Saint Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

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WEEKEND LITURGIES: Sat eve: 6:00 p.m. Sun: 11:00 a.m.

HOLYDAYS: 6:00 p.m.

Exalting the Cross

For each of us, salvation means no more and no less than taking up daily the same cross of Christ, accepting each day what it brings as the will of God, offering back to God each morning all the joys, works, and sufferings of that day. But those are abstract words. What it means, in practice, is spelled out as always by the poor old body. It means getting up each morning and going to bed exhausted. It means the routine, not the spectacular. It can mean drudgery, pain, putting aside pleasures, happiness, or the love the human heart craves until another time, so that what is necessary at the moment can be done.

It means working for others, touching the lives of others, through the medium of the body. How many times, tired and worn out and near collapse from the slave labor conditions of the camps, did I think I could not ask another step of the body, did I think in pain and irony of those words "The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak"? Truly, man is a creature composed of body and soul, and we work out our salvation in this vale of tears through the medium of the

It is the first gift God and our parents fashion for us; it sustains and supports us through a long life and makes possible both joys and sorrows; and when at last we are parted from it in death, it surely deserves whatever rest it can get before it rises to be glorified at the last judgment.

Father Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.

SUNDAY AFTER THE **EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**



Icon of the Holy Apostle Codratus and Jonah the Prophet -- September 21st

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!







(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

6:00 p.m.

+Stevie Dimoff (remembrance of 50th birthday)

requested by: Parents: Jerry & Debbie

SUN., SEPT 21

THE SUNDAY AFTER THE UNIVERSAL ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS -

Catechetical Sunday

11:00 a.m.

+Anne F. Kohut requested by: Children: Maurene & Ronald

(60th anniversary of passing)

Special Intention: Health & Recovery requested by: Anonymous

TUES., SEPT 23

6:00 p.m.

First day of ECF classes at St. Michael Hall



SAT., SEPT 27

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

6:00 p.m.

+John Lucas

requested by: Family

(31st anniversary of passing 9.20)

THE 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUN., SEPT 28 11:00 a.m.

+James J. Stanko

requested by: Regina Sferra

(remembrance of 74th birthday 9.20)

+John S. Stanko

(remembrance of 83rd birthday 10.1)









Church Attendance

Saturday 9/13 – **67** (6:00 pm) Sunday 9/14 – **39** (11:00 am)

September 21 – Genevieve Hicks, George Hahn

September 22 – Andria Shevetz

September 24 – Dominic Anthony Cutrone

September 27 - Aubrey Vokish

Pray For The Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Sept. 19, 2025

RESIDING AT HOME – Andy Arendas, Ken Beraduce, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Greta Marks, Frank Phillips, Ed Puhak, Martha Swantek, Ed Tirpack.

The Inn at Ironwood (6699 Ironwood Blvd., Canfield, OH 44406) — Dorothy Leone.

Windsor House at St. Mary's (1899 W. Garfield Rd., Columbiana, OH 44408) - Anne Thomas.

Church offerings from Sept. 13 & 14, 2025

Sunday Offering....\$2,450.00 Loose Currency....\$74.00

Candles...\$132.00 Holydays...\$325.00

TOTAL: \$2,981.00



September 14th TOTAL:

\$396.00

\/	Weekly	Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
	Date	Collection	Required	Overage (Shortage)	
	Sept. 14	\$2,981	\$ 2,850	\$131	
	YTD	\$ 89,224	\$105,450	(\$16,226)	



"Gad! Another outrageous heating bill!"

Quote of the Week

"Any emotion, if it is sincere, is involuntary."

- Mark Twain



WORD LIST

ACORN AUTUMN BONFIRE

BRISK

CIDER

CORN **CRISP**

EQUINOX

FALL

FESTIVAL

FOLIAGE

FOOTBALL

GOURD

HALLOWEEN

HARVEST

HAYSTACK

JACKET

LEAVES

NOVEMBER

OCTOBER

PINE CONE

PUMPKIN

SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER

SQUASH

SWEATER

THANKSGIVING

TREES

AUTUMN WORD SEARCH

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Thoughts & Prayers

Recently, throughout our society, there has been discussion on the sentiment "thoughts and prayers." People are actively debating the meaning of such a sentiment as well as the impact that a phrase such as "You're in my thoughts and prayers" can have on people's lives. In reality, these two terms 'thoughts and prayers' should not be linked together. It is all too easy to use the word 'think' flippantly. For example, when someone asks you to do something that you're either hesitant about or outrightly do not want to do, the typical answer, so as not to offend, is "I'll think about it." In this circumstance, the proposed thought means nothing: it's just something to say to either deflect or postpone a response. Granted, there are those that, when they use the word 'think,' earnestly look to arrive at an accurate response; however, the word essentially carries the connotation of being passive, with no action or 'thought' behind it.

Prayer, on the other hand, should never be used in such a way. Prayer, in our Eastern tradition, demands the totality of our being. It demands our concentration, seriousness, and deliberateness. We cannot use the word 'pray' as a passive means of expressing ourselves, for genuine prayer involves all of our being, all of our senses, and all of our commitment to lay our cares—and the cares of others—before our Lord.

Recently in the news, six children, ages two months, two years, three years, five years, seven years, and nine years, were found locked inside a storage unit in Milwaukee. Children, locked in a storage unit! The investigation is still ongoing, but such a situation seems unfathomable! We indeed pray for these children and for safety in their lives. And this is the reason why prayer is so serious and should not be said or toted as a passive thing: by its very nature, prayer is an action in our faith. In order for it to be prayer, there needs to be meaning behind it. There needs to be intention. There needs to be attention. (think of how many times we hear "Let us be attentive!" during Divine Services)

We need look no further than our Divine Services to see the importance of our prayer, especially in this situation with these children in Milwaukee. How often do we hear the petition "For the safety of those who travel, for the sick and the suffering, for those held captive, and for their safety and salvation, let us pray to the Lord" and not even begin to contemplate the power of those words, the power of this prayer? How many of us simply respond "Lord, have mercy," while thinking about our dinner plans, what we're going to do when we get home, or other inessential things?

We hear stories of captivity quite regularly—and it is important that we take our prayer seriously, for we are praying for real people in very real situations. We don't just utter words: our prayer is meant to be transformative; it is meant to change our way of life, to make us more compassionate, understanding, loving, and faithful people. We can't very well do this if we merely passively say a few words without feeling them, without truly meaning them.

Our world needs prayer. Our world needs us to pray. As Christians, we are constantly learning and growing, and let the lesson of today be: instead of saying that someone is in your 'thoughts and prayers,' tell them that you are praying for them. And mean this with all sincerity of heart. Don't just say this to make someone else feel better, or to make yourself feel like you're doing something good. There are so many that need prayer, so many throughout our world that are suffering fates unimaginable, and we cannot even begin to understand whose hearts we can touch—whether we know the person or not—or how many situations we can make better through meaning what we pray and by allowing prayer to change us to better the lives of those around us!

Sponsored by God With Us Eastern Catholic Formation

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Jesus Christ Our Hope!

Sunday, September 21 2025



ECF begins Tuesday

The Eastern Christian Formation program (ECF) for our children starts **THIS TUESDAY**, **September 23rd.** Classes are held every Tuesday from 6:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m. at our St. Michael Hall. The theme this Catechetical year is "Jesus Christ our Hope." What does the word "catechetical" mean? The root word "catechesis" is from a Greek word meaning "to echo or resound." The role of every baptized person is to share and become witnesses of their faith. We thank, honor and bless all those who have responded to God's call to grow in a deeper understanding of their commitment to the Lord Jesus. May God grant them many happy and blessed years!

2025-2026 ECF Catechists

ECF coordinator:
Pre-school/kindergarten/1st grade:
2nd grade:
3rd/4th grades:
5th/6th/7th grades:
ByzanTEENS:

Keri Vokish Emily Vasilchek Mother Theodora Geri Romito Sarah Circelli Father & catechists



Civic Club meeting today

The St. Michael's Civic Club will have its first new season meeting **TODAY**, **September 21st** at 12:15 p.m. in the Hall bar room. Topics include Reverse Raffle Dinner, Summer events recap; a quick examination of the Constitution, possible future programs, and Night at the Races basic stuff. The club is open to any parishioner who wants to make a positive difference in the church and in the community.

Bottle donations needed for Reverse Raffle

There will be a card game at the Reverse Raffle with wine and liquor bottles. This was super popular last year and it sold out quick. Your help is needed. Donations of wine or liquor should be of better quality, but all donations will be gratefully accepted. Place donations in the back of the church in the marked bin. Please bring them in asap.

Set-up for Reverse Raffle event

Volunteers are asked to help out with Reverse Raffle hall set-up on **Wednesday**, **October 1st at 6:00 p.m.** This will follow the Holyday Liturgy that will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m.

Haluski sale in October

It's that time again. St Michael's is restarting our famous homemade Halushki Sale (made with real dumplings). Still only \$10/quart! Friday October 10th is our first sale, from 2 - 6 pm or until Sold Out. No need to get out of your car, just follow the signs, pull up to the door and we will bring your order to you. Pre-Order by contacting Regina by phone/text at 330-720-2100. Pre-Orders are guaranteed. Consider helping and making this delicious dish on Tuesday, Sept 23, Oct 3 or Oct 10. Not only do we chop and sauté cabbage and make dumplings, we share fellowship and fun. Interested, please contact Annette at 330-540-4334.

Sympathy extended

+MICHAEL LEBENICH III, 78, originally of Campbell, fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, August 23, 2025. Our pastor officiated his funeral this past Saturday at the Wasko Funeral Home. May God grant to His departed servant, +Michael, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jemu pamjat.

Vocation Icon **Program** to begin soon

The seeds of God's grace are planted in our hearts hoping to find fertile fields that will bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit and, in particular, ministerial service in the Church. Prayer is integral in the process of nurturing Church vocations. On Sunday, October 5th, the entire Byzantine Catholic Church in America is beginning a Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program. Each week, the icon is taken by a household in the parish. Those who accept the icon agree to pray during that time for religious and priestly vocations. Everyone in the parish is invited and encouraged to have this icon in their home for one week. Prayer booklets are provided. Please sign up on the sheet that is in the narthex. For more information or to volunteer to help, please see Father.

Want to be a priest?

Invited to the "Come and See" Weekend of Discovery Retreat are men, ages 18 to 35, single or married, who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. Friday evening (5:00 PM), November 7, 2025, through Sunday afternoon (4:00 PM), November 9, 2025. The earliest time for arrival is 12 noon. **To register, please visit www.bcs.edu.**

Plan to help with Election Day food sales

Since we are the host site for the city's voting place, we will once again have an Election Day Food sale on **Tuesday**, **November 4th**. Mark your calendar and plan to offer some help this day.

Hate has 4 letters, so does Love.

Enemies has 7 letters, so does
Friends. Lying has 5 letters, so does
Truth. Negative has 8, so does Positive. Under has 5, so does above.
Cry has 3 letters, so does Joy. Anger has 5 letters, so does Happy. Right has 5 letters, so does wrong. Hurt has 4 letters, so does Heal. It means life is like double edged sword... so transform every negative side into an aura of positivity... We should choose the better side of the life.

ST.MICHAEL'S HALL

405 ROBINSON RD. CAMPBELL, OH 44405

DAY DANGE

EUERY SUNDAY 3-7PM

18 & Up

Starting Nov 2,2025 Ends April 25,2026

DJ Celeste | Diva Entertainment |

\$10 Entry Fee

Includes One Soft Drink or Water

Come Join Us
Ballroom,Line Dancing ,Request & More

Snacks will be provided, pop, water, for for purchase. (Cash Only) Non- Alcohol Event

