

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

Saturday, Oct. 17	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Carol McGough</i> +	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Sunday, Oct. 18	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i> Mass— <i>Christina DeFonso</i> +	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
Monday, Oct. 19	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
Tuesday, Oct. 20	7:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:30-6:00 pm 9:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Exposition Mass— <i>Clarabelle & Bill Bommer</i> + Reconciliation Night Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
Wednesday, Oct. 21	7:00 am 8:30 am,	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Ruth JoAnn Holzwarth</i> +	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
Thursday, Oct. 22	7:00 am 8.30 am 6:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Michael Hoffman</i> + Evening Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
Friday, Oct. 23	7:00 am 8:30 am 9:00-9:30am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Increased Reverence for Life</i> Reconciliation	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church
Saturday, Oct. 24	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Barb Hammer</i> +	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Sunday, Oct. 25	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Theresa Sloma</i> + Mass— <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church

Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary + Oct. 11, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$3300.00
Loose	\$45.00
Catholic School Subsidy	\$100.00
Repair	\$200.00
Festival Substitute	\$100.00
ACA	\$12,511.11 (goal \$10,000)

Saint Michael + Oct. 10-11, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$1555.00
Loose	\$10.00
Special Improvements	\$185.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Cemetery	\$155.00
ACA	\$13,817.50 (goal \$11,500)

If you have a prayer request for members of either of our parishes please email the name to be listed to msmparishoffice@gmail.com. Please ask permission from the person for whom you are requesting prayers before submitting their name. Each name will be listed for one month. If you would like your name or the name of your loved one listed longer, kindly message the Saint Mary Parish Office each month. **Please remember in prayer:** Emma Wasserman, Jesse Manibusan, Steve Woods and all our loved ones in nursing homes, or staying at home and not able to get out.

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SAVE THE DATE! Faith Formation for all High School students from both Saint Mary and Saint Michael will begin **Wednesday November 4th** From 7:00-8:30pm. Meetings will take place

on our Saint Mary Campus Youth Room. Social distancing protocols will be followed and masks will be worn if needed.

October 18 + Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint *Mary*
MILLERSVILLE



Saint *Michael*
GIBSONBURG

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for your prayers for my Dad this last week and a half. This past Wednesday, one week after he tested positive for COVID-19, the staff at The Heritage in Findlay returned him to his normal room, where he remains asymptomatic, although they have noticed that he is not eating as much for whatever reason these days. As the number of infections are rising at high rates around Ohio and throughout our nation, let us please offer prayers for the safety of those who are most vulnerable.

I would also invite your prayers, as I've done at Masses over the course of the last week and a half, for the father of my seminary classmate, Fr. Daniel Grover, in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, who unfortunately succumbed to the Coronavirus this past Wednesday. May Deacon Clyde rest in peace, and may his family, his students, and his parishioners know comfort and consolation, along with all who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

I am so grateful to the sixty families of our two parishes who have registered for faith formation, which will be beginning in November! Those sixty families represent 94 students and their parent(s) / guardian(s), who will be growing together in faith this year within their homes, or what the Church calls the "Domestic Church." I am confident that the Holy Spirit will bring forth a renewal of our parishes through this effort, as together we form holy disciples, holy families, and holy vocations in order to become a more holy Saint Mary Parish and Saint Michael Parish, thereby contributing to the formation of a more holy Diocese of Toledo. Thank you again, families; I look forward to opportunities to be with you through social media and / or in-person.

Work continues on our office complexes on both campuses. Thank you to those who are guiding these projects forward: Dave Estep, Harold Foos, Mark Foos, Nick Foos, Jim Hoffman, Tom Kirwen, Nate Moffett, Tim and Suzie Murray, and Andy Schumaker. This is a large and necessary undertaking, something that will make us more efficient and more effective in the service we offer all of you. Of course, your generosity to your parishes makes all of this possible, so thank you very much!

This past Wednesday, I received, on behalf of the people of Saint Michael's, a check in the amount of \$2,599.00 from the Sandusky County Communities Foundation. We are so honored to be one of their grant recipients this year, and will use these funds to purchase two automated external defibrillators (AED) for the church and the Parish Hall. God forbid we should have to use them, though thank God we will have them should there be a need. Thank you to Chief Marty Brown and Steve Gruner, who encouraged us to make this commitment and apply for the funds to make it possible. Saint Mary's already has an AED unit at the southwest entrance of the church. It is my hope to purchase another one to have in the Parish Office in the coming year.

Our prayers are also with our farmers at this very busy time of year for them. May God bless the work of your hands for His glory, the benefit of your families, and the good of the human family, who will benefit from the harvest of plenty which God has provided and you have nurtured.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Scott S. Woods, V.F.
Pastor

Saint Mary Holiday Auction will be a bit different this year. We will need your help and creativity as you have so generously given in the past. Instead of an Auction we will be having a "Chance Auction (Raffle)". Parishioners are encouraged to put together, themed baskets, or bundles of things, for people to buy tickets on, and put those tickets into a container in front of the basket or bundle for a *chance* to win that prize. Families and or friends are encouraged to put together some items, for example: a kitchen, basket might have a holiday towel, potholders, homemade noodles, a pie, dish soap... a gift card basket could have several people buy gift cards from area places and they all get put together in a basket, a baby themed basket would have fun baby things in it, the ideas are endless. We hope to have your non perishable items, and a list or picture, of perishable items to be added to the basket, by Nov. 6th. Then we will start selling tickets on Nov. 8th after the 9am Mass and, buyers will be able to put their tickets in the containers in front of the basket or bundle, they want to have a *chance* to win. We will also still have a 50/50 raffle. **The drawing for all the raffled items and the 50/50 raffle will be Sunday, November 22.**

ELECTION YEAR SPECIAL REPORT 2020 – 7TH OF 8

“In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.”

- *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 13

Since participation in political life is a moral obligation, Catholics need to form their conscience with the mind and heart of the Church on issues of consequence. This outline is the seventh of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This seventh outline will provide an overview of the issue of socialism.

Socialism

Pope John XXIII stated in *Mater et Magistra* (“On Christianity and Social Progress”) that “No Catholic could subscribe even to moderate socialism.” (Saint John XXIII, *Mater et Magistra*, 34)

The Church believes that socialism is a grave threat to the social order. Socialism violates the third major principle of Catholic Social Teaching: subsidiarity, or the belief that problems are best handled at the level in which they arise. Subsidiarity insists on limits to States intervention in the affairs of the family and society. As St. John Paul II wrote in *Centesimus Annus*, Subsidiarity “insists on necessary limits to the State’s intervention... inasmuch as the individual, the family and society are prior to the state, and inasmuch as the State exists in order to protect their rights and not stifle them.” (Saint John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, 11)

Socialism, on the other hand, puts ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange of wealth exercised through the government and its officials. This type of power should not reside in the State. As Pope Benedict has taught:

We do not need a state which regulates and controls everything, but a State which, in accordance with the principles of subsidiarity, generously acknowledges and supports initiatives arising from different social forces and combines spontaneity with closeness to those in need. (Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, 28)

That much power in the hands of the State dispossesses individuals and families of their autonomy. As Pope Francis has commented: “No actual or established power has the right to deprive peoples of the full exercise of their sovereignty.” (Pope Francis, *Address to the Second World Meeting of Popular Movements, Bolivia, 9 July 2015*)

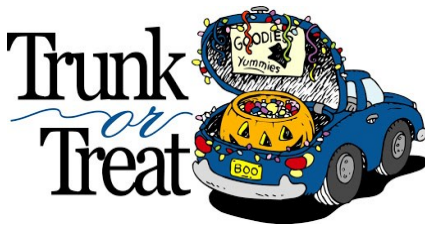
Furthermore, socialism treats people as groups, not individuals, including denying man his natural law right to private property for the common good. Saint Pope John Paul II, in *Centesimus Annus* (“The Hundredth Year”), wrote that this error is:

Anthropological in nature. Socialism considers the individual person simply as an element, a molecule within the social organism, so that the good of the individual is completely subordinated to the functioning of the socio-economic mechanism. (Saint John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, 12)

This is why every Supreme Pontiff, from Pius IX in 1849 through Pope Francis, has opposed socialism. Pope Pius XI, in his encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno* (“On Reconstruction of the Social Order”), went so far as to say that socialism is “Irreconcilable with true Christianity,” and thus “No one can be at the same time a good Catholic and a true socialist.” (Pope Pius XI, *Quadragesimo Anno*, 120)

In summation, if socialism is called ‘democratic socialism’ or ‘Christian socialism’ it remains, socialism – something the Catholic Church has clearly and forcefully spoken against as it deprives the individual of personal responsibility and attributes power to the State which belong in the hands of families and communities. A Catholic when voting, at every turn, must reject socialism as a legitimate principle of change.

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Shiloh UM Church with St. Mary and St. Michael Catholic Churches, Helena Community Volunteer Fire Department, and the Village of Helena,

we would like you to join us for **Trunk or Treat, Saturday Oct. 31, 5:00 – 7:00–pm**

Hot Dogs, Chips & a Pumpkin Decorating Kit to take home!
We will be set up behind Shiloh's Fellowship Hall.

ALL ATTENDEES:

- *Everyone over the age of 2 and accompanying adults are asked to wear a mask.
- *Please use hand sanitizer
- *Please don't attend if you are not feeling well or have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with Covid-19 recently.
- *Please practice social distancing.

For those providing trunks or passing candy:

This year there will be prizes for trunks decorated, so make it festive! *Sign up on sheet in the back of St. Mary's* Please bring a card table to place candy on, decorate if wish. All cars will be six feet apart with your table placed six feet in front of your trunk.

Individual store-bought wrapped treats are to be placed spread out on the table.

Please have your trunk set up before 4:30p.m. in Shiloh's back lot behind the church's fellowship hall



The Family of Lori Wilson invites you to a Celebration of Life on Sunday, October 25, from 2:00—5:00pm at the Gibsonburg American Legion Post 17

THE WEEKEND OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and service of the mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious, and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont holds its Annual Fall Fundraiser as a way of offset operating costs. This year it will be a Virtual Version, From October 23–November 1. Anyone-anywhere can did during these ten days on any personal electronic device! Please check out the following website during these dates and **Bid, Donate and Share** with others! <https://tinyurl.com/pinesfundraiser>.

In conjunction with the online auction. OLPRC is also selling raffle tickets for 15 cash prize drawings between October 19–November 2! And the bonus: When you win, your ticket goes back in the post for another chance to win! Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25, and can be purchased on the Pines website: www.pinesretreat.org/raffle

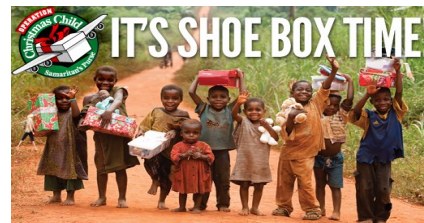
Family Catechesis



Register Today!



Registration is for all families with children in Pre-K through 8th grade. To sign up, find the link on our parish's webpage, or use the QR code above which will take you to an online form you can fill out on your smartphone. There is a one time fee of \$50 per family and a sacramental fee of \$30 for all second, seventh and eighth grade students. Never let the fee stop you from registering. Any questions or concerns, contact Patti Wasserman motherlove77@gmail.com or 419-637-9929.



IT'S SHOE BOX TIME! A global pandemic isn't stopping Operation Christmas Child from delivering gift-filled shoeboxes to boys and girls in the far corners of the world. Children need hope now more than ever in such uncertain times, and these tangible expressions of God's love can be a great encouragement. Most important, children need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ! Saint Michael and Saint Mary parishes are joining churches and individuals across the U.S. who are prayerfully brainstorming ways we can pack shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items, even if the process looks a bit different than it has in other years. Our ideas so far are, people can drop donated items off to either church, mark items OCC and others will pack boxes closer to National Collection Week, which November 16-23, 2020. Another option is to pack a box or two as a family. Boxes are available for you to take home at each church. When filled bring your box back to the church!

2021 PENNIES FROM HEAVEN RAFFLE
Gibsonburg Saint Michael Parish
(Jan. 15-Dec. 15, 2021)
\$3,900 in prizes
Tickets are \$20 each or 3 of \$50



Drawings 15th Day of the Month
(January-December 2021)
Bonus Drawings for \$500

March 17th– September 29th-December 6th
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