# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 17, 2021

VISION STATEMENT A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ON JOURNEY IN THE TRADITION OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL SEEKING COMPANIONS ON THE WAY TO THE REIGN OF GOD

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



For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve... Mark 10:45

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St. Michael the Archangel

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# **Parish Office**

Our office is open 9am—4pm, Monday through Friday. To make an appointment with a staff member please call us at (330) 492-3119, and leave a voicemail if necessary. Thank you!

#### **Parish Staff**

Rev. Benson C. Okpara, Ph.D., Pastor-ext. 212 Deacons Mark Fuller, Philip Tischler, & Peter Pohl Mr. Bruce Gordon, Business Manager-ext. 211 Mrs. Stephanie Bole, Administrative Assistant-ext. 220 Mrs. Sarah Bressler, Bookkeeper-ext. 225 Mr. John DeCola, Director of Advancement—ext. 213 Mr. Jeff Fricker, Director of Music Ministry-ext. 214 Sr. Carolyn Capuano, HM-Pastoral Assoc/Liturgical & Social Justice Ministies-ext.215 Ms. Roberta Muoio, Pastoral Assoc/Adult Faith Form.-ext. 218 Ms. Rachel Shumar, Youth Minister/Confirmation—ext. 222 Mrs. Julie Sutton, Director of Faith Formation—ext. 219 Mr. James Shundry, Facilities Manager-ext. 104 Emergency Assistance-ext. 226 For a listing of staff email addresses go to stmichaelcanton.org/staff/

# Scripture Readings for October 17, 2021 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45

# **Bulletin Deadline**

The deadline for the Oct. 24th bulletin is Oct. 14th. The deadline for the Oct. 31st bulletin is Oct. 21st. The deadline for the Nov. 7th bulletin is Oct. 28th.

> Please e-mail bulletin information to: Stephanie@stmichaelcanton.org

# **Giving Summary**

#### September 26, 2021

Envelope Amount	\$11,131
Loose Cash	\$2,199
Online Giving	\$8,204
Total Collection (This week)	\$21,534
Weekly Budget Number	\$32,990
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2020 Week's Total (same week one year ago) \$29,588

Sincere thanks for your first fruits offered onto God. —Fr. Benson

# PARISH UPDATE

In April Pope Francis announced a worldwide synod exploring ways the universal church can improve its ability to listen to the faithful. The theme of the synod is, *"For the Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."* The emphasis will be on a shared journey. The hope is to involve the whole church at diocesan, national and continental levels through listening and discernment. The Holy Father celebrated the opening of the synod last weekend. Bishop Bonnar begins this journey in the diocese this weekend with a Synod Opening Mass at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown.

#### Stewardship is our way of expressing gratitude to God

by being together in community and giving back generously in response to God's call to love and care for one another. During the month we will reflect on how we can use our gifts to serve our parish and surrounding community. This weekend we hear from parishioners about what draws them to serve and how they connect to the community. If you did not pick up one of the Stewardship books in the pews last weekend you can pick one up today. These are short, six-minute reflections on stewardship in light of the Gospel of Mark. We ask you to reflect on these daily exercises and discern your response to stewardship and how you can return your time and skills to God in a spirit of gratitude and joy.

You can find more information about opportunities to become involved in our parish activities, including if you are not Catholic. Our RCIA Inquiry gatherings connect you with St. Michael's parishioners and Catholicism. This is a great time to get started - including if you're not ready to make a commitment yet! Contact Roberta for more information or to get started.

We all have experienced many changes and challenges over the past year and a half. If you find you are feeling down or worried consider Stephen Ministries. You may be experiencing grief, a difficult medical diagnosis or loss and a Stephen Minister can provide one on one care. A care giver will listen to you and walk with you through the difficult time. The caring relationship will last as long as the need persists. To learn more about Stephen Ministries contact Julie in the parish office.

# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission diocese in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay



leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's mission in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY SALE



Sat. Oct. 23 - Sun. Oct. 24 Do some early Christmas Shopping! All items are hand crafted Proceeds benefit St. Michael's Christmas Giving Tree Fund

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting**

The St. Michael Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, October 20th at 1:00pm in the St. Michael Room. Prayers shawls are given to offer comfort, peace, and hope to those who are ill, as well as love and blessings to those who are experiencing live changing events. To request a shawl or learn about joining the ministry call: Linda Bayda at 330-830-9673.

St. Michael Parish is partnering with other faith and civic organizations to provide area families with a Thanksgiving dinner. Volunteers are needed for registration day, pick-up day and with our partner,

StarkFresh, where our recipients will go

to pick out their pantry items.

For volunteer registration go to:



www.thanksgivingbasketscanton.org/

Donations can also be made at this site.

St. Michael Parish strives to be a welcoming parish for all. For those with

mobility issues we have recently identified several areas around the church with extra space to accommodate your assistive devices. You will find these located in sections 2, 3, 4 and 5. Our ushers can help you find these spaces.

We hope this will accommodate your needs. If you find this doesn't work for you, please let us know. Thank you for your presence in our Catholic community, our Mass experience is richer because you are here.





### Weekdays

10/18 @ 6:45am ~ Fr. Brad Helman (People of the Parish)

10/19 @ 6:45am ~ Adam & Mary Sutak (Don & Jane Impagliozza & family)

10/20 @ 6:45am ~ Jackie Hibbard (The Family)

10/20 @ 8:10am school only Mass ~ JoAnn Abrigg (Family)

> 10/21 @ 6:45am ~ Communion Service

10/22 @ 6:45am ~ Marissa Relucio (Ed & Linda Malacaman)

#### Weekend

10/23 @ 4:00pm ~ Dr. Mars Bautista & Marciano Bautista (The Bautista Family)

10/24 @ 8:30am ~ Larry Vignos (Jan Vignos & family)

10/24 @ 11:00am ~ John & Therese Skakun and Ken Frey (The Skakun Family)

10/24 @ 5:30pm ~ Larry Fecske (Marie & Family)

#### The Tabernacle Candle

For the week of October 23rd

Burns in honor of Mary Germann



From The Lioi Family

# A NOVENA FOR THE PANDEMIC & THE COVID 19 VACCINE RESPONSE

The word "novena" is derived from the Latin word for nine ("novem"). It is a devotional practice which repeats a prayer, a series of prayers, or an action for nine days in a row. The tradition stems from the nine days the disciples would have gathered in prayer after the Ascension of Jesus as they awaited the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. It can be nine consecutive days, or nine weeks, or 9 months. The prayers for the first day are on the following page.

# **OCTOBER ROSARY**

Sundays during the month of October we will be praying the Rosary in the Church, immediately after the 8:30 AM Mass. All are welcome to honor Mary and pray for the needs of our world, our country, our families, deliverance from COVID 19, and any other personal intentions.

## **ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL**



The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth.

Eucharist Adoration is open every Thursday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the Lower Chapel. The evening ends with Benediction service beginning at 5:45.

No appointment is necessary, simply come spend some quiet time with HIM.

# FROM THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT ~ John DeCola

If you are over 70 1/2 and subject to mandatory distribution, one way to avoid paying taxes on your Required Minimum Distribution is to donate it to St Michael the Archangel . A qualified charitable distribution allows you to make donations to a charity directly from your IRA. So if your RMD is \$5,000 and you typically give \$5,000 to charity each year, you can donate that money and not pay tax on it. As always, consult with your financial advisor to see if this is a good idea for your particular situation.

## ADULT DAY SERVICES/ ST. JOSEPH SENIOR LIVING LOUISVILLE

The Adult Day Services (ADS) facility operated by Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties is open and accepting participants on a limited basis. Our ADS offers a safe and secure environment for older adults in need of



supervision or assistance with activities of daily living while family caregivers are at work or attending to other responsibilities. We have implemented strict pandemic related protocols to help ensure the health and safety of participants and staff. Our well-maintained facility is located on the St. Joseph Senior Living campus in Louisville. For more information, please call 330-875-7979 or email troy.cochran@catholiccharitiesps.org.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Week NOVENA Prayer to God for Deliverance from Covid

Starting Sunday September 26, there are NINE Sundays before Advent.

Everyone is invited to spend 5 minutes on each of these nine Sundays or sometime during the week to pray the below prayer and scripture reading privately or in a group.

Each Sunday is a different prayer ending the Sunday before Advent.

# DAY FOUR Scripture and Prayer Jesus cures the man born blind (see John 9: 1-41) John 9:1-11

As he passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "[So] how were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see."

**PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, you sent your Only Son into the world so that your works might be made visible through him. In his public ministry, he cured those whose suffering placed them at a disadvantage. May we, too, bring light to those in darkness and may our actions increase the faith and well-being of others. Grant this through that same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**PETITION:** For all those who question the efficacy of a vaccine and its possibility to protect us from the virus, may their eyes be opened, we pray.

**LORD'S PRAYER:** Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**INTERCESSION:** St. Luke, patron saint of doctors, Pray for us.

The link to all nine weeks can be found at <a href="https://fdlc.org/sites/default/files/COVID\_NOVENA.pdf">https://fdlc.org/sites/default/files/COVID\_NOVENA.pdf</a>





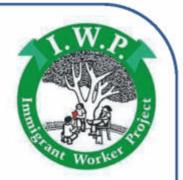
Our Bell Choir is up and running and playing at the 11:00AM Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month! Please contact Drew at <u>drew@stmichaelcanton.org</u> if you are interested in joining this Ministry Team!

# **Fall Speaker Series**

Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00PM St. Michael Room (lower level) Presenter Jeff Stewart from the Immigrant Worker Project Topic: Immigration in Stark County & Ohio Current Challenges, Changes, and Obstacles

Advocacy

Education • Outreach



This presentation will also be live-streamed via Zoom! The link may be found on our website at: stmichaelcanton.org/service Masks are required for in-person gatherings.

#### YEAR-ROUND FOOD DRIVE

Weekday collections Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 5:00PM Door # 11 Lower Level Weekend collections before each Mass

Special "Ask": Hearty Soups and Stew





# THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU your enthusiasm, your creativity & the joy that is so characteristic of you!

-POPE FRANCIS

#### Attention Young Adults, Ages 18-39

The Church needs you!

Young Adult Ministry covers a wide range of ages and life stages, including college students, early professionals and young parents,

Before planning activities and gatherings, we would like to find out what types of opportunities, topics, speakers and programs would best serve young adults.

We ask you to take a few minutes to fill out a survey to share your interests, needs and hopes for growing in your faith and connecting to community.

Please use the QR code below, or visit our parish website: www.stmichaelcanton.org, to complete the survey by November 7th. It should take about 5 minutes and will provide our parish and the county with valuable information for planning future young adult opportunities.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. If you would like to discuss young adult opportunities further please contact Roberta.

#### CONTACT: Roberta Muoio 330-492-3119 x218 roberta@stmichaelcanton.org





YOU can help support St. Michael Youth Ministry through the ACME Community Cash Back Program!

Just purchase store brands & then drop your receipt in the box at the Welcome Desk by January 25th.

EARN 5% COMMUNITY CASH BACK ON ACME FRESH MARKET STORE BRANDS

# ST. MICHAEL CANTON YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING DATES! 630-800 PM IN THE FANNON CENTER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ST. MICHAEL CANTON YOUTH MINISTRY:

# CONTACT RACHEL SHUMAR

EMAIL: RACHEL@STMICHAELCANTON.ORG, OR CALL: 330-492-3119 X222

OR

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

STMIKESCANTONYOUTHMINISTRY.WEEBLY.COM

# ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?



Inquiry gatherings begin soon Weekly Gatherings that connect you with Catholicism and our parishioners (We may begin these gatherings via Zoom video chat)

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Flexible: Your Schedule & Interests Journey at your pace.

Interested?: Let's start the conversation:



Fr. Benson Okpara: frbenson@stmichaelcanton.org Roberta Muoio: roberta@stmichaelcanton.org Phone: (330) 492-3119



# How are you doing lately?

Many people are feeling tired, stressed, overwhelmed, sad, and lonely during the COVID 19 pandemic. Financial stress, social isolation, schooling from home, and so many other factors are making life difficult.

Did you know that St. Michael is a Stephen Ministry parish? We have highly trained volunteers who are available to provide social, emotional, and spiritual support to those having difficulties in life. These volunteers will speak with those in need, in person or by phone or video so they can journey with you for a time until life gets a bit easier. The service is free and confidential.

If you are interested in having a Stephen Minister OR you would like to be a Stephen Minister please contact the parish office or email <u>julie@stmichaelcanton.org</u>.

# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday, October 18th 6:30-8:00pm

# Meets bi-monthly | Meets via Zoom

Contact Roberta at 330-492-3119 x218 | roberta@stmichaelcanton.org or Lynne Kotte at 330-309-957211krdld@cs.com WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

Wednesday October 27th 9:30am

Meets bi-weekly | Meets via Zoom

Contact Roberta at 330-492-3119 x218 | roberta@stmichaelcanton.org.

**Generation Generation Generation Communition**, Participation **Mission** and Mission and Mission bistening creates space to hear the Holy Spirit and guides our aspirations for the Church of the Third Millennium.

RECENTLY, POPE FRANCIS ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WOULD BE A WORLDWIDE SYNOD EXPLORING WAYS IN WHICH THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH CAN IMPROVE ITS ABILITY TO LISTEN TO THE FAITHFUL. THE THEME FOR THE SYNOD IS, "FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION."

THE HOLY SPIRIT CONTINUES TO GUIDE THE CHURCH AS HE HAS GUIDED HER IN THE UPPER ROOM AT PENTECOST. POPE FRANCIS REMINDS US THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO REFLECT ON OUR LIFE AND MISSION SO TO BETTER IMPACT THE WORLD AND INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ENCOUNTER CHRIST.

YOUR PARTICIPATION AND INPUT IS NECESSARY AND VITAL PIECE TO THIS PROCESS. QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE SYNOD MAY BE FOUND AT WWW.DOY.ORG. YOUR INPUT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

The purpose of the synod is not to produce more documents. It is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hope flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts and restore strength to our hands for common mission.

# **OCTOBER UPDATES**

## LITURGICAL | BROADCAST | CATECHETICAL

In light of the current situation, Diocese of Youngstown temporary guidelines (following CDC and health department guidance) is to again recommend that face coverings be worn when indoors by those vaccinated and unvaccinated, for the good of all. For those who are unvaccinated, face coverings are required, reinforcing the presumed practice.

Pope Francis and Church leaders are strongly encouraging vaccinations as an "act of love." Diocesan guidelines will be reviewed going forward, and we again thank all who wear face coverings and take measures for their own health, and for the safety and comfort of others.

#### FACE COVERING AND SOCIAL DISTANCE SECTIONS

We have reserved an area where face coverings and social distancing will continue to be required: the area closest to the Mary statue.

In our large space, we hope this area will be of use to create a welcoming and reasonably comfortable environment for all. If you sit in this area, please continue to wear face coverings and social distance for the comfort of others.



#### CATECHETICAL UPDATES

The Diocese of Youngstown has released new temporary guidelines for Mass. They reinforce what the CDC and Stark Health Department have been telling us - because of the current spread of the virus and the delta variant, face coverings are encouraged for all, vaccinated and unvaccinated. The Diocese of

Youngstown Department of Pastoral and Educational Services directs that all parish processes for adults, youth and children held inside any parish buildings comply with the mandatory mask wearing by all persons, those unvaccinated, and those vaccinated, until further notice. Let us continue to be aware of the health and comfort of one another, and treat each other with kindness. Finally, if you have not yet been vaccinated, we urge you to do so if you can. Vaccinations are currently approved for those ages 12 and older.



BROADCAST AND MASS ONLINE We are broadcasting the 8:30 am Mass to the Fannon Center - with face coverings and social distancing required.

This allows for expanded social distancing, especially for those most vulnerable wishing to worship with the St. Michael's community. Communion is brought to the Fannon Center. We will continue to monitor the use of this service as we go forward.

Mass is also available online after the 4pm Mass via the St. Michael Website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.



#### MASS AND COMMUNION

Please continue to offer the sign of peace in a distanced way, with a bow or friendly wave. We are taking up the collection and receiving Communion in the way we did before the pandemic (by passing the basket and a Communion procession). For communion, those who choose to receive communion on the tongue are asked to receive from the priest, and join the end of the procession as they are able. We won't be receiving from the Chalice at this time. Following diocesan guidelines, we have reintroduced singing, in order to allow for "full, conscious, and active participation."



