

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

Saturday, Dec. 5	7:00 am 9:00-11:00am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Reconciliation Mass— <i>Mary Magrum Roth +, Tim Reed+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church
Sunday, Dec. 6	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Herb and Rita Hoffman+</i> Mass— <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i> Drawing for Holiday (Chance) Auction	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church  Saint Mary-Millersville
Monday, Dec. 7	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
Tuesday, Dec. 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:30-6:00pm 7:00pm 8:30 pm 9:00pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Expectant Mothers</i> Reconciliation Mass— <i>Judy Kelley+</i> Storytime with the Saints Night Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods  Scott Woods
Wednesday, Dec. 9	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
Thursday, Dec. 10	7:00 am 8.30 am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Pat Woods+</i> Evening Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
Friday, Dec. 11	7:00 am 8:30 am 9:00-9:30am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Don Davies+</i> Reconciliation	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church
Saturday, Dec. 12	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— No Intention Mass— <i>Rita Liskai, Tom and Rita Haley+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church
Sunday, Dec. 13	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i> Mass— <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church

Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary + Nov. 29, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$4300.00
Loose	\$0
Human Development	\$50.00
All Saints Day	\$45.00
ACA	\$12,511.11 (goal \$10,000)

Saint Michael + Nov. 14-15 Nov. 28- 29 , 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$5837.03
Loose	\$161.00
Special Improvements	\$745
All Saints	\$150
Immaculate Conception	\$20
National Collections	\$150
Food Pantry	\$690
Cemetery	\$65
ACA	\$13,817.50 (goal \$11,500)



Please remember in prayer: Carolyn Davidson, Emma Wasserman, Steve Woods and all our loved ones in nursing homes, or staying at home and not able to get out.

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December 6 + Second Sunday of Advent

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has been a busy week as we continue our work to update our parish offices in order to serve you more effectively and efficiently. Amplex was at Saint Michael's throughout the week to install internet and phone service (with the help of Hank Reineck and Chris Ruggiero; thanks, guys!) Then, on Friday, office furniture arrived at both campuses, compliments of Marathon Petroleum Corporation. While there will be many details to attend to for many months to come, the "meat and potatoes" of these projects is largely completed as now we arrange and settle in, thanks be to God!

This Tuesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The belief that Mary of Nazareth was conceived without the stain of original sin by the grace of her ever-existing Son was dogmatically defined in 1854, and Holy Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of the United States of America. Although the obligation to attend Sunday and holyday Masses remains lifted by our Bishop until further notice, we will celebrate Masses on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. at Saint Mary's, and at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Michael's, instead of the usual 5:00 p.m. Mass that weekday.

The Marian character of Advent is obvious this week as the Church celebrates not only the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception but also the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – the Patroness of the Americas, as proclaimed by Pope Saint John Paul II. Recalling the visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Juan Diego in December 1531, we will celebrate Mass on Saturday, December 12 at 8:30 a.m. at Saint Michael's, and members of our Guadalupe Society will have a special carry-out treat for those in attendance!

Our Advent / Christmas letter was mailed this past week to your homes. If you have not received it you soon will. Please remember that we are asking people to RSVP for our five Christmas Masses (Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and Christmas Day at midnight and 10:00 a.m.). Beginning this Wednesday, December 9, we invite you to email (preferred method) or call either parish office to give us your name, the Mass you hope to attend, the number

attending, and the best phone number at which to reach you. Although we will confirm whether we are able to accommodate your request it may take us several days, so please be patient, as the season of Advent invites us to be.

While this is the Second Sunday of Advent, December 6 is the Memorial of Saint Nicholas, and we remember and are inspired by his generosity. Perhaps today or sometime this week we can find a way to give of ourselves to someone in need. Perhaps it will take the form of a phone call to a lonely parishioner, a Christmas card to an estranged family member, or a donation to a local charity. No matter how we go about it, let us ask God, through the intercession of the Bishop of Myra, to assist us as we pray the collect of Good Saint Nick's memorial from the *Roman Missal*:

We humbly implore your mercy, Lord:
protect us in all dangers
through the prayers of the Bishop Saint Nicholas,
that the way of salvation may lie open before us.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Preparing the way of the Lord with you,

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

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or not pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous. (*There are envelopes in your box of envelopes you receive at the first of the year for this.*)



The Second Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 6, 2020

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, 'full of grace' through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no. 491).

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin.

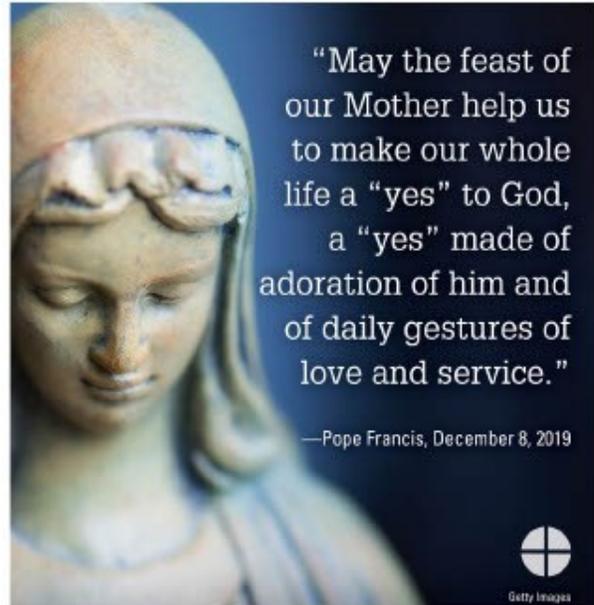
We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin.

In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth—long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire Church.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother. To you we come. Before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your clemency, hear and answer them. Amen.—St. Bernard of Clairvaux



"May the feast of our Mother help us to make our whole life a "yes" to God, a "yes" made of adoration of him and of daily gestures of love and service."

—Pope Francis, December 8, 2019



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BULLETIN





2021 PENNIES FROM HEAVEN RAFFLE
 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

Contact Danna Myerholtz 419-307-3438,

Amy Williamson 419-307-9301 or

Patti Wasserman 419-637-9929

To purchase tickets for yourself or to take with you to sell to family or friends! If they win you receive a 10% kick-back of the prize amount!

Family Catechesis



PRE K-6th Grade Families: Our December Faith Formation Packets will be available to pick up this weekend December 5th & 6th, after all masses in both parish halls (basement at Saint Mary). Remember once you have your the family mission paperwork filled out, send a family picture and your mission

statement to Patti Wasserman(motherlove77@gmail.com). I'm still waiting on quite a few!

7th and 8th Grade Families: Our participant guides to go along with the series SEARCH on FORMED.com have arrived! Families may pick up a guide and schedule after all masses this week December 5th & 6th. Haven't checked out FORMED.org yet?? See the step by step instructions on the back page of today's bulletin.



Due to the generous donations given towards the shipping costs of our shoeboxes this year, we were able to partner with Operation Christmas Child and purchase Follow Your Box labels. This allows us to discover the destination of our shoeboxes. The gift-filled shoeboxes we packed will

share God's love in a tangible way and can impact not only the child who receives it, but also their family friends, and community. Most importantly, please remember to pray for the child who will receive your gift. This year the first email I received said some of our shoeboxes are travelling to...BURUNDI! Do you know where Burundi is located?? I had to Google it! Burundi is a landlocked country located in the Great Lakes (I feel connected!) region of East Africa, south of the equator. The country's 11.18 million people are among the poorest in the world. 67% of the people living there are Christian with 62% being Catholic. May the gifts we packed with love, bring peace and joy to the children that receive them and fill their hearts with the love for Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Saint Mary Holiday Auction will be a "Chance Auction (Raffle)". This weekend is it! We will draw the winners Sunday, December 6th on Saint Mary-Millersville Facebook page. Or stay close to your phone, we will call winners, to have them pick up their winnings. Tickets will be on sale after the Masses this weekend for your last chance to put tickets in to possibly win. Thanks for donating items and buying tickets!

THIS IS THE WEEKEND!!



Saturday December 5-6 from 5:30-7:30pm
In the parking lot of
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Gibsonburg, Ohio

The SJCC Calendar drive begins November 24 and runs through December 11. Each calendar is \$25 and supports Bishop Hoffman Catholic School. . The prizes include: Monthly (\$250) and Yearly (3-\$1,000) winners! Contact any SJCC student or call the main office at 419-332-9947. Calendars can also be ordered online at: www.bishop-hoffman.net, click Donate Online.

The Pines Retreat Center is offering "Get Away Days" Are you looking for a respite from the pandemic, the politics, the news reports? Come away for a day at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, Ohio. Cost \$13 per person, per day. Lunch available with advanced notice for an additional \$10 Available Dates: December 18, January 6, January 18. For more information or to register, go to www.pinesretreatorg/retreat-offprtunitites .

Dear Members of St. Michael's,

Thank you for the generous donation of \$280 to the Gibsonburg Area Food Pantry.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Gratefully yours,

Gibsonburg Area Ministerial Association

Second Week of Advent These days of Advent invite us to embrace the poverty of the Christ Child who comes to illuminate the poor stables of our own lives with the light of God's hope and grace. Before God we are all "beggars" who have been given the gift of life, not because of anything we have done to merit it, but only because of the limitless love of God. In embracing Christ's emptiness to become one of us, may we make of our homes and hearts a dwelling place for the God who comes with compassion that heals and peace that liberates.

Prayer: Come, Lord Jesus, and release us from our prisons of fear and disappointment; fill our empty spirits with your compassion and grace. May forgiveness and reconciliations be the gifts we give this Christmas; may justice and charity be the songs we sing to welcome your birth in our midst.

-from Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas 2011-12 by Jay Cormier