



All are **Welcome**
in this Place

YOU ARE CALLED... YOU ARE GIFTED...
WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE?



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DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES
AND ORGANIZATIONS

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

“Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me.”

Matthew 25:40

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus chose ordinary men and women to be His disciples. He saw the unique gifts and generous hearts each possessed. He knew they were willing to say yes to his call.

Jesus is still calling ordinary men and women with unique gifts and hearts to share in His discipleship. They are us! We are called and invited to serve Christ by serving one another, our parish community and all who need the love and healing we can offer through Christ.

Our Mission statement invites each of us to participate actively in our parish and to use our “God-given gifts to love and care for one another in the name of Jesus Christ”. As a stewardship parish we look at our lives and see the wonder of God’s goodness and the abundance of God’s gifts to each of us and are moved to express our gratitude by giving back. We share our time, talent, and treasure (monetary gifts) in thanks for God’s blessings. Parishioners are challenged to make a commitment to live lives of gratitude and service and thus to share in the discipleship of Jesus.

Please consider sharing your time, talent and treasure in one of St. Michael’s ministries or organizations.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Don King". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Fr. Don King, Pastor

St. Michael the Archangel Mission Statement

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 or her unique, God-given gifts to live and care for one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

We bear the responsibility of a community of believers to accept and respect each other's 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 vision will result in the spiritual growth and unity of our parish.

Stewardship In Our Parish

St. Michael the Archangel is a Stewardship Parish. We are continually striving to build a vibrant community in which every parishioner plays an active role. We welcome your talents and gifts in our parish community! Guided by the Holy Spirit, we believe that we can make a difference in this community and the world.

Good Stewards of Time...

- make Mass the top priority on Sunday
- spend time in prayer every day
- pray with family and loved ones

Good Stewards of Talent...

- remain active in parish ministries
- remain open to new ministries
- teach their children to serve in the church

Good Stewards of Treasure...

- make an intentional gift each week or month
- base their gift on a percentage of income
- use offertory envelopes or online banking

Stewardship Renewal

“The call to stewardship is a call to be a holy people. It is a call to take the risk of walking with Jesus. Each and every baptized person is called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, it is not an option it is not for a select few, each and every person is called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Beginning in conversion, a change of heart, this commitment is expressed not in a single action nor even a series of actions over a period of time, but in an entire way of life, it means committing ones’ very self to the Lord.”

Archbishop Thomas J Murphy
Seattle WA 1991-1997

You Are Called—each one of us has a personal call to be a disciple of Jesus. Stewardship is a part of discipleship. Jesus not only calls us, but forms us to do his work. The call is Urgent “here and now”. The call is to Stewardship.

You Are Gifted—God has gifted each one of us with skills and abilities which He calls us to use to serve others. One gift is all you need to serve in a St Michael ministry.

What is your Response?- Please review this booklet, search you heart and pray to discern how the Lord is calling you to serve you brothers and sisters. Will you respond?

Our Prayer for Stewardship

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

I am listening, Lord God.

Speak your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear you clearly.

I offer to you this day all the facets of my life, whether it be at home, at work, or at school—to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy.

Give me the wisdom and insight to understand your will for me and the fervor to fulfill your will.

I offer my gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect my love for you and connect

with my neighbor. Help me to reach out to others as you my God have reached out to me. Amen!

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PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE

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Tuesday-8:30 am to 8:00 pm

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Rev. Fr. Don King
Associate Pastor:	Rev. Fr. Craig McHenry
Permanent Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Mark Fuller
Permanent Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Peter Pohl
Director of Religious Education:	Mike Ress
Liturgy Coordinator:	Patricia Berring
Director of Music:	Libby Saxton
St Michael School Principal	Claire Gatti
Youth/Music Minister:	Jeff Fricker
Pastoral Associate:	Justin Huyck
Parish Administrator:	Mary Germann
PSR Coordinator:	Julie Sutton
Receptionist:	Ginger Griesen
Parish Secretary:	Jeanne Ryder
Bookkeeper:	Sarah Bressler
Maintenance/Sacristan	Diana Lillich
Facilities Manager:	Jim Shundry

PARISH LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil:	4:00 pm
Sunday Mass:	7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am 5:30 pm (Life Teen)
Daily Mass :	6:45 & 8:00 am in the Chapel (Wed. 8:00am in the Church during the school year) Prayer Service Mon. & Fri. see weekly bulletin
Holy Days:	As published in the Weekly Bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	11:00 am Saturday or by appointment
Eucharistic Adoration:	9:00 am to 9:00 pm Thursdays

GENERAL INFORMATION

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. The parish also maintains a website, www.stmichaelcanton.org for those who prefer to get their information online.

IMPORTANCE OF 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 or by calling (330) 492-3119.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Coordinator: Patricia Berring

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 22 **email:** pat@stmichaeltanton.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 on choice of Mass times.

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

MINISTRY OF LECTOR

Coordinator: Patricia Berring

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 22 **email:** pat@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 hours on each of three evenings, usually a week apart. 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.

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Coordinator: Patricia Berring

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 22 **email:** pat@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 environment 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.

THE LITURGY COMMITTEE

Coordinator: Patricia Berring

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 22 **email:** pat@stmichaelcanton.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, Tuesday Evening Prayer Series, 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 particular celebrations. Recognizing the power of the visual in worship, we use plants / flowers / fabrics / wood / rock – all natural materials for enhancing the worship space.

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.

Time Commitment: Although there is definitely a commitment of time involved, working on the Liturgy Committee is interesting, fun, and fulfilling, allowing much room for creativity as well as personal and spiritual growth. Committee meetings are held, generally, twice a month from late September through May.

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

Coordinator: Patricia Berring

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 22 **email:** pat@stmichaelcanton.org

Responsibilities: The Altar Server assists the community in the celebration of the liturgy, and supports the Priest-president in his role.

Time commitment: Scheduling is dependent upon the number of Adult Servers.

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Coordinator: Fr. Craig McHenry

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 11 **email:** frcraig@stmichaelcanton.org

Responsibilities: Altar Servers assist the Presider at weekly or special Masses. Servers are responsible for bringing and removing items from the altar, and assisting in other duties during the Mass to aid the priest or deacon.

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 15 minutes before the scheduled Mass, and serve the duration of the Mass, which is generally one hour long.

Training: Servers can be trained via training sessions and by shadowing experienced servers during Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Contact: Melinda Stewart

Phone: 330-956-4399

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available to parishioners and visitors in the chapel located in the lower level of the church.

Schedule: Thursdays beginning at 8:30 am and concluding at 8:45 pm with benediction

ROSARY

Contact: Cynthia Sliman

Phone: (330) 499-1109

The rosary is prayed every Sunday after the 5:30 PM Mass in the Chapel. All are welcome.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

ARCHANGEL CHOIR

Director: Libby Saxton

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 15

email: libby@stmichaelcanton.org



Goals and Purpose: To gain skill in 4-part singing to enhance the liturgies and prayer life of our parish. No try-outs or previous experience necessary – just a love of singing.

Responsibilities: This choir sings at the 9 am and/or 11 am Sunday Mass and special occasions from September to May. Must be at weekday practice or practice on your own and meet 15 minutes before Mass to sing at that given liturgy.

Meeting Schedule: Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7 pm in the church September-May.

CANTORS

Coordinator: Libby Saxton

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 15

email: libby@stmichaelcanton.org

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

Responsibilities: Cantors are responsible for practicing music on their own and setting individual practices with the accompanists if necessary or desired. Experience in choir singing or solo singing is necessary.

Meeting Schedule: Rehearsals are by appointment as necessary. There will be a once yearly training workshop and quarterly group meetings.

ENSEMBLE

Director: Jeff Fricker

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 14

email: jeff@stmichaelcanton.org

Goals and Purpose: To gain skill in harmony singing and to enhance the liturgies and prayer life of our parish with joyful music. No try-outs or previous experience necessary – just a love of singing. The instruments add so much to this group and are as necessary as the singers. Talented musicians are always welcome.

Responsibilities: This choir sings at the 4 pm Saturday Mass. Must be at weekday practice.

Meeting Schedule: Rehearsals are every Thursday at 6 pm for the band, 7 pm for the choir in the church September through May, and twice each month June through August.

LIFE TEEN CHOIR AND BAND

Director: Jeff Fricker

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 14 **email:** jeff@stmichaelcanton.org

Goals and Purpose: To gain skill in harmony singing and to enhance the liturgies and prayer life of our parish. No try-outs or previous experience necessary – just a love of singing. Especially geared toward teens and their families, this choir is open to high school teens.

Responsibilities: This choir sings at the 5:30 pm Sunday Mass and special occasions throughout the year. This group rehearses each Sunday throughout the year and at 4:30 prior to the 5:30 pm Mass.

JuBELLation BELL CHOIR

Coordinator: Ken Boyce

Phone: (330) 575-1561 (cell) **email:** Ken@KenBoyce.net

Goals and Purpose: To enhance liturgy with beautiful music. Musically oriented volunteers of different ages with good coordination, a sense of rhythm and commitment are welcome. No previous experience necessary – just a desire to learn.

Responsibilities: This is year-round ministry. Rehearsals are weekly September – May, though we do practice on a limited basis during the summer. The Bell Choir plays for the 9am Sunday Mass about every 5-6 weeks, at special church events, and at select Solemnities.

Meeting Schedule: Contact Ken or visit the parish website (Music Ministries) for rehearsal schedule

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Grades 4-8)

Coordinator: Libby Saxton

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 15 **email:** libby@stmichaelcanton.org

Goals and Purpose: To enhance school liturgies and special occasion Sunday liturgies. In Children's Choir we learn about music as well as its purpose in Mass.

Responsibilities: The School Children's Choir sings for Wednesday morning school Masses. The Parish Children's Choir sings quarterly. Must be at practice to sing at Mass.

Meeting Schedule: School rehearsals are on Tuesdays after school until 3:30pm in the church. Parish rehearsals are on Monday evenings 6-7 pm in the chapel two weeks before they will sing at Sunday Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

ST. MICHAEL CAMPUS

Principal: Mrs. Claire Gatti

Phone: (330) 492-2657

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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.

A value-centered Catholic education is the primary goal of the excellent administrators and certified, professional teachers at St. Michael School. The school serves children from pre-school through the 8th grade with state of the art technology and the teaching methods available to help create a learning environment that cultivates personal and faith development. Stewardship opportunities include, but are not limited to, classroom aides, field trip chaperones, clerical assistance, hall monitors, room mothers, and lunchroom aides.

But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them: for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL-SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Chair: Lora Harley

Phone: (330) 705-5094

email: lharley@eaglowkico.com

Parents, teachers and administrators work together to enhance the excellence of education in the school. They organize and work on fundraisers and a number of other projects.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Athletic Director: Brad Longbrake

Phone: (330) 854-1927

Assistant Scott Domer

Phone 330-305-0294

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

VIKING CLUB

President: Monica Winter
Phone 305-915-2105

email: moeywinter@gmail.com

Parents, grandparents, friends and members of the St. Michael community work to enhance the quality of education for the students at St. Michael school. They participate in, and support fundraisers, special collection programs, service projects, educational enrichment programs, school assemblies and family events.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Coordinator: Julie Sutton

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 19

email: julie@stmichaelcanton.org

The Parish School of Religion Program meets on Sunday mornings from 10:15 to 11:30. This program provides religious instruction and prayer opportunities for 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 provide children with a rich foundation that supports family faith formation.

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

LIFE TEEN

Coordinator: Jeff Fricker

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 14 **email:** jeff@stmichaelcanton.org

High school students gather with friends to share their faith: learning, growing and laughing their way closer to God. At the 5:30 pm Sunday Mass teens offer their stewardship as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, cantors, choir members, musicians and ushers. During the academic school year Life Nights follow each 5:30 Mass. Teens have dinner and enjoy social events in the Fannon Center while learning about their faith. All are welcome!

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Coordinator: Mike Ress

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 17

email: mike@stmichaelcanton.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 from September through April at the 9 am Mass, and May, June and August at the 11 am Mass. Children return to Mass to share in the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the St. Michael Community.

Time Commitment for Catechists: Once a month

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Coordinator: Mike Ress

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 17

email: mike@stmichaelcanton.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 1-4. The stewards make decorations before VBS, donate craft materials, teach, provide snacks, entertain, and share a host of other gifts. 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.

Training Required: None

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Director of Religious Education: Mike Ress

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 17

email: mike@stmichaelcanton.org

Friendly, caring parishioners offer hospitality and share Sunday scripture readings with people who are inquiring about the Catholic faith. Parish staff members present the basic beliefs of our faith. A variety of prayer experiences focus on personal spiritual growth during the RCIA journey. Those who decide to become Catholic celebrate their entry into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Meeting Schedule: Tuesday evenings beginning in October at 7 PM in the Fannon Center.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith Formation: Justin Huyck

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 18 **email:** justin@stmichaelcanton.org

Supports the parish's mission of ongoing formation of adult parishioners by offering programs to enhance spiritual growth and nurture the life long process of responding in faith.

Meeting Schedule: First Thursday of each month, September through May.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Coordinator: Justin Huyck

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Small Christian Communities seek to strengthen one's faith and promote companionship of members who become friends. 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, the church and its teaching on faith and morals, and how that teaching applies to life experiences.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY AND ST. BENEDICT'S CLUB

Contact: Justin Huyck

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Our parish's ministries with young adults include the St. Benedict's Club, a community of adults (ages 25 to 40) based out of St. Michael's (Canton), St. Paul's (North Canton), and St. Barbara's (Massillon). Gatherings are typically held monthly at restaurants and other locations, to engage with and learn about aspects of our faith.

Schedule: Typically monthly, on Saturday evenings.

HELMAN PARISH LIBRARY

Contact: John McCool

Phone: (330) 966-1031

email: jmccool2@neo.rr.com

Staff Contact: Justin Huyck

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 18

email: justin@stmichaelcanton.org

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

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.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Coordinators: Pat Berring

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 22

email: pat@stmichaelcanton.org

Through the waters of Baptism, your child will be welcomed into the Christian community and into the community of St. Michael the Archangel Parish. We congratulate you and your child, and offer this information to help you prepare for the celebration of this Sacrament.

Responsibilities: Parent meetings are a diocesan requirement for parents who have never attended a meeting at St. Michael's. Meetings are held on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Contact Pat for a meeting schedule.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION

Director of Religious Education: Mike Ress

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 17

email: mike@stmichaelcanton.org

Children are required to participate in Sacrament preparation classes before receiving the Sacraments. Likewise, it is diocesan policy that parents participate actively in the preparation of their children for the Sacraments. It is assumed that parents, and children preparing to celebrate the sacraments for the first time, are regularly attending Mass, are active members in the Religious Education Program of the parish, and will continue to be active beyond the second grade year. Those children who did not attend any religious education program in the first grade will be given an opportunity to review the curriculum for that year.

Requirements: Parents are required to attend three (3) parent meetings and the family Rite of Enrollment at a Sunday liturgy in February, in preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments. Other than the first meeting, all sessions will be for parents and their second graders.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Director of Religious Education: Mike Ress

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 17

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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 RCIA program for the month of January and then it would be at the Holy Saturday Vigil that the Sacrament of Confirmation would be celebrated.

SPONSOR COUPLES FOR PRE-MARRIAGE FORMATION

Contact: Jeanne Ryder

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 20

email: jeanne@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 one of the priests to go over program & receive workbooks.

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

SERVICE & JUSTICE

“Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.”

Colossians 3:12

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Chair: Chris Fricker

Phone: (330) 492-1219

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Members of the Social Concerns Committee help the parish carry out Christ's call to alleviate suffering and promote justice. The committee is responsible for and/or supports coordination of the Lenten food collection, the Meager Meal on Ash Wednesday, annual Third World Sale, Giving Tree, parish recycling, and the Thanksgiving Basket food distribution program. The group offers programs related to social justice awareness issues, such as human trafficking, immigration reform and the death penalty and is charged to help the parish to become more responsive to the plight of the world's hungry.

Meeting Schedule: Third Wednesday of the month.

Emergency Assistance Program: In addition several parishioners help with our emergency assistance outreach, answering phone calls, and distributing food vouchers or food, or other forms of assistance.

GIVING TREE

Coordinator: Mike Ress

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During Advent Christmas trees appear in the Gathering Space of the church. The trees are decorated with colorful bulbs that describe gifts needed for low income families in our area and in West Virginia and inner city Cleveland. Many of the gifts are delivered by St. Michael's Life Teen youth participants. Parishioners donate approximately 1600 gifts each year.

Stewardship opportunities: Information gathering, computer technology and sorting of gifts.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Chair: David Stewart

Phone: (330) 956-4399

Members are dedicated to upholding the dignity and value that is found in all human life by virtue of being created in the image and likeness of the living God. They work to do all they prayerfully can, within the Gospel values of holiness and justice, to protect innocent human beings from being killed through abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or capital punishment. All are invited to join in this effort to give witness to the sanctity of human life and to protect the least of our brothers and sisters.

Meeting Schedule: First Tuesday of the month from 7-9PM in the Parlor.

HOPE MINISTRY

Contact:

Karen Kohl **Phone:** (330) 830-5033 **email:** klkohl@att.net

Linda Bayda **Phone:** (330) 830-9673 **email:** lasb@sssnet.com

Staff Contact: Fr. Craig McHenry

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Goal: To offer compassionate support to families of parishioners who have died. Ministry members are present at calling hours and funerals, and they assist with a funeral luncheon if the family wishes.

Stewardship opportunities: Setting tables, preparing beverages, serving the buffet and cleaning up. No cooking (food is provided).

Each November a Memorial Mass is celebrated to remember those who died during the previous year. It is a meaningful event for those who are grieving.

Meeting Schedule: HOPE Ministry meets monthly September through April.

PARISH LIFE AND ORGANIZATIONS

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

Contact: Fr. Craig McHenry

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The Vocations Committee of St. Michael the Archangel supports those discerning a church vocation through prayer and by providing opportunities to explore options. Every Thursday those in adoration pray for vocations and for those in discernment. The committee produces cards that are distributed to parishioners, asking to pray those already in formation for priesthood or religious life.

ST. MICHAEL'S SINGLES

Contact: Parish Office

Phone: (330) 492-3119

St. Michael's has a faith and fellowship group for mature Christian adults who are over 40 years of age. Our goal is to offer fellowship as we grow in our faith, share social activities of all kinds and share some of life's interesting opportunities. Come check out this fun group; participate in social events, learning discussions and prayer and become a new member.

Meeting Schedule: Generally on the 1st Saturday evening of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parlor. Events are planned for the rest of the month and are usually scheduled for Friday or Saturday.

SUNDAY MORNING BABYSITTING

Contact: Julie Sutton

Phone: (330) 492-3119 ext. 19

email: julie@stmichaelcanton.org

Babysitting takes place during the 9:00 Sunday morning Mass to enable parents and caregivers to more fully participate in the celebration. Children are cared for in the lower level of the church each week except on special occasions such as Christmas and Easter.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Contact: Parish Office

Phone: (330) 492-3119

Members of the parish visit parishioners in hospitals, take the Eucharist, and offer caring support through listening, praying and offering encouragement.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL & HOMEBOUND

Contact: Rich Toriello

Phone: (330) 526-6030

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 our shut-ins and residents at Canton Regency, Manor Care, The Inn at Belden Village, Emeritus of Canton and to those who are homebound. Family members and friends are encouraged to call the Parish office 330-492-3119 Ext.10 to tell of the needs of elderly and ill parishioners. Transportation to St. Michael 4:00PM Mass is provided for residents of both The Regency of Canton and Emeritus of Canton.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

Coordinator: Paula Hoch

Phone: (330) 956-4463

St. Michael Parish Health Ministry is an outreach wellness program within the faith community. The Parish Nurse is a Registered Nurse. Blood pressure screening, health fairs, educational programs, support groups, flu shot and bloodmobile clinics provide opportunities for parishioners to receive preventive health care. Personal nursing care is not part of this program

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Contact: Deacon Mark Fuller

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

Meeting Schedule: 1st & 3rd Monday in Fannon Center C at 6:30PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Grand Knight: Bob Craft

Phone: (330) 222-6521

email: robertcraft20@yahoo.com

The Knights serve our parish and community, while working each day to create a better world through four core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Requirements: 18 years and older, a practicing Catholic man in good standing with the Church.

Meeting Schedule: Social meeting 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the Parish Offices

SOCIABLE SENIORS

Contact: Bob Zirhut

Phone: (330) 477-8714

There are no strangers here, just friends you've never met. Join other seniors for a light lunch (\$3.00) followed by bingo or cards. Annual events include a covered dish picnic at Lake Cable the 2nd Monday of July and Christmas dinner for seniors and guests the 1st Monday in December.

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Monday of each month in the St. Michael Room in the lower level of the church.

CARD MINISTRY

Coordinator: Redda Latona

Phone: (330) 477-3045

The members of Card Ministry meet in fellowship to create, assemble and send cards to the home bound, nursing home, assisted living residents and health care facility residents of our parish community. The ministry meets in the St. Michael Room on the last Monday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm..

COFFEE & DONUTS

Contact: Parish Office

Phone: (330) 492-3119

The Coffee and Donuts ministry coordinates the serving of coffee & donuts in the gathering space on an "as requested basis". From time to time, various other ministries will ask to be featured on a coffee and donut Sunday to publicize their group and heighten awareness of what they do.

The Coffee & Donut ministry schedules the date, arranges for the tables to be set up, orders and picks up the donuts – juice - cream, etc., manages the set-up of the serving tables with the sponsor group, helps to serve after each mass and assist in clean-up after the final mass.

Generally, Coffee and Donuts are run after the Sunday morning masses.

ECUMENICAL DINNER COMMITTEE

Contact: Kay Flood

Phone: 330-493-1448

Each year St. Michael Parish and Trinity United Church of Christ share a meal and fellowship. The congregations take turns hosting the event. When it is at St. Michael's there is a need for stewards to welcome guests for the evening and plan and serve the meal.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Contact: Justin Huyck

Phone: (330)492-3119 ext.18

email:justin@stmichaelcanton.org

With a spirit of hospitality, this committee greets new parishioners, welcomes them to the parish, and provides them with information about parish ministries, organizations, and community life.

PARISH PICNIC

Contact: Diane Marzec

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For a day filled with friends, laughter, games, dancing, food and fun, join other parishioners on the school grounds and under the tent! The parish provides bratwurst, hot dogs, watermelon and beverages. Parishioners are asked to bring a covered dish. This wonderful day comes to a close with the raffle of a major prize which is the highlight of the event!

Time Commitment: Varies, could be as much or as little as you like.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Editor: Ann Margaret Lambo

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The *Archangel's Voice* is the quarterly parish newsletter that relies on the gifts of our parishioners in the areas of writing, editing, photography, planning and layout. Each issue communicates activities and upcoming events in articles and photographs to keep the parish updated and informed on topics significant to the parish community.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Coordinator: Parish Office

Phone: (330) 492-3119

St. Michael's Reception Committee provides hospitality on behalf of our parish community following special events at the church. Stewards are needed to bake, set up, serve refreshments and welcome parishioners and guests.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Contact: Cindy Winick

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This committee is responsible for designing and maintaining the parish website, and for providing valuable and reliable information regarding the ministries, organizations and events associated with St. Michael communications.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Contact: Linda & Leo Casey

Barb & Scott Tolbert

Phone: (330) 832-8686

Phone: (330) 494-2231

Families, individuals and groups are welcome to "adopt" a specific area of the parish grounds throughout the summer or to join work groups in the spring and fall to beautify the outdoor environment. This is an ideal ministry for those who cannot make a full year commitment. Members rotate times for watering. An end of season cookout brings everyone together to review successes and begin dreaming for the next year.

GARDEN CLUB

President: Judy Foust

Phone: (330) 497-9662

Do you have a green thumb? Join this active group of gardeners. Plant memorial geraniums on the parish grounds; design floral arrangements for special events at the church, help landscape a Habitat home each year, and create ornaments for the Canton Garden Center Holly Pine Lane Christmas tree. No previous experience necessary. Programs throughout the year provide gardening tips and information about flora and fauna.

Meeting Schedule: 10:00 a.m. the 2nd Thursday of each month except January and August.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Contacts:

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Mary Jo Ebner **Phone:** (330) 232-3521 **email:** maryjoebner114@gmail.com

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry knits or crochets prayer shawls and lap robes to offer comfort, peace, and hope to those who are suffering serious illnesses or experiencing life changing events. Recipients of these shawls and robes are remembered in prayer while they are being created as well as after they are given. They are never to be bought or sold.

Meeting Schedule: Third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM

SCOUTING **CUB SCOUTS**

Troop Leader: Tim Seiber **Phone:** (330) 904-4686
email: timmybengal@yahoo.com

Cub Scouts do fun things with other kids! They get to wear a cool uniform, go places, and see things. They play all kinds of sports and build things, like race cars and bird houses. Want to learn a secret code? Want to learn about wild animals? Go Cub Scouting! There is a reason for everything boys do in Cub Scouting. Apart from the fun and excitement, the aim of Cub Scouting is to help boys grow into good citizens who are strong in character and personally fit. This is why we say that Cub Scouting is fun with a purpose.

GIRL SCOUTS

Troop Leader: Frieda Londere **Phone:** (330) 477-3877
Jen Seiber **Phone:** (330) 904-4686
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Girls ages 11 to 17 participate in Girl Scouting in many ways. Under the guidance of a trained adult advisor, girls mix and match activities and resources to suit their needs while giving back to their communities. They connect with each other and build self-esteem and confidence in their skills as they work on a range of projects and gain life experiences.

Stewardship opportunities: Adult leadership

Fingerprinting required

ADMINISTRATION

FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair: David Butz **Phone:** (330) 492-0537 **email:** dbutz@kwgd.com

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 Friday of the month

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Co-chair: Mike Flood **Phone:** (330) 493-1448 **email:** mefl725@aol.com

Co-chair: Bob Kittle

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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

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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 connect stewards to meet those needs. They provide forums that help ministries, committees and groups promote their missions, build memberships, and increase outreach.

Meeting Schedule: Monthly

ST. MICHAEL FINANCE COUNCIL

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