



The Catholic Community of
**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL and
 ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 8, 2026



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New Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday:
 12:10 PM at Saint Michael's

Tuesday:
 12:10 PM at Saint Michael's

Wednesday:
 8:00 AM at Saint Jude's

Thursday:
 8:00 AM at Saint Jude's

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 YOUR LIGHT MUST
SHINE.
 — MATTHEW 5:16 —

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays	St. Michael the Archangel	4:00 PM
	St. Jude the Apostle	4:00 PM
Sundays	St. Michael the Archangel	8:30 AM
	St. Jude the Apostle	10:00 AM

Eucharist Exposition

Tuesdays St. Michael the Archangel 11:30 AM

Friday No Mass—Parish Offices closed

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00-3:40pm February at Saint Michael the Archangel or arranged by calling the Parish Office.

Called to Serve

As we prepare our hearts for Lent, one simple and meaningful way to grow is by serving others. Ministry isn't about having lots of time or special skills—it's about offering what you can, when you can. Whether it's a few minutes greeting others, helping behind the scenes, praying for our parish, or supporting a ministry quietly and faithfully, every act of service matters. Lent invites us to step outward in love, and serving is one beautiful way to live out that call.



The **Technology Ministry at Saint Jude the Apostle** is tasked with assisting with parish audio/visual, web and social media presence. Activities include live streaming, significantly over hauling our web presence, integrating with our social media, assisting the parish office in finding ever more efficient ways to manage information with spreadsheets, databases, phone systems, etc. If you have a passion for computers, an affinity for figuring out new technology, this ministry may be for **YOU!**

Contact:

Chris Harris: cbharris17@gmail.com



The **Social Media Ministry at Saint Michael the Archangel** supports our parish by maintaining the parish website, Facebook and Instagram pages, and the *My Parish App*. A small, dedicated team also assists with livestreaming Masses and important sacramental celebrations, including funerals, and other services as needed.

If you'd like to learn more or explore how you might be involved, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact:

Ellen Hotz – ellenhotz@yahoo.com

Phyllis Mescia – pmescia@nycap.rr.com

Social media has become the front door of many of our churches, often the first place people encounter a parish before ever stepping inside. It allows us to reach those who may be searching, returning to faith, or unsure where to begin, offering a welcoming and accessible introduction to parish life. Through these platforms, the Church can share the Gospel, extend an invitation, and build trust long before someone walks through the doors on Sunday.

Preparing for Lent

As Lent approaches, we are invited to prepare our hearts, not by doing more, but by creating space for God.

- Take a few moments to reflect:
- What distracts me from God?
- What is one thing I can give up or add for 40 days that will bring me closer to God?

Lent is not about filling up our calendars, it's about simplifying them. Consider protecting time for prayer, silence, and reflection rather than adding more commitments.

Choose a good Lenten book or daily reflection that helps guide your journey and keeps you rooted in Scripture and prayer throughout the season.

Allow small, intentional choices to open your heart more fully to God's grace so that Easter may truly be a time of renewal and joy.

BURNING OF THE PALMS

The **Burning of the Palms** will take place on **Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.** at **St. Michael the Archangel Church**, outdoors under the carport. All are welcome to join us as we prepare for the season of **Lent**.



7:30 AM *distribution of Ashes only*
St. Michael the Archangel

12:10 PM *Mass with distribution of Ashes*
St. Michael the Archangel

5:30 PM *Mass with distribution of Ashes*
St. Jude the Apostle

Lenten Reconciliation Services

A time to pause, reflect, and return to the Lord through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

St. Jude the Apostle Church
Wednesday, March 18 at 11:00 AM
Sacred Heart Church

Monday, March 23 at 6:30 PM

All are warmly encouraged to take part in this sacred opportunity for healing and renewal during Lent.

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Michael the Archangel

Saturday, February 7, 4:00 PM

Ernest Kern

Requested by Joan Phillips

Sunday, February 8, 8:30 AM

Ursula M. Dessingue

Requested by Nicole Patrizio Mestoik

Monday, February 9, 12:10 PM

For parishioners and friends of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Jude the Apostle Parish Communities who are recuperating from illnesses and healing from surgeries.

Tuesday, February 10, 12:10 PM

George & Lucy Rogers

Requested by Jack & Maureen Rogers

Saturday, February 14, 4:00 PM

Nicholas J. Casale (Anniversary)

Requested by Son, Nicholas Casale

Thomas Tiffany (Anniversary)

Requested by The Family

Joseph Verrastro (14th Anniversary)

Requested by The Family

Ernie Kern

Requested by Maureen Fogarty

William E. Patanian

Requested by Lou and Marie Celeste

Sunday, February 15, 8:30 AM

Edwin Kunkel (24th Anniversary)

Requested by Maureen & Joe Fogarty

Ann Patrizio

Requested by The Family

Sanctuary Lamp January 31 to February 7

Chapel: The Lefebvre Family

By Ralph & Kathy Dinardo

St. Jude the Apostle

Saturday, February 7, 4:00 PM

Thomasine Pisanello

Requested by Anne & David Cannon

Nicholas John Castle *Requested by Family*

Shirley Catone *Requested by Family*

Ernie Kern *Requested by Carol & Joe Tenzyk*

Sunday, February 8, 10:00 AM

Ed Long *Requested by Family*

Peg Dessinger *Requested by Mike & Sue Langevin*

Anne Grobecker *Requested by The Bielawski Family*

Gannon Beebe *Requested by Karen & Arthur Frost*

Wednesday, February 11, 8:00 AM

For parishioners and friends of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Jude the Apostle Parish

Communities who are recuperating from illnesses and healing from surgeries.

Thursday, February 12, 8:00 AM

For vocations to the religious life.

Saturday, February 14, 4:00 PM

Colleen Bornhurst *Requested by her Father*

Shelly Tracy *Requested by Her Family*

Sunday, February 15, 10:00 AM

Harriet Spain *Requested by her daughter, Nancy*

Tom Phibbs *Requested by the Karius Family*

Leanne Conron *Requested by Mary Ellen Hunt*

Peg Dessinger *Requested by Mary Ellen Hunt*

Sanctuary Lamp— Week of February 8, 2026

For Bobby Geiger

Requested by Family

“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.”

Matthew 5:4

Living with Loss Group

The next meeting of the Living with Loss Group will be held Thursday, February 19 at 3 pm in the Saint Jude the Apostle Parish Office. If you or someone you know is struggling after the loss of a loved one, please feel free to join us.

*The Living with Loss Support Group is a peer-to-peer gathering that meets on the **third Thursday of each month at 3:00 PM** in the Saint Jude the Apostle **Parish Office**. This group is open to anyone experiencing the pain of loss—especially the loss of a loved one. You are not meant to walk this journey alone, and all are welcome in a spirit of compassion and understanding. For more information, please contact **Johanna Flanigan at 518-894-1009** or **Ellen Hartnagle at 518-527-7956**.*



Saint Michael the Archangel Women's Guild Bake Sale

The Guild is holding its winter bake sale this weekend to help raise monies for its various projects both in the parish and the community. Please stop by and see all the homemade goodies to take home and enjoy! As always, thank you for your support!

Faith Formation

Last week, we had the Rite of Welcome for 29 Confirmation candidates at the 8:30 mass at St. Michael's. These candidates will receive their sacrament in mid-May.

On 2/22 we will have the Rite of Welcome here at SM during the 8:30 mass for the 8 OCIA candidates. At 2 pm on the same day, we will attend the Rite of Election at the Cathedral with our 2 catechumens seeking full initiation into the church.

Thank you to Cindy Burek, Buttercup Cookies, for another fun and profitable cookie decorating fundraiser. Cindy graciously teaches this class to benefit our "Sleep In Heavenly Peace" bed building project, and has been doing this for multiple years.

For more information about Faith Formation, please reach out to JoAnn or Steve Taylor—they're happy to help and would love to connect with you. ffstmichaels@gmail.com.

The joy of our Catholic Schools Mass continues, here are a few more moments captured.



Photos below are from the Rite of Welcome for the Confirmation candidates and the Sleep In Heavenly Peace cookie decorating fundraiser



Saint Jude the Apostle February Second Collections

- Heating & Air Conditioning
- 2/22 RCDA Second Collection Black, Native American & Latin American Mission

St. Michael the Archangel Second Collections

- 2/22 Latin America/Black and Indian Mission



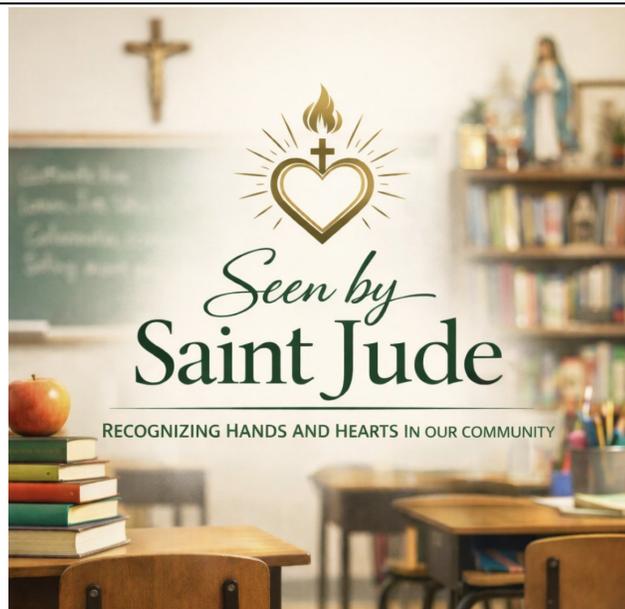
St. Jude the Apostle Parish Online Giving

St. Michael the Archangel Parish Online Giving



Through the faithful generosity of our parish communities, worship, faith formation, pastoral care, and outreach continue each week. If you are able to give, online giving is available as one way to support the mission of your parish.

We are excited to launch **Seen by Saint Jude Team** — a spirited group of volunteers who will help create small, meaningful, and consistent moments of appreciation throughout the school year. Think surprise treats, cheerful notes, festive decorating, birthday recognition, and thoughtful gestures that remind our faculty and staff how valued they truly are. Individual surveys have already been completed, giving us a glimpse into each teacher’s favorites, interests, and birthdays. These insights will allow us to personalize our efforts and make every gesture feel thoughtful and sincere.



This team is all about collaboration, and we would love a wonderful mix of people to be part of it:

- Saint Jude alumni
- High school or college students looking for service hours
- Parents and parishioners
- Retired community members
- Organized planners and behind-the-scenes helpers
- Creative decorators
- Those happy to lend a hand after school hours when a little extra magic can happen

Whether you enjoy organizing, creating, decorating, fundraising for these special touches, or quietly working behind the scenes, there is a place for you here! You don’t need a large time commitment, just a joyful spirit and a desire to brighten someone’s day. Together, we can build a culture where our educators and staff feel supported, celebrated, and truly seen. Your contact for this is Kelly Hession at kellyh@rcda.org or 518-424-8812. Please reach out to express interest, ask questions, or learn more about how you can be part of this uplifting effort. Let’s have some fun, spread kindness, and shower our incredible faculty and staff with the appreciation they deserve!



Saint Michael the Archangel Parish has a long tradition of supporting the Roarke Center Food Pantry, serving individuals and families in our wider community through Catholic Charities. We are deeply grateful to the volunteers who faithfully assist with our regular donations. Food is collected for delivery on the third weekend of each month, and at this time we are seeking a few additional parishioners willing to help with food pantry deliveries. As President’s Day being a National Holiday, delivery will be on Tuesday the 17th. While the Regional Food Bank provides support, it is often not enough, and contributions from local parishes make a meaningful difference. If you are able to lend a hand, your help would be greatly appreciated. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Sean Robbins (518-473-3348), Ellen Hotz (518-852-2815), or Bill Prendergast (518-598-8525). Thank you for helping our parish live out Christ’s call to care for those in need.



Sacraments and Faith Life

Questions about Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, or Anointing of the Sick?
Call the parish office or scan the QR code for your parish.

St. Michael the Archangel (518) 283-6110



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If you are in the hospital or unable to come to church, please let us know by calling the parish office. Father is always glad to visit, pray with you, and bring the sacraments.