

Saint Mary and Saint Michael Calendar

Mass Intentions italicized

First Sat. 12/7	St. Michael Mass 8:30 am <i>Michael Hoffman+</i> St. Michael Mass 5:00pm <i>Harley Pertner+</i> St. Mary Hall rental St. Mary Mass 9:00 am <i>For the People of the Parishes</i> St. Mary Faith Formation Classes after Mass St. Michael Mass 11:00am <i>Clarabelle & Bill Bommer+</i>
Sun. 12/8	Holy Day The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary St. Mary Mass 8:30 am <i>Bill Reinhart+</i> St. Michael Mass 7:00 pm <i>Carlos Mancha+</i>
Mon. 12/9	St. Michael Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament 8:30 am until 4:30 pm Mass 5:00 pm <i>Leo Reinhart+</i> St. Michael Reconciliation after Mass until 7:30 pm
Tues. 12/10	St. Michael Mass 8:30 am <i>Cora Kramb+</i> St. Michael PSR Classes PreK-6th 6:30pm St. Michael Mass 7pm <i>Pat Woods+</i>
Wed. 12/11	St. Mary /St. Michael High School CCD 7pm St. Mary Mass 8:30 am <i>Franklin Nye+</i>
Thurs. 12/12	St. Mary Mass 8:30 am <i>Living and Deceased of the Mary and Joseph Naderer Family</i>
Fri. 12/13	St. Michael Mass 5:00pm <i>For the People of the Parishes</i>
Sat. 12/14	St. Mary Mass 9:00 am <i>Doug and Jodi Haubert</i> St. Mary Faith Formation Classes after Mass St. Michael Mass 11:00am <i>Norman Neeb+</i>
Sun. 12/15	St. Mary Penance Service 1:30 pm with 2 Visiting Priests
Christmas Masses:	
December 24	4:00pm Saint Michael 6:00pm Saint Mary 8:00pm Saint Michael
December 25	Midnight Saint Mary 9:00 am Saint Michael

Cathedral Concert Series

You're invited to a Free performance of the Cathedral Concert Series on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 3pm. Join us for the Christmas Carol Sing featuring the Cathedral Choir with Paul Monachino, director. Sing favorite Christmas carols in Rosary Cathedral accompanied by the historic E.M. Skinner organ, choir, strings, and brass. The evening light filters through stained glass as the cathedral is filled with the joyful sounds of Christmas!



Order forms for Poinsettias, to decorate our churches are in the back of each church. You can donate in memory of loved ones. Please turn in forms by December 15th. Thank you for helping us decorate our churches for Christmas.

The Karcher Concert Series proudly presents A Christmas Celebration with Michelle Merrill, as conductor for the Toledo Symphony. Thursday, December 19, 2019 7:00pm at Saint Wendelin Catholic Church, 323 North Wood Street, Fostoria. Tickets: \$10 each Available in the Parish Office, 419-435-6692.



The Catholic parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Joe Sylvania, and St. Richard are pleased to announce a new ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. The 12-week series, Surviving Divorce, will begin January 6, 2020 and will continue every Monday through March. Each session features one of twelve video presentations that will cover relevant topics. This program is for the newly separated and divorced as well as those still struggling with issues years later; it will help find answers to questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Watch the bulletin for more details in the coming weeks. For more information, contact one of the parish offices listed above.

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*
-Luke 3: 4,6

December 8, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Saint Mary and Saint Michael Parishes



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WEEKEND MASSES

Sat. 5pm Saint Michael
Sun. 9am Saint Mary
Sun. 11am Saint Michael

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. 5pm Saint Michael
Wed. 8:30 am Saint Michael
Thurs. 8:30am Saint Mary
Fri. 8:30 am Saint Mary

OFFICE HOURS

Saint Mary: Mon. & Wed. 8:30-2:30pm
Fri. 9:30-2:30pm
Saint Michael: Tues.-Fri. 9:30am-Noon
1:00pm-3:00pm

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 –4:30 pm at Saint Michael, Sunday 8:00 am at Saint Mary,
By appointment email Fr. Scott or contact him through the parish offices

Matrimony: Contact either parish office at least 6 months prior to a possible wedding date, longer if any previous marriages.

Baptism: Contact either parish office 4-6weeks before desired date.

Knights of Columbus Council 2280 Is active at both St. Michael and St. Mary Parishes. Parish representatives:
Dave Gutschalk 419-307-5103 and Hank Reineck 419-637-2979.



All activities in either church hall has to be scheduled through the respective Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline: Announcements due in writing before 10:00 am on Wednesday

Saint Mary and Saint Michael parishes are part of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Toledo,
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<u>St. Mary Mass Assistants Mon. Dec. 9, 8:30 am</u>	
Servers:	Mark Foos, Tim Burns
Ent./Off.	Roger Wasserman
Reader:	Bill Ochs
Commun.:	Terri Reinhart*
	Dave Gutschalk, Mary Gutschalk
	Harold Foos, Eileen Foos
<u>St. Michael Mass Assistants Mon. Dec. 9, 7:00pm</u>	
Lector	Verna Konesky,
EMOHC	Volunteer
Ushers	Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer
<u>St. Michael Mass Assistants Sat. Dec 7, 5:00pm</u>	
Lector:	Mike Dazley
EMOHC:	Patti Wasserman, Paula Pertner
	Sue Kaemming, Gerry Williams
Ushers:	John Picciuto
Servers:	Olivia Reed
<u>St. Mary Mass Assistants Sun. Dec. 15, 9:00 am</u>	
Greeters:	Craig Eidenour Family
Rosary:	Harold Foos
Servers:	Macey Kohler, Noah Hoerig
Ent./Off.:	Andy Rich
Lector:	Betty Hammer
Commun.:	Zac Baker*
	Patrick Hoepf, Connie Hiser
	Olivia Reinhart, Larry Kosakowski
Count:	Dave and Mary Gutschalk
Clean:	Jeff and Erin Foos
<u>St. Michael Mass Assistants Sun. Dec. 8, 11:00 am</u>	
Lector:	Cathy Townsend
EMOHC:	Suzie Murray, Carol McGough
	Carrie Kaiser, Marla Marsh
Ushers:	Jim Balsizer
Servers	Becca, Gretchen Kaiser
Care Center Ministry:	Carol McGough
Cashiers:	Dec 8, Jeff Schumaker, Ed Schade



Please remember in your daily prayers:
(St. Mary’s list) Emma Wasserman, Paul Davidson, Patti Kreilick, Lynn Foos, Bob Nieset, Mary Carroll, Virginia Elchert, Carolyn Davidson, Kathy Nieset, Genniel Steinmetz, Mike Roberts, Don Haubert, Katie (Otermat) Kramer

(St. Michael’s list) Connie Gruner, Rita Sens, Phil Hammer, Les Bechtel, Sandy Allen, Kamila Soto, Lori Wilson, Judie Kelley, Josiah Nagy, Donna LaMarche, Longino Mendoza, Theresa Wright, Jim Stout, Toni Henline, Robert & Amelia Valle, Mary Ottney, Ron Underwood, Jean Mendoza, Logan Fifer, Kate Kohler, Jim Kerrigan, Theresa Aldrich, Walt & Nina Reinbolt, Stephanie Neighbors, Esther Irmen, Joe Angelone, David Ottney, Kristin Neighbors, Donna Christy, Tina Santiago, Mary Ellen Kohler, Marlyn & Agnes Detzel, Rene & Mary Lou Gonzalez, Santos Celestino, Matt Kille, Carol Foos

Last Week’s Financial Stewardship	
<i>Thank You for your generosity!</i>	
<u>St. Mary 12/1/2019</u>	
\$2480.00	Sunday envelopes(52)
\$145.00	Loose
\$5.00	Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.
\$13,755.17	Annual Catholic Appeal (88)
	Goal is \$10,000
<u>St. Michael 11/30 & 12/1/2019</u>	
\$3,860.00	Sunday envelopes
\$185.00	Loose
\$4,045.00	Weekly total
\$3,365.00	Needed each week
\$15.00	Cemetery
\$657.00	Special Improvements
\$100.00	Christmas
\$15,300.00	Annual Catholic Appeal (120)
	Goal is \$11,500

High School Youth: High School C.C.D. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7pm. If you have any questions contact Marlene at 419-463-1108 or Amber at 419-680-6722

Saint Mary Faith Formation Classes after 9am Mass until 11:30 am, Class Dec. 8. Pre School to 8th grade, along with an Adult class. Please see Rae Lyn Hoepf for information.

Saint Michael Faith Formation: Finding God

PSR: Wednesday’s 6:30-7:45pm. Next class December 11th Those youth participating in the “A Star Is Born” play will have practice during class time.

Grades 7-8: Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 15th from 9:30am-Noon, (this includes 11:00am mass).

Gibsonburg Food Pantry will be taking donations for Christmas Baskets St. Michael parish is responsible for providing #5 or #10 lb. bags of potatoes. Please drop off to the parish hall by December 15th. Thank You for all you do.

Wednesday, December 11th at 7pm Adult Formation will continue the True Reformers series, at St. Mary’s . If you want more information contact Rae Lyn Hoepf



Family Christmas Potluck
ALL ARE WELCOME!
Saint Michael Parish Hall
Saturday December 14, 2019
after 5:00pm Mass

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share!
The parish will provide the main course and drinks!
After dinner enjoy the play, **“A Star Is Born”** presented by youth in grades Pre–K through 8!



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It’s the most wonderful time of the year, and here are just a few of the reasons why...

This weekend, in parishes across the nation, we have the opportunity to support the Retirement Fund for Religious. This benefits retired sisters and brothers who used to work in our schools and parishes for free, which is why Catholic education used to be so inexpensive. Since we didn’t pay them, we also didn’t pay into Social Security for them. Obviously, we now compensate religious as we do laity, but this annual appeal provides for the needs of those who were not properly compensated in the past. Thank you for your Christmas gift to those who have served so well.

This Thursday, December 12, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. On this day each year, the Church recalls how the Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Juan Diego in 1531 near modern-day Mexico City. Our parishes will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, with a festive 8:30 a.m. Mass at Saint Mary’s this Thursday, and delicious Mexican hot chocolate (pronounced *chocolate*) and pan dulce (sweet breads) to follow. Please come!

Following Mass on Saturday, December 14, Saint Michael’s will host its annual Christmas Potluck. We’re doing things a little differently this year; this wonderful event used to be on a Wednesday evening during religious education, but this year we’ll gather in the Parish Hall right after the 5:00 Mass, and all are welcome! Our friends and neighbors from Saint Mary’s are most welcome also; come over, have some food, and celebrate the spirit of the season with friends, please.

Finally, in the midst of all of the preparations for Christmas, let us not neglect our hearts, which are renewed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Two of my brother priests will join me next Sunday, December 15, at 1:30 p.m. at Saint Mary’s so that we can celebrate Reconciliation with folks from both of our parishes. Additionally, I will be available in the Reconciliation Room at Saint Michael’s following this Tuesday’s 5:00 p.m. Mass, and I’ll remain there until at least 7:00 p.m. I will also be in the Reconciliation Room at Saint Mary’s on Saturday, December 21 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. All of these times are in addition to our weekly opportunities for Confession: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. at Saint Michael’s, and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. at Saint Mary’s. Please come next Sunday, if you’re able, as we’ll have additional priests to assist you, though I hope you’ll avail yourself of one of these opportunities to know God’s love and mercy, which the Church asks us to do *at least* once a year.

Come, Lord Jesus!
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Scott

Reverend Scott S. Woods
Pastor

First English Lutheran Church Women
Invite all ladies of the surrounding communities to join with us at our ***Annual FREE Advent Brunch***
Saturday, December 14th, 10:00am-12:00pm, 249 West Madison St. Gibsonburg. Music seems to fill the air at Christmas time, more than any other time of the year. The world has been blessed with some of the greatest pieces of music with the most meaningful descriptions of the history, the people, the sights and the sounds that surround the birth of the one who is to be born to save us from our sins...our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We’d love to have you join us as we explore the backgrounds of some of our favorite hymns and carols. We have a 13 year old pianist and a retired guitarist to accompany us as we all sing along! Make your reservation by calling or texting Karen at 419-463-0513 to reserve your seat.

Join us as we prepare for the coming of Jesus. **Family Baby Shower in honor of Our Blessed Mother** Sorrowful Mother Shrine, all donations will benefit Abigail Pregnancy Services-Norwalk and Willard. December 8, 2019. 11:45am(imediately following 11am Mass) Light refreshments will be served. At Bellevue, Sorrowful Mother’s Shrine Pilgrim Center-Shrine Cafeteria, 4106 State Route 269, Bellevue, OH. We invite you to consider donating a baby gift/s or a cash donation to this family shower for Mary. No gift wrapping necessary. Abigail is excited to accept these donations on behalf of mothers who rarely receive new gifts for their babies or young children. Unable to attend? Feel free to drop off your gift or donation at the Shrine Gift Shop on Monday-Friday form 10am—5pm and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-4pm

Bishop Hoffman Catholic School: Christmas is right around the corner! We have many events to help you get into the holiday spirit:
SJCC Christmas Play “Gift of the Magi” December 12 & 13,
7pm SJCC stage. tickets \$6
the show runs about 90 minutes. short 15-minute intermission. A re-telling of the O. Henry classic Christmas tale of love and sacrifice. Jim and Della eat potatoes for dinner every night and stuff their boots with newspapers to get by, but everything they want is for each other. They're so head-over-heels in love they can make a cozy home in turn-of-the-century New York with little more than the coins in their jam jar. But what's to be done about Christmas? When a strange twist of fate leads the young couple to find the perfect gifts for one another at an unexpected cost, Jim and Della learn the true meaning of the holiday.

BHCS Preschool Program December 15 Sacred Heart campus
SJCC Christmas Band Concert December 16 SJCC campus
Sacred Heart Campus Music Program (K-3) December 17

The SJCC Calendar drive began November 26 and runs through December 13. Each calendar is \$25 and a drawing is held each day. The prizes include: Daily (\$25), Monthly (\$250) and Yearly (3-\$1,000) winners!
Contact any SJCC student or call the main office at [419-332-9947](tel:419-332-9947). Calendars can also be ordered online at: www.bishop-hoffman.net, click Donate Online.