

Saint Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation Available before/after liturgies.

Holy Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation, & Eucharist Contact the parish office.

Holy Mystery of Anointing Contact the parish office.

Holy Mystery of Marriage Contact the parish office at least 8 months prior to wedding.

Religious Education Classes (ECF) Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

ByanTEEN Youth Group Parochial/Community activities; see Keri.

GCU Call Ed Stanko at 330-758-4190.

St. Michael's Civic Club Call Nick DuBos at 412-726-8527 or email him at nicholasdubos@gmail.com.

St. Michael Hall, 405 Robinson Road Contact parish office for rentals.

St. Michael Cemetery, Sanderson Avenue Call Jerry Shirilla at 330-534-9104.

Your Will Please be so kind as to remember St. Michael's in your last will and testament. Secure our future.



WEEKEND LITURGIES: Sat eve: 6:00 p.m. Sun: 11:00 a.m. **HOLIDAYS:** 6:00 p.m.
PRESANCTIFIED LITURGIES: Wednesdays: 6:00 p.m. during the Great Fast

“As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.” (Mark 2:19)

This evening, Forgiveness Vespers begins the Great Fast. Texts from the propers of Vespers include the following:

Entering into the arena of the Holy Fast, let us make every effort to humble our flesh by abstinence; in prayer and with tears let us seek the Lord our Savior, and, that we might turn away from our evil deeds, let us say to Him: we have sinned against You, O Christ our King, save us as You saved the Ninevites of old, and in Your goodness, grant us a share in the kingdom of heaven.

When I see my deeds that deserve such punishment, I am without hope, O Lord; for I have disobeyed Your holy commandments, and I have led a foolish

life. Therefore, I beseech You: purify me in the waters of repentance by fasting and prayer, O Savior, full of goodness; do not reject me, O Benefactor of the Universe.

Let us begin the time of this bright fast, giving ourselves over to spiritual struggle. Let us sanctify our soul and purify our flesh. Let us not fast only from food; let us also abstain from every passion and cultivate spiritual virtues. And let us faithfully persevere in this, so that we may be worthy to see the holy passion of Christ our God and the joy of His holy Resurrection.

*Text from the Lenten Triodion,
Sisters of Saint Basil, Uniontown, PA.*

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE



Icon of Christ the Bridegroom

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



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Church Attendance

Saturday 2/7 – **42** (6:00 pm)

Sunday 2/8 – **34** (11:00 am)



February 15 – Joseph Kinnick
 February 16 – Nick Rappach
 February 17 – Dave Hospodar, Michael Gordan Katula, Charles Norman
 February 18 – Lina Cusano, Ella Quinn
 February 20 – Michael Drotar
 February 21 – Olivia Bigley

Pray For The Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Feb. 13, 2026

RESIDING AT HOME – Andy Arendas, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Marian Katula, Greta Marks, Frank Phillips, Martha Swantek.

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 Feb 7 & 8, 2026

Sunday Offering....\$1,785.00

Loose Currency....\$94.00

Candles....\$62.00

Holydays....\$92.00

TOTAL: \$2,033.00

BCW....\$28.00



February 8th TOTAL:
\$309.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Feb. 8	\$2,033	\$2,850	(\$817)
YTD	\$13,816	\$17,100	(\$3,284)

Quote of the Week

“Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make two wings: fasting and almsgiving.”

— St. Augustine



(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

Health & God's Blessings
 Upon: Carmela Marie Circelli

requested by: Aunt: Emily Vasilchek,
 Noah, Genevieve, & Elizabeth

The Sunday of Cheese-Fare – The Final Pre-Lenten Sunday

+Robert D. “Bob” Macala
 (1st anniversary of passing today)

requested by: Ken & Maryann Macala

Pure Monday - No Meat, Eggs, Dairy Products OBLIGATED
The First Day of the Great Fast



ECF classes at Hall

Pure & Clean Wednesday - No Meat OBLIGATED

Confessions available
The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts -Oil of Gladness

Pure & Clean Friday - No Meat OBLIGATED

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Betty A. Stanko
 (2nd anniversary of passing 2.19)

requested by: Alicia Muzina

+Maria Tirpack
 (1st anniversary of passing 2.24)

requested by: Ken Tirpack

The First Sunday of the Great Fat – The Sunday of the Triumph of True Worship

+Brandon M. Puskarcik Sr.
 (remembrance of 43rd birthday 2.15)

requested by: Family

SAT., FEB 14

6:00 p.m.

SUN., FEB 15

11:00 a.m.

Mon, Feb 16



Tues., Feb 17

6:00 p.m.

Wed, Feb 18

5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Fri, Feb 20

SAT., FEB 21

6:00 p.m.

SUN., FEB 22

11:00 a.m.

Winter Olympics

Word Search

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

- ALPINE SKIING
- BIATHLON
- BOBSLEIGH
- CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
- CURLING
- FIGURE SKATING
- FREESTYLE SKATING
- ICE HOCKEY
- LUGE
- NORDIC COMBINED
- SKELETON
- SKI JUMPING
- SKI MOUNTAINEERING
- SNOWBOARDING
- SPEED SKATING

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2026 Lenten Message from our Pastor



My dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Michael's:

This year, our Great Fast journey begins two days after Valentine's Day (*better finish all the chocolate today if you're giving up chocolate*). Did you ever notice that the word LENT is in VaLENTine?

I like to think this is more than just a coincidence. Fundamentally, Lent is about love. Lent begins with a spirit of forgiveness. We are called to enter into the Great Fast more than just letting go of sweets and goodies, but letting go of hurts and anger. This is extremely difficult. So, we have the next 7 weeks to work on the things we need to let go of by doing lots of praying, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer as love: Prayer is not so much about making our voices heard, and trying to make something I want happen, but more about opening our hearts to the Love who is all around us, is quietly speaking to our hearts, and is constantly pursuing a relationship with us. Please have a good attitude when it comes to prayer this Lent.

Fasting as love: Fasting from meat, dairy, desserts, drinks, goodies, swearing, scrolling on our devices, etc. all are ways to say to God that, "I love you God more than these things." Fasting helps us focus more to love God than things. Plus, fasting is not only physically healthy but helps the soul grow in virtues. Please have a good attitude when it comes to fasting this Lent.

Almsgiving as love: "As often as you do it for my brothers and sisters, you do it for me." These are the words of Jesus reminding how important charitable works are, especially if we are to get into heaven. Charity makes us put off selfishness and our own ego. Please have a good attitude when it comes to almsgiving this Lent.

For some, the next 7 weeks will drag and for others, will go quickly. Don't miss this spiritual and beneficial opportunity this Lenten season to grow in love. Lent is not meant to be easy. It is challenging because we have to change our ways, schedules, and habits. And I think that God is so much worth more, than holding on to those ways, schedules, and habits.

I will pray for all of you this Great Fast, and ask for forgiveness of my wrongs in any way towards you.

Fa. KEVIN

The Great Fast begins tomorrow

The first day of the Great Fast begins tomorrow, February 16th. Tomorrow, to begin in a spirit of repentance, we are required to practice **STRICT abstinence** by eating no meat, eggs, or any dairy products or their substitutes. Throughout this sacred season, we are required to practice **SIMPLE abstinence** by eating no meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. We are to begin the Great Fast not only in repentance but in a spirit of joy for it is an opportunity for growth and renewal in our spiritual lives. Lent is not a punishment but a gift. This marvelous gift makes us realize the presence of a loving God in our lives by stepping out of the ordinary. We do things differently this time of year: the fasting, the extra prayer services, almsgiving – all enabling us to focus on God and our relationship with him in a special way.



Why do we refer to Lent as “The Great Fast”

In the Byzantine Catholic Church, Lent is called “**THE GREAT FAST**” to distinguish it from the other three minor penitential seasons: the Fast before the Nativity of Christ (St. Philip’s Fast – Advent), the Dormition Fast in August and the SS. Peter & Paul Fast in June.

It is called “Great” because it is more intense than the other fasting periods. For Christians, the Great Fast is a season to be taken seriously. The time of repentance should affect all aspects of our life: our diet, our prayer life, our daily schedule, our daily attitude. Regardless of how strictly we choose to fast, every Christian’s eating habits should be remarkably different during this season. The message is to simplify our lifestyle, to get away from being creatures of habit, always “giving in” to our cravings, to consider those in our midst who have no choice but who need to fast on a constant basis due to poverty, etc.

The Presanctified Gifts Liturgy each Wednesday



During the holy season of the Great Fast our Byzantine Catholic Church proscribes the Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy to be celebrated. This is a special Liturgy with different melodies in which no Consecration takes place, due to the fact that the Eucharist is already consecrated (presanctified). **Join us each Wednesday during the Great Fast at 6:00 p.m.**

Confessions offered on Lenten Wednesdays

Before the Presanctified Liturgy each Wednesday, the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation will be offered from 5:30-5:45 p.m.

Deanery Vespers next Sunday in Boardman

NEXT SUNDAY, February 22nd, at 4:00 p.m., our Youngstown Deanery will have a common prayer of Lenten Vespers at Infant Jesus of Prague Church, in Boardman OH. You will have a chance to spend a prayerful night and receive a blessing and enrich your spiritual life. Priests will be available for confessions and social with refreshments after service. All are invited.

Civic Club meeting next Sunday

The Civic Club will have its regular monthly meeting **next Sunday, February 22nd at 12:15 p.m.** in the bar room. A wrap-up of the Night of the Races will be discussed.



Wow, how great...someone is turning ninety-eight

Our Saint Michael Parish offers birthday wishes to **MICHAEL DROTAR** who turns “98” years old this Friday, February 20th. May the Lord God grant to His servant, Michael, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l’ita. Happy 98th Birthday Michael!

Isn’t it heavenly...someone is turning seventy

Our Saint Michael Parish offers birthday wishes to **DAVE HOSPODAR** who turns “70” years old this Tuesday, February 17th. May the Lord God grant to His servant, Dave, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l’ita. Happy 70th Birthday Dave!



Parish Lenten Project explained



One of our parish Lenten projects will once again be to assist Akron Children’s Hospital Boardman Campus. Akron Children’s has been caring for children since 1890. Akron Children’s Boardman is one of two campuses that has dedicated themselves to improving the health of children, teenagers and young adults through excellence in patient care, education, research, advocacy and community partnerships. **Our mission is to reach out to the children/patients who are receiving medical care at this institution.**

As you come into the church, there will be a Lenten Wish Tree and display dedicated to this cause. Each Easter egg on the Wish Tree contains a gift for a child hospitalized at Akron Children’s. If you wish to be a part of this Lenten outreach, please take an Easter egg with the description of the gift. Once you have purchased the gift, please bring it to Church unwrapped, and place it by the Lenten Wish tree. Gifts will be collected until Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026. This project will begin this week.

Lenten food drive-thru sales begin this week

Our St. Michael Church will have food sales on the Fridays of the Great Fast. This will follow the drive-thru format. Please promote and support these sales as well. Pre-Orders preferred and guaranteed. Drive-ups welcome until supplies last. Call/Text Regina at 330-720-2100.

Lenten Fridays	Homemade Food Items \$10
THIS FRIDAY, February 20	Pirohi (potato, sweet cabbage, lekvar)
February 27	Halushki
March 6	Pirohi (potato, sweet cabbage, lekvar)
March 13	Halushki
March 20	Pirohi (potato, sweet cabbage, lekvar)
March 27	Halushki

Pirohi will be cooked & ready to eat

Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner ??

To make the annual Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner happen, March 29th, a lot of volunteer help is needed. So far, just a handful of people said they were willing to help. More help will be needed. If you can help, please let Father know.