

## Weekly Calendar All Masses are live-streamed on the parishes face book pages

<b>Saturday, July 4</b>	7:00 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>For our Nation</i> Mass— <i>Macey Hammer Family</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
<b>Sunday, July 5</b>	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>For the People of the Parishes</i> Mass– <i>Mario DiFonso+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
<b>Monday, July 6</b>	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
<b>Tuesday, July 7</b>	7:00 am 5:00 pm 5:30-6:00pm 9:00pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>Lori Wilson+</i> Reconciliation Night Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
<b>Wednesday, July 8</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>Ruth JoAnn Holzwarth+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
<b>Thursday, July 9</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>Bernadine Kirwen+</i> Evening Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
<b>Friday, July 10</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am 9:00-9:30am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>Living and Deceased of the Herb and Mary Gabel Family</i> Reconciliation	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church
<b>Saturday, July 11</b>	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>For the People of the Parishes</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
<b>Sunday, July 12</b>	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>Herb and Rita Hoffman+</i> <i>Fred Garcia+</i> Mass– <i>Robert and Carlos Mancha, Mary Magrum Roth+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church

### Financial Stewardship

#### Saint Mary June 28, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$1370.00
Loose	\$50.00
National Collections	\$50.00
ACA	\$10,953.00 (goal \$10,000)

#### Saint Michael June 27-28, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$878.00
Loose	\$10.00
Cemetery	\$25.00
Special Improvements	\$40.00
National Collections	\$20.00
ACA	\$13,132.00 (goal \$11,500)

Saint Mary Parish Office will be closed from July 6th through July 14. If you are in need of immediate assistance contact Fr. Scott at [fatherscottwoods@gmail.com](mailto:fatherscottwoods@gmail.com) or call 419-637-3434 and leave a message. You are welcome to email the parish office at [mshparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mshparishoffice@gmail.com) and Terri will respond to you, when back in the office.

**Prayers for the sick:** We are starting “anew” with our prayer requests, if you have a prayer request, please email it to [mshparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mshparishoffice@gmail.com)

The name will be listed for one month. If you would like your name or the name of your loved one listed longer, you must message Saint Mary parish office each month.

**Kindly keep in prayer:** Carol Miller, and all those in nursing homes, or staying at home and not able to get out.



At this time, we are using our church halls for Masses, so, there will be no hall rentals at either place, until farther notice. We are also, not, renting tables and chairs out at this time either. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

We have recreated the Mass Assistants assignments, at each parish. In these changing times the roles have changed. Example, we don't need as many Communion Distributors, and no servers for a while, but added ambassadors. If you have any questions, or would like to be added as a Mass Assistant, please contact [kotermat04@gmail.com](mailto:kotermat04@gmail.com)

## July 5, 2020 + Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint *Mary*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This past Thursday, July 2, marked my second anniversary as pastor of Saint Mary Parish and Saint Michael the Archangel Parish. I'm embarrassed to admit that during Mass that day, my mind rushed to all that we still have to do in order to care for our aging facilities, promote the spiritual well-being of our parishioners, and prepare for the future of our faith communities. Then, thank God, the Spirit led me to ponder all that we have accomplished *together*. We have unified our parish staffs so that we are able to better meet the needs of our people; we have taken steps to provide for ongoing maintenance; we've launched a shared website, as directed by Bishop Thomas during his 2016 canonical visit; we have instituted a new program of religious education, which will continue to evolve in the upcoming school year; we've celebrated milestones both joyful and sad; and, we've been weathering a global pandemic together, among many other things. Thanks be to God for his providential care through it all!

As we began a new fiscal year on July 1, we instituted an important financial change that I want you to know about. Following extensive consultation with the Finance Council at both parishes, we have begun to adjust the method for how the pastor's salary is paid. For several years, Saint Michael's contributed 70 percent of the pastor's salary, and Saint Mary's contributed 30 percent. This equation was based on the number of registered parishioners at each parish and had the support of the Diocese. The reality is that if we had an adequate number of priests each parish would pay a full salary. Furthermore, I am the pastor of each parish 100 percent of the time. I have a visual reminder of that right above my desk, where icons of the Nativity of Mary and Saint Michael the Archangel are situated as a reminder of my responsibility to all of you, who are under the care of their patronage.

To that extent, with the approval of both of our Finance Councils, we moved on July 1 to a 60/40 sharing of the pastor's salary, with the goal of moving to 50/50 by the beginning of the next fiscal year, July 1, 2021. This results in a roughly \$3,400 additional contribution from Saint Mary's

a roughly \$3,400 additional contribution from Saint Mary's to the pastor's salary this year. And we can be grateful for this: since I have only been a priest for five years, I receive less than a priest who has served many more years than me, so you're getting a bargain, folks!

All of this serves to remind us that we are in this together. While we are separate parishes with distinctive histories and cultures, the Church of Jesus Christ is one, and our working together will make us more efficient, more effective, and more evangelical for the glory of God and the good of His people.

God bless America!

Reverend Scott S. Woods  
Pastor

*Dear Saint Mary Family,*

*Thank you for your overwhelming support following the untimely passing of our beloved son and brother, Andy.*

*The flowers, visits and meals were very much appreciated.*

*Thank you to Fr. Scott and Fr. Ted, Kathy Otermat and Beth Burns, for the beautiful service, and for including Andy's girlfriend Chelsey in the funeral Mass.*

*Our hearts are broken, but we know that one day we will be reunited.*

*With Love and Gratitude,  
Dave and Diane Wonderly  
Erin and Brian Eizensmits & Family  
Amber and Shown Miskovich & Family*

**Congratulations to Deacon George and Deacon Rene**, whose 38th anniversary of ordination to the diaconate is this Friday. Thank you for your service to our parishes, and ad multos annos!

Faithful to our intention to add rather than subtract as we move forward amidst the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, the Parish Leadership Team has asked that we begin to make the recitation of the Rosary before the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday and the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday available again. It was temporarily suspended out of concern that the welcoming and seating of parishioners would not be conducive to fostering a prayerful environment, though it is believed we can make it work at this point. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.



# Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



## “Sisters of Notre Dame: an historic transition”

After almost 100 years, the Province of the Sisters of Notre Dame here in the Diocese of Toledo will unite this July with the three other Provinces of Notre Dame Sisters in the United States, to form one Province which will be located in Chardon, Ohio, in the Diocese of Cleveland. As this column tries to touch on matters pertinent to all of us in the diocese, and because this is such a significant moment for the Sisters, I asked the present Provincial Superior, Sister Mary Delores Gatliff, SND, to share with us about this transition, their “Journey of Becoming One.” I’m so glad to offer here Sister’s message:

*“On July 5, 2020, the four United States provinces of the Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame will unite to form a single province. Why and how has this come about? What effects will this change have? We answer these questions in the context of our membership in an international Congregation, which calls upon its members in 17 countries around the globe to be united in One Heart, One Hope, and One Mission.*”

### ***Beginnings and expansion***

*Since 1874, when the first eight Sisters of Notre Dame arrived from Germany for the initial purpose of serving German immigrants, the sisters have responded to the needs of the Church in the areas of education, health care, and social service ministries. By 1880, more than 200 German sisters had immigrated to the USA. They found not only a refuge from the Anti-Catholic legislation in Prussia, but also a fertile ground for ministry among diverse populations, especially to those who were poor and lacking in resources. Vocations to the community were numerous, and by the mid 1920’s more than 650 sisters lived and ministered in dozens of locations.*

*The U.S. province center, initially located in Covington (Kentucky), moved to Cleveland (Ohio) in 1878. In 1924, Toledo and Covington were named as separate provinces. That same year, sisters from Cleveland started working in the Watts area of Los Angeles (California), which became the fourth U.S. province in 1961. Each province established its own provincial center*

*including a novitiate, built its own schools, and founded international missions.*

### **Process and planning**

*Regular meetings of the sisters in leadership on the national and international level have increased awareness of new means of sharing our spirit and charism. We asked ourselves, "How are we being called to witness as apostolic women religious of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, committed to global transformation?"*

*In 2011, the leadership teams of the four U.S. provinces began to explore the possibility of re-unification. SND·USA gradually took shape, designed not as a business model or a merger, but as a process of "becoming one." We have relied on and experienced God's goodness and provident care, and the support and encouragement of our co-workers and those who partner with us. Our overwhelming response can only be one of gratitude! The global pandemic in which we find ourselves may have made these last steps a bit steeper, but our course has not shifted.*

*The new province center will be in Chardon, Ohio, and offices in each geographic area will serve local needs and contacts. Sister Margaret Mary Gorman from Chardon has been appointed the new Provincial. The new leadership team includes sisters from each former province; Sister Regina Marie Fisher from the Toledo area will serve on the new team.*

### **What comes next for SND·USA?**

*We will maintain our witness in present geographical areas, while expanding our influence into new areas through active and web-based ministries as well as ministries of*

*presence. Sharing resources and personnel will unify our commitment and support for our sustainable sponsored ministries/institutions, allow us to develop strategies for sharing our mission and charism, and strengthen our efforts to promote justice, peace, and integrity of creation. Our Notre Dame spirituality and passion for mission will continue, with God's grace.*

*Sister Mary Delores Gatliff, who has served as Provincial of the Toledo Province from 2009 to the present, writes, 'Thank you to Bishop Thomas and the people of the Toledo Diocese, who have supported the sisters and enriched our lives over many years. We eagerly look forward to continuing our ministry among you!'*

Even though after almost 100 years, the Diocese of Toledo will no longer be home to a Province of the Sisters of Notre Dame, we will happily continue to be home to so many of the sisters who serve faithfully in various capacities in our parishes and institutions. Please join me in expressing our deepest gratitude for the consecrated religious witness and work of the Sisters of Notre Dame here in our diocese, in looking forward to their continued presence among us, and in begging the Lord Jesus to grant all the sisters grace and peace during this transition!



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo  
July 1, 2020