriving for Mass. This is a ministry of welcome, of helping to make people feel at ease, comfortable and an important part of the community. Greeters and Ushers help to create an atmosphere of hospitality by welcoming people warmly. They contribute significantly not only to the welcome and comfort of the people, but also to their safety. Ushers also attend to various functions throughout the liturgy to meet the needs of members of the community, and to help assure that many of the elements of the liturgy flow smoothly.

Qualifications: Requirements for this ministry include a strong sense of community and a desire to give of oneself to help enable each person celebrate liturgy to the fullest.

Time commitment: Usually an hour and a half on weekends. Also, Ministers of Hospitality are expected to participate in any meetings scheduled for them, as well as in gatherings for ongoing spiritual renewal and formation.

Formation: Upon learning of your interest, we will contact you regarding a formation class.

Lay Leaders of Prayer

In recent years, members of the laity have been called more frequently to lead their communities in prayer. The church's understanding of the role of the laity recognizes that, by virtue of Baptism, all Christians share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ. It is because of this that a lay person may be called forth to lead the community in prayer in those instances not specifically reserved for the ordained.

In the Diocese of Youngstown, Leaders of Prayer are commissioned by Bishop Bonnar after a comprehensive eight-week formation course. They then may lead in the following acts of worship: Liturgy of the Hours (Morning and Evening Prayer), Liturgy of the Word (with or without Holy Communion), Rites from the *Order of Christian Funerals* such as Vigil for the Deceased and Rite of Committal, Devotional Services (such as Stations of the Cross), and Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest. Participation in the formation course is at the invitation of the Pastor.

Altar Server

Contact: Deacon Mark Fuller or Deacon Phil Tischler

Phone: (330) 492-3119 x217

Email: deaconmark@stmichaelcanton.org, deaconphil@stmichaelcanton.org

Responsibilities: Altar Servers assist the Presider at Mass and are responsible for carrying the cross and candles in the procession, handling the sacred vessels for the altar, and assisting in other duties during the Mass to aid the priest or deacon. Altar Servers may volunteer to assist the presider at weddings and funerals.

Time Commitment: Altar servers are scheduled to serve once every several weeks at the weekend Masses on a rotating schedule. Altar servers also serve on Holy days, funerals, weddings and other liturgical events that are scheduled. Must arrive 20 minutes before the scheduled Mass.

Training: Servers, beginning in the third grade, and only after receiving First Holy Communion, can be trained via training sessions and by shadowing experienced servers during Mass. Youth, adults and families are welcome to be trained.

Eucharistic Adoration

Contact: Angie Borth

Phone: (330) 575-0932

Email: gamesetmatchamb@aol.com

Contact: Melinda Stewart

Phone: (330) 685-3096

Email: mms1001@neo.rr.com

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available to parishioners and visitors in the Chapel located in the Lower Level of the church at approximately 8:20 am immediately following the 8 am prayer service and closes with Benediction at 5:45 pm on Thursdays. We provide a peaceful and private place to pray and listen to God. Individuals may commit to a weekly time slot or stop in when available. All are welcome.



Rosary

Contact: Geri Lane

Phone: (330) 268-3569

Email: glane@youngstowndiocese.org

We gather on Sunday evenings, to pray as a church community to the Blessed Virgin. We come together to pray for our specific petitions and offer a space to learn the prayers of the rosary. There are opportunities to lead or read scripture. Rosary will be held in the church, by the Eucharistic Tabernacle, starting at 5:00 PM.

We will not gather on Christmas, New Years Eve, Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday.

Music Ministries

Archangel Ensemble

Contact: Jeff Fricker

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 214

Email: jeff@stmichaelcanton.org

Goals and Purpose: To enhance the liturgies and prayer life through music! We sing together, laugh together, and pray together. New members are always welcome; no audition or previous experience necessary—just a love of singing! All ages and abilities are welcome!

Meeting Schedule: Sunday 11:00am Masses. Music scores and audio tracks are available ahead of time to practice individually.

Rehearsals: Thursdays, 6:30pm-8:00pm in the church; September-May.

Cantors

Contact: Jeff Fricker

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 214

Email: jeff@stmichaelcanton.org

Goals and Purpose: To serve as leaders of congregational song at Mass.

Responsibilities: Cantors are responsible for preparing the music on their own and are strongly encouraged to attend the Archangel Ensemble rehearsal the week prior to their scheduled weekend Mass. Scheduled Mass times are available through our Ministry Scheduler program. Experience in choral singing or solo singing is required.

Meeting Schedule: Scheduled private rehearsal is available with the music director upon request and Thursday, 6:30 pm Archangel Ensemble rehearsals, September-May.



Resurrection Choir

Contact: Jeff Fricker

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 214

Email: jeff@stmichaelcanton.org

Goals and Purpose: To bring comfort to those mourning by providing well supported music at funerals; no auditions or previous experience necessary.

Meeting Schedule: Year-round. No set rehearsals, we meet 20-30 minutes prior to each funeral. Attendance at every funeral mass is not a requirement.

Instrumentalists

Contact: Jeff Fricker

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 214

Email: jeff@stmichaelcanton.org

Goals and Purpose: To enhance the liturgies and prayer life through music! Members gain experience in ensemble playing. No audition is necessary, but a love of music and knowledge of one's instrument is required. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Responsibilities: Musicians are responsible for preparing the music on their own and attending weekly rehearsals.

Meeting Schedule: Year-round at the 4:00pm and 11:00am Masses.

Rehearsals: Saturday 4:00pm Mass rehearsal at 3:15pm and Sunday 11:00am Mass rehearsal at 10:15am.

JuBELLation Handbell Choir

Contact: Deborah Garren

Phone: (330) 492-2657 ext. 121

Email: dgarren@youngstowndiocese.org

Goals and Purpose: To enhance the liturgy with beautiful bell music. We welcome volunteers with a commitment to the ensemble, worship, and joyful music making. No previous experience is necessary, just a desire to learn. All ages are welcome.

Meeting Schedule: To be determined as participation allows.

Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 6:00pm-8:00pm in the church, frequency to be determined.

Screen Operator

Contact: Trevor Ivan

Email: trevor@stmichaelcanton.org

Contact: Jeff Fricker

Email: jeff@stmichaelcanton.org

Goals and Purpose: We enhance the liturgies by operating the screens during all four weekend Masses and other special events year-round. The screens are a liturgically appropriate worship aid used to support congregational participation in music.

Responsibilities: Screen Operators must attend a one-time, individually scheduled training. The only technology requirement is experience in using a computer mouse! Scheduled Mass times are available through our Ministry Scheduler program.

School Community Youth Ensemble

Contact: Deborah Garren

Phone: (330) 492-2657 ext. 121 **Email:** dgarren@youngstowndiocese.org

Goals and Purpose: To add joyful, spirited, and youthful voices to our Masses! Students gain choral instruction, musical skills, and potential cantor experience. Grades 1-8.

Meeting Schedule: The youth ensemble sings on Wednesdays at the 8:00am Mass from September through May. They also sing each Sunday at the 11:00am Mass as part of our Archangel Ensemble. The youth ensemble also spreads the joy of singing with a local nursing home during the Advent season and leads the 11:00am Mass during Catholic Schools Week.

Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 2:40pm-3:40pm in the music room, student pick-up at 3:45 September-May. Sundays 8:30-9:30am in the school music room, year round, and 10:15am with the Archangel Ensemble prior to the 11:00am Mass.

St. Michael School Youth Instrumental Ensemble

Contact: Deborah Garren

Phone: (330)492-2657 ext. 121 **Email:** dgarren@youngstowndiocese.org

Goals and Purpose: To add joyful, spirited, and youthful instrumentalists to our Masses! Students gain instrumental instruction, musical skills, and performance experience.

Meeting Schedule: The ensemble offers instrumental support on Wednesdays at the 8:00am Mass from September through May and Sunday mornings at the 11:00am Mass with other student and adult instrumentalists.

Rehearsals: Thursdays, 2:40-4:40pm in the school music room, student pick-up at 4:45pm, September through May, Sundays 9:30-10:15am in the school music room, year round, and 10:15am with the Archangel Ensemble prior to the 11:00am Mass.

Parish Community Youth Ensemble

Contact: Deborah Garren

Phone: (330) 492-2657 ex. 121 **Email:** dgarren@youngstowndiocese.org

Goals and Purpose: To add joyful, spirited, and youthful voices to our Masses! Students gain choral instruction, musical skills, and potential cantor experience. All ages are welcome.

Meeting Schedule: Sunday morning at the 11:00 Mass as part of the Archangel Ensemble.

Rehearsals: Sundays 8:30-9:30am and/or Tuesdays 5:15-6:15pm in the school music room (enter thru door #5) and Sundays at 10:15am with the Archangel Ensemble prior to Mass.

Parish Community Youth Instrumental Ensemble

Contact: Deborah Garren

Phone: 330-492-2657 ext. 121 **Email:** dgarren@youngstowndiocese.org

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Religious Education

Families Growing in Faith

Contact: Julie Sutton

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 219

Email: julie@stmichaelcantan.org

Website: www.stmichaelfamiliestogether.weebly.com

This program provides religious instruction and spiritual growth opportunities for families with children in grades K-8 who attend schools that do not provide religious instruction.

Exploring the meaning of the Sacraments, Sacred Scriptures, basic prayers, ways to pray, and how we are called to live out our faith in daily life provides children and families with a rich foundation that supports spiritual growth.

We currently offer 3 options:

1. The Families Growing in Faith with Classes program offers grade level classes on Sundays between the morning Masses from September through April. Families will also choose prayer and service activities

supported by a website, parish staff, and knowledgeable volunteers to be done at home and attend occasional large group gatherings with other families.

2. The Families Together program is a family-based program in which families provide age level instruction to their children with support as needed from parish staff and knowledgeable volunteers. They use a website to choose prayer and service, activities and have occasional large group meetings of the families to reinforce learning and build community.

3. Intensive Summer Program is an intensive week-long summer program is offered in lieu of doing lessons all through the year. Students will participate in a 5 day faith formation program in a fun, interactive, day-camp style format to meet lesson requirements for the year. Families will still be expected to complete the prayer and service requirement and attend some large group gatherings and engagement activities through the year.

Contact Julie if you would like more information about the religious education programs, or would like to volunteer as a catechist, catechist aid, or in some other capacity.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Contact: Julie Sutton

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 219

Email: julie@stmichaelcantan.org

Children in grades K-6 are invited to reflect on the Scripture in their own Liturgy of the Word celebration during the parish liturgy. This takes place most Sundays throughout the year during the 11:00 Mass. Adult volunteers, who are compliant with the safe environment policy and trained for this ministry, share the Scriptures and lead lessons and discussions. Children return to Mass to share in the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the St. Michael Community.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Contact: Julie Sutton

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 219

Email: julie@stmichaelcantan.org

One week each summer St. Michael's adults and teens share time, talent, and treasure to make a difference in the lives of children in grades K-5. Adult and student volunteers share their gifts for decorating, teaching, sharing faith, and supporting the participants. Arts, crafts, drama, music, and games enhance Biblical awareness.

Time Commitment: Volunteers - 2-3 meetings for preparation and 1 week during the month of July, 8:30 am to noon.

St. Michael Canton Youth Ministry

Contact: Rachel Shumar

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 222

Email: rachel@stmichaelcantan.org

Website: www.stmikescantonyouthministry.weebly.com

St. Michael Youth Ministry aims to lead teens in eighth through twelfth grade closer to Christ through their participation in the Sacraments and catechesis. Here teens gather with friends, along with trained youth ministers and adult core team members, to share, learn, and grow in their faith. Youth gatherings, service projects, mission trips, socials, and collaboration with Stark County Parish youth groups are key components to this high school youth ministry. Check our website for our current schedule of events. All are welcome!

Contact Rachel if you would like more information about the youth ministry program, or if you are interested in volunteering as an adult core team member.

Time commitment for adult core team: Generally Sunday evenings during the school year, with added events throughout the year.

St. Michael School

Principal: Claire Gatti

Phone: (330) 492-2657 **Email:** stmichaelelem@youngstowndiocese.org

The mission of St. Michael School is to proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus through prayer and worship, academic excellence, and Christian service to the parish community and all people. Our primary goal is to provide a value-centered Catholic Education, supported by dedicated administrators and certified professional teachers.

St. Michael School serves children from Preschool through 8th grade, including Transitional Kindergarten. We utilize state-of-the-art technology and innovative teaching methods to create a learning environment that fosters personal and spiritual development.

We offer various stewardship opportunities, including but not limited to: classroom aides, field trip chaperones, clerical assistance, room mothers, and recess/lunchroom aides.

St. Michael School Advisory Board

President: Scott Hehr

Email: sjhehr718@gmail.com

Parents, teachers, and administrators work together to enhance the excellence of education in the school. They organize and work on fundraisers and contribute to the curriculum and facility improvements.

Viking Parent Organization

President: Megan McAfee

Phone: (330) 907-4872

Email: megmac0926@gmail.com

The St. Michael School Viking Parent Organization (VPO) is a parent organization open to all parents and legal guardians of students at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School. The VPO is a service to our children, our school, and our community by hosting events throughout the school year to enhance each student's school experience. The VPO is a great way to be involved in the school and to help create lasting memories. Events such as our Veterans Day Program, Men Who Cook Fundraiser, and Fun Run are all put on by our VPO volunteers.

Athletic Committee

Athletic Directors: Scott Hehr and Chris McAfee

Email smscoaches@gmail.com

This committee fosters sports education, participation, and positive sporting behavior while supporting the St. Michael School athletic programs.

Adult Faith Formation

Men's Fellowship

Contact: Hank Kozub
Phone: (330) 417-8898
Email: hpkozub@yahoo.com

Contact: Mike Mundt
Phone: (410) 212-8598
Email: mrmundt83@gmail.com

Members of the Men's Fellowship seek to grow into a community of friends as they read and discuss scripture and other Catholic literature, pray together, and look for ways to put faith into action. The group welcomes men who want to better understand and strengthen their Catholic faith and those who may be away from the Church.

Meeting Schedule: 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month in HCC at 6:30 PM.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact: Roberta Muoio
Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 218 **Email:** roberta@stmichaelcanton.org

Friendly, caring parishioners offer hospitality and accompany those who are inquiring about the Catholic faith. They lead discussions on weekly liturgies, readings, and parish activities. Team members explore the basic beliefs of our faith with inquirers. A variety of prayer experiences focus on personal spiritual growth during the Adult Initiation Formation journey. Those who decide to become Catholic celebrate their entry into Catholic Christianity at various times during the year.

Small Faith Groups

Contact: Roberta Muoio
Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 218 **Email:** roberta@stmichaelcanton.org

Small Faith Groups seek to strengthen one's faith and to promote friendship. Groups (generally 8-12 people) gather to read, reflect on the scriptures, pray together, share in each other's lives and faith, and respond in action. Groups meet various days of the week and at a variety of times. Some communities meet at members' homes and some meet at the church. Members gain knowledge and understanding of the Gospel and the Church, its teaching on faith and morals, and how that teaching applies to life experiences. Most groups begin with a core of 3 or 4 adults who work with pastoral leadership to identify a topic and resources, then the group is publicized.

Women's Bible Study

Contact: Roberta Muoio

Phone: (330) 492-3119 x218

Email: roberta@stmichaelcanton.org

Meeting Schedule: The Women's Bible Study meets bi-weekly on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM, only during Advent and Lent.

Young Adult Ministry

Contact: Roberta Muoio

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 218

Email: roberta@stmichaelcanton.org

Our parish's ministries with young adults include Emmaus, a monthly speaker and dinner program for adults in their 20's and 30's, sponsored by the parishes of Stark County, including St. Michael's.

Gatherings are typically held monthly at restaurants and other locations, to engage with and learn about aspects of our faith.

Sacraments

Baptism Preparation

Contact: Julie Sutton

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 219

Email: julie@stmichaelcanton.org

Parents who are celebrating Baptism of a child for the first time at St. Michael Parish are required by Diocesan policy to complete Baptism Preparation. Several sessions are offered each year, but arrangements can be made for private preparation as needed. Please contact Julie Sutton to schedule baptism, arrange preparation, or to be involved in preparing families in the parish.



Time commitment: Parent Meetings take place on weekday evenings, five times a year.

Formation: Upon learning of your interest, we will contact you regarding a formation meeting.

First Reconciliation/First Communion

Contact: Julie Sutton

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 219

Email: julie@stmichaelcantion.org

First Reconciliation and First Communion are most commonly received by children in second grade. Diocesan policy requires that children be active in religious education, either through St Michael School or through the Families Growing in Faith programs, for two years, and that parents participate with students in the Sacramental preparation program. Special arrangements can be made for older children or children with special needs on a case by case basis. It is expected that families seeking Sacraments are active, practicing Catholics who are attending Mass regularly and that families will continue to be active in Faith Formation programs after the second-grade year.

Requirements: Parents are required to attend three (3) parent meetings and the family Rite of Enrollment at a Sunday liturgy in preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments. Other than the first meeting, all sessions will be for parents and their second graders. First Reconciliation will be completed in an evening family service in the winter. First Communions will be scheduled at designated weekend masses in the spring, according to family preference.

Confirmation Preparation

Contact: Rachel Shumar

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 222

Email: rachel@stmichaelcantion.org

Website: www.stmikescantonyouthministry.weebly.com

For a Catholic, Confirmation is a Sacrament of Initiation - the beginning of accepting new responsibilities in the Catholic Church. The other two Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism and Eucharist. Although it is the last Sacrament of Initiation to be celebrated, Confirmation does not mark the end of a person's formal religious education; rather it is the beginning of a deeper belief, a fuller involvement, and a stronger service to the Church. It is Diocesan policy that the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people be held during the eighth grade year of school. A separate preparation program for all eighth graders is also required by the Diocese of Youngstown along with being enrolled in St. Michael's School or the Parish School of Religion. Those who have not been active in any religious education program and who wish to be Confirmed in the eighth grade will be assisted in catching up on some of the formation they have missed.

Any adult who has been Baptized and made their First Communion, but has not been confirmed may enter the Adult Initiation program. Please contact Roberta Muoio at Roberta@stmichaelcantion.org (330) 492-3119 x218

Sponsor Couple

Contact: Stephanie Bole

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 220 **Email:** stephanie@stmichaelcanton.org

Sponsor Couples are married couples who meet with and serve as mentors to couples preparing for marriage. Sponsor Couples use a workbook to guide discussions with engaged couples as they reflect on the challenges and successes they have experienced in their own marriages. Meetings take place in the sponsor couples' homes.

Training: Meet with Father Benson to go over program & receive workbooks.

Time Commitment: Normally 4 or 5 meetings with an engaged couple once or twice a year.

Social Justice Ministries

Contact: Sr. Carolyn Capuano, H.M.

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 215 **Email:** srcarolyn@stmichaelcanton.org

Web site link: www.stmichaelcanton.org/service

Goal: To help facilitate our parish implementation of a vibrant vision for parish life and the Gospel mandate of service to our sisters and brothers.

Mission & Vision: Walking in the Footsteps of Christ we are called to share our gifts as a way of life by providing service to those in need, advocating for justice in social structures, and connecting faith with action through local, regional, and global outreach ministry.

Volunteer Opportunities: Service opportunities are plentiful and include ministry involvement in food, shelter, clothing, and advocacy which include: Year Round Food Drive, on and off site recycling, Refuge of Hope, Habitat for Humanity and First Step Baby Bottles (October). Catholic Charities Stark County, Stark County Hunger Task Force and many, many more. Please join the journey, there is a place for everyone! Together as a parish we encounter Jesus with our neighbors and we build relationships as Missionary Disciples. (see this link: www.stmichaelcanton.org/service)

Emergency Assistance Program: Works closely with Catholic Charities and numerous other local agencies in emergency help which includes: rent and utility assistance, food distribution, and other forms of emergency aid.

Respect Life: Works in concert with the Diocesan Office of Pro-life, Marriage, and Family to provide materials for education, prayer, and reflection. As a community we pray and work to support and respect human life from conception to natural death. We work to raise awareness of the many threats, from racism and poverty, to human trafficking, homelessness, and gun violence.

Giving Tree

Contact: Sr. Carolyn Capuano, H.M.

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 215

Email: srcarolyn@stmichaelcanton.org



The Giving Tree is a seasonal ministry. During Advent, Christmas trees appear at the lower and upper entries to the Church. They hold numerous colorful tags with descriptions of gifts requested by individuals in need. By collaborating with various Stark County agencies, numerous people in our local and parish community benefit from this ministry. St. Michael parishioners generously select, purchase, and wrap over 1600 gifts every year!

In addition to taking tags off the tree and buying gifts, there are several volunteer opportunities from October through December. They include flexible one-time projects to longer-term commitments. Please check the parish bulletin for specifics to be announced.

Parish Life

HOPE Ministry

Contact: Julie Sutton,

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 219

Email: julie@stmichaelcanton.org

Goal: To offer compassionate support to the families of parishioners who have died.

Stewardship opportunities: HOPE members may serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Sacristans for the funeral Masses and participate by attendance. If the family has a luncheon at the church following the funeral Mass, HOPE Ministry members set tables, prepare beverages, serve the buffet provided by the family, and clean up. HOPE Ministry members do not cook or provide food. HOPE members offer one on one bereavement assistance. Each November a Memorial Mass organized by our ministry is celebrated to remember those who have died during the year. It is a meaningful event for those who are grieving.

Meeting Schedule: HOPE Ministry members meet the 1st Wednesday of the month from September-November and March-May. A Christmas luncheon is held in December. All interested parishioners are invited to join.

Vocations Committee

Contact: Deacon Mark Fuller

Phone: (330) 936-6108

Email: deaconmark@stmichaelcanton.org

Purpose: The Vocations Committee of St. Michael the Archangel supports those discerning a church vocation through prayer and by providing opportunities to explore options. The committee seeks active ways to create a total parish environment for fostering vocations.

Time Commitment: Every Thursday those in adoration pray for vocations and for those in discernment.

A Vocations Fair is organized and held every 4-5 years, hosting students from surrounding parishes. Priests, Brothers, and Sisters from various religious orders talk about their vocations, hoping to inform and encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The committee sponsors a vocations speaker, and prays for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, or diaconate.

Stephen Ministry

Contact: Julie Sutton

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 219

Email: julie@stmichaelcanton.org

Stephen Ministry is a program through which a trained care-giver is thoughtfully assigned to a care receiver to assist them during a difficult phase in their life. Stephen ministers receive 50 hours of training, participate in ongoing supervision, and are required to commit to the ministry for two years. After training, volunteers provide one on one spiritual, social, and emotional care to individuals having a difficult time in life due to illness, grief, divorce, financial strain, or other difficult circumstances.

Ministry to the Ill and Homebound

Contact: Julie Sutton (homebound)

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 219

Email: julie@stmichaelcanton.org

Contact: Deacon Phil Tischler
(nursing homes and care facilities)

Phone: (330) 603-1185 ext. 217

Email: deaconphil@stmichaelcanton.org

The Eucharist, prayer, and compassionate listening brighten the days of those who are ill, homebound, or residing in health care facilities. Each week Eucharistic ministers take Holy Communion to the ill and homebound, including those in nursing homes or care facilities.

Knights of Columbus Council 15458

Contact: Mike Brown, Grand Knight
Email: stmichaelgrandknight@gmail.com

Contact: Chris Dodson
Phone: (330) 284-6904



We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world. The Knights save lives and change lives! We assist the sick and disabled, and protect those who can't protect themselves, whether they are next door or halfway around the world.

This is the journey we are on. Our path. We do it to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and Catholics. We invest our time, our effort, and our resources into our values: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We come from many places, backgrounds, and stages in our lives, but we are all of one faith. We are a fraternity of men striving to better ourselves and our world. It's one thing to say who you are. It's another to live it and to put your values into action. That's what we do at the Knights of Columbus. That's who we are.

We invite you to join the Knights of Columbus where you become part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world. As you grow in faith, you are supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values—and on a shared desire to be the men God has called you to be.

Any Catholic gentleman 18 years of age or older, in good standing with the Catholic Church, is enthusiastically invited to join the Knights of Columbus and our Council.

Meeting Schedule: The Council conducts its Business Meetings on the second Monday of each Month.

Time commitment: You don't have to be at every event we sponsor. Join our Council and do what is possible for you.

Welcome Committee

Contact: Roberta Muoio

Phone: (330) 492-3119 x218

Email: Roberta@stmichaelcanton.org

With a spirit of good faith and hospitality, this committee greets new parishioners and welcomes them into the parish community. We contact all newly registered parishioners, offer to meet them at Mass or church functions, give tours of our facilities, and provide a gift from the Church.

By providing them with information about our variety of parish ministries, we encourage involvement and active participation to grow our ministries based on the new parishioners' interests and talents. Occasionally we man the Welcome Desk after weekend Masses to offer instant registration and to answer questions of inquiring potential members.

If you are excited to be a parishioner of St. Michael Church and want to share your passion by welcoming newly registered parishioners, please call the Roberta!

Time commitment: Names of newly registered parishioners are provided monthly via email so that welcome phone calls can be made on your own time from home. Typically one phone call per month only takes ten minutes. Any appointments made with the new members are at your discretion and availability. Scripts, packets and gifts are supplied in the parish office.

Garden Club

President: Kathy Russo

Phone: 330-966-9410

Email: russoka17@gmail.com

We were organized in 1955 to encourage gardening in our homes and community and to support conservation. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month except January, February, and July. Our membership is \$15.00 per year and that also gives you a membership at The Canton Garden Center and Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. We meet in St. Michael's Room at 9:45am, and have a speaker with lunch to follow.

We sell memorial geraniums and have a planting day on the church grounds each year. We support The Nature Conservancy of Ohio, Habitat for Humanity, Wilderness Center, Ohio Land Trust and more. We provide a Christmas tree with hand made ornaments each year at the Canton Garden Center's "Holly Pine Lane" which is free to the public.

Membership is open to anyone interested in gardening, conservation, flowers, and fun. We want to educate members and make new friends!

Parish Picnic Committee

Contact: Bob Kittle

Phone: (330) 265-5457

Email: robertk2534@gmail.com

This annual event is held in August each year. The day is filled with food, live music, and games and activities for all ages. This is the largest gathering of families from the parish and school. While the annual raffle is one of the highlights of the day, the opportunity for fellowship and community activity is at the heart of this event.

Time Commitment: Give the time that you can! Could be as little as 1 hour or you could become part of the planning committee. We are always looking for new ideas.



Landscape Committee

Contact: Linda and Leo Casey

Phone: (330) 324-0553

Email: lsquaredcasey@aol.com

Contact: Barb Tolbert

Phone: (330) 494-2236

Email: sbtolbert@sssnet.com

This ministry is for those who enjoy working outdoors during the growing season. Each member adopts a specific area of the parish grounds to plant and maintain and joins work groups in the spring and fall to beautify the outdoor environment. This ministry is ideal for those that cannot make a full year commitment. Members rotate times for watering. An end of the season cookout brings everyone together to review successes and share new ideas. Anytime is a great time to join...we could really use your help!!!

Helman Parish Library

Contact: John McCool

Phone: (330) 966-1031

Email: jmccool2@neo.rr.com

The Helman Parish Library honors Father Bradford Helman and is located on the lower level of the church. Print and audio-visual materials provide insight into Sacred Scripture, Saints, Church history, Sacraments, prayer and other topics of interest. A committee screens donations and organizes the library area. **Meeting Schedule:** Meetings are scheduled every few months and members rotate monthly to maintain the library.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Contact: Linda Bayda

Phone: (330) 830-9673

Contact: Mary Popa

Phone: (330) 685-2562

Members of the PSM provide handmade shawls and lap robes for men, women, and children as well as baptismal shawls and blankets for infants. These items are presented to those suffering a serious illness or experiencing a life changing event. All items are blessed by the parish priests or deacons and offer comfort, peace, and hope to the recipients. If you are interested in our ministry or know of someone who may be comforted by a shawl or lap robe, please contact us. **Meeting Schedule:** Third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 in the St. Michael Room.

Card Ministry

Contact: Redda Latona

Phone: (330) 477-3045

Email: rlatona104@gmail.com

The members of Card Ministry are a group of hand made card hobbyists who meet to design and create cards for the needs of the parish. Cards made include recognizing the Sacraments of the church and remembering home bound parishioners. The ministry meets in the St. Michael Room on the last Monday of the month from 7-9pm. Card Ministry does not meet in December

Parents on a Joyful Journey

Contact: Meghan Mason

Email: meghan3mason@gmail.com

Contact: Abbie Sullivan

Email: abbiesullivan24@gmail.com

Parents on a Joyful Journey support one another in the trials and joys of parenthood through community and prayer. This group meets once a month to talk, pray, and grow with one another. Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

Parish Administration

Finance Council

Contact: Alan Harold, Chair

Phone: (330) 388-0603

Email: acharold@yahoo.com

Contact: Bruce Gordon

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 211

Email: bruce@stmichaelcantan.org

The committee oversees the financial matters of the parish and advises the pastor regarding financial issues. Members develop and review the annual budget, identify and plan for needed capital improvements, and provide the diocese and parishioners with regular updates regarding the state of parish finances.

Meeting Schedule: Last Tuesday of the month.

Parish Pastoral Council

Chair: Erin Dickey

Phone: (330) 265-4560

Email: erincarroll13@gmail.com

The Council is a visionary, consultative, planning and evaluative voice of the parish, and an advisory body to the pastor. Council members collaborate with the pastor to develop goals and programs that carry out an ongoing strategic plan for the parish. The Parish Pastoral Council is a representative and appointed deliberating body of St. Michael's parishioners. Members are selected through a nomination and discernment process.

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Wednesday of the month September-June.

Stewardship Committee

Chair: Kathy Smithberger

Phone: (330) 497-8097

Email: ksmithberger@neo.rr.com

Members of this committee have the responsibility of creating a spirit of stewardship in the parish. They encourage parishioners to share their time, talent, and treasure in thanksgiving for the gifts God bestows on each of us. Committee members seek ways to invite parishioners to express their gratitude to God by connecting together in community and giving back generously in response to God's call to love and care for one another. The committee works with staff and Parish Pastoral Council to identify parish needs and to connect stewards to meet those needs. They provide forums that help ministries, committees, and groups promote their missions, build memberships, and increase outreach. Monthly meetings.

Parish Office

3430 St. Michael Blvd. NW Canton, OH 44718
Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Telephone: (330) 492-3119
Fax: (330) 492-0339

St. Michael Website: www.stmichaelcanton.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmichaelcanton
Twitter: @stmikescanton

Parish Staff

Pastor:

Permanent Deacons:

St Michael School Principal:

Business Manager:

Facilities Manager:

Director of Faith Formation

& Safe Environment Coordinator:

Director of Music Ministry:

Pastoral Associate

(Liturgy and Social Justice Ministries):

Pastoral Associate

(Adult Faith Formation):

Youth, Confirmation

and Streaming Outreach:

Administrative Assistant:

Receptionist:

Bookkeeper & School

Tuition Coordinator:

Rev. Benson C. Okpara x220

Deacon Mark Fuller x217

Deacon Philip Tischler x217

Claire Gatti x103

Bruce Gordon x211

Jim Shundry x104

Julie Sutton x219

Jeff Fricker x214

Sr. Carolyn Capuano, H.M. x215

Roberta Muoio x218

Rachel Shumar x222

Stephanie Bole x220

Stephanie Halas x210

Sarah Bressler x225



PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle, be our protection
against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him
we humbly pray; and do thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 8:30 am, 11:00 am, and 5:30 pm

Daily Mass :

Monday: 6:45am Mass

Tuesday: 6:45am Mass

Wednesday: 8:00am Mass and 6:00pm Mass

Thursday: 8:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Friday: 6:45am Mass

Holy Days: As published in the Weekly Bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

11:00 am First and Third Saturdays of the month

Eucharistic Adoration: 8:15 am to 6:00 pm Thursdays in Chapel

The church is open daily for private prayer and adoration.

Parish Registration

When you regularly pray with us here at St. Michael, let us know you are here by registering as soon as possible. This assures you of full membership in the St. Michael community and guarantees that you will receive regular communication from your parish. In addition, your parish membership is necessary before you can be prepared to receive any initiation sacraments: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or the Sacrament of Marriage. Register at the parish office during the week, on our website or by calling (330) 492-3119 x220.

Parish Communications

St. Michael's publishes a weekly bulletin with detailed information about parish ministries and activities. Please read the bulletin and become actively involved in our parish. Our parish bulletin can also be viewed online at the parish website, www.stmichaelcantan.org for those who prefer to get their information online.

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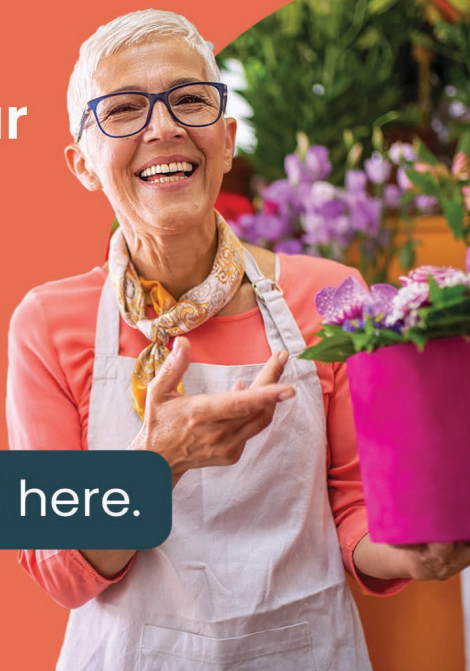
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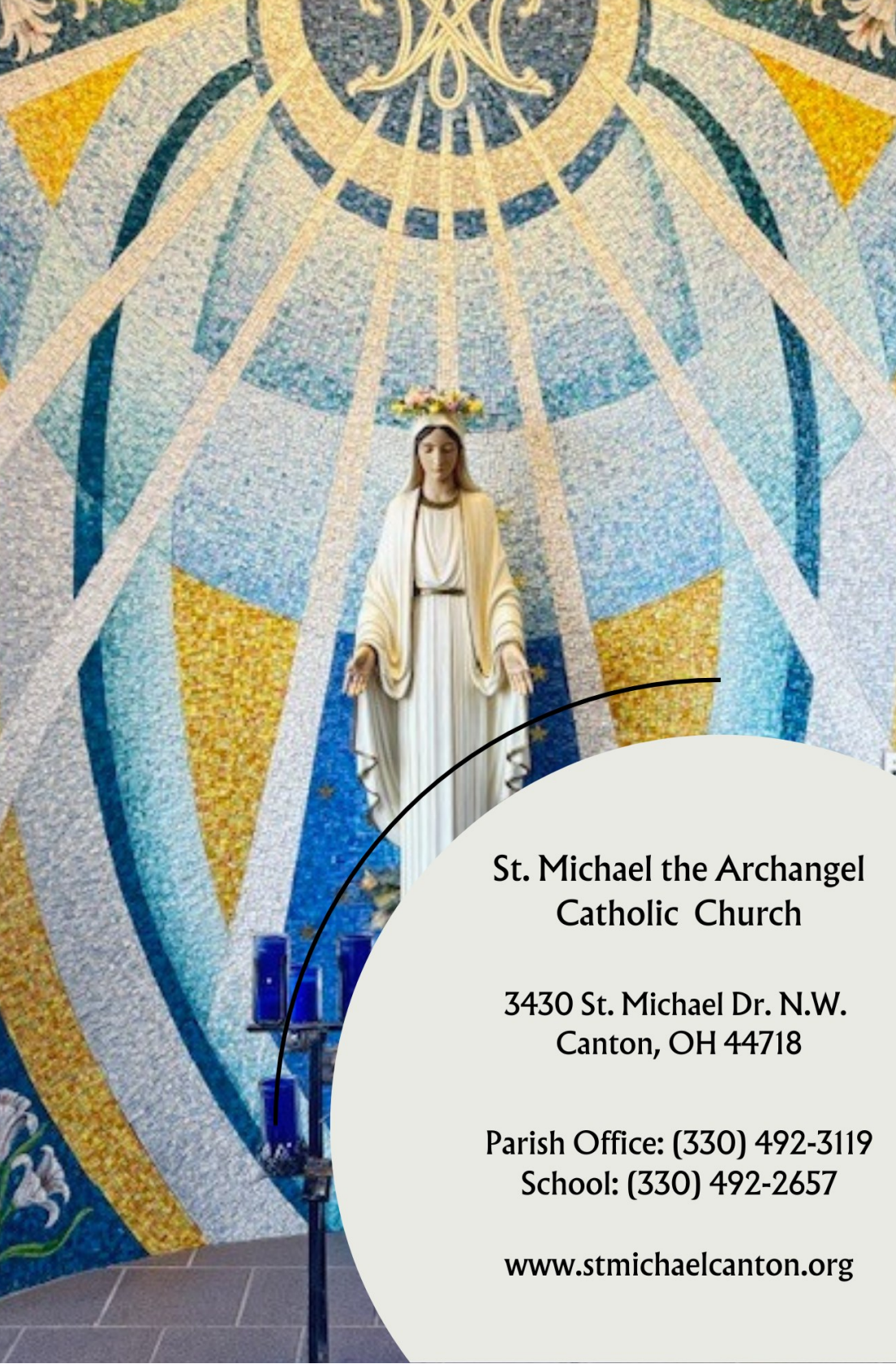
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