

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

<b>Saturday, Dec. 12</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>No Intention</i> Mass— <i>Rita Liskai, Tom and Rita Haley+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church
<b>Sunday, Dec. 13</b>	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i> Mass– <i>Dr. Mark Nitschke, Ralph and Dolores Schade, Jake Rosie and Charlotte Schumaker</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
<b>Monday, Dec. 14</b>	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 15</b>	7:00 am 4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:00 pm 5:30-6:00pm 7:00 pm 9:00pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament Benediction Mass– <i>Carol Mc Gough+</i> Reconciliation Storytime with the Saints Night Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods  Scott Woods
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 16</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>Peter Schalk+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
<b>Thursday, Dec. 17</b>	7:00 am 8.30 am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>Charlie Yeagle</i> Evening Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
<b>Friday, Dec. 18</b>	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
<b>Saturday, Dec. 19</b>	7:00 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Reconciliation Mass— <i>Harley Pertner+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
<b>Sunday, Dec. 20</b>	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>James &amp; Barbara Haubert, Lynn Foos+</i> Mass– <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church

### Financial Stewardship

#### Saint Mary + Dec. 6, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$3470.62
Loose	\$20
Retired Religious	\$240.00
Human Development	\$10.00
Christmas	\$150.00
ACA	\$12,511.11 (goal \$10,000)

#### Saint Michael + Dec. 6, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$2964.00
Loose	\$80.00
Special Improvements	\$440.00
All Saints	\$27.00
Immaculate Conception	\$170.00
National Collections	\$135.00
Christmas	\$400.00
Faith Formation	\$80.00
Food Pantry	\$45.00
Cemetery	\$160.00
ACA	\$13,817.50 (goal \$11,500)



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## December 13 + Third Sunday of Advent

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The first word uttered at today's Mass, from the entrance antiphon in the Roman Missal, is "rejoice," which is why this Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as *Gaudete* (Rejoice) Sunday. As the Church shifts its emphasis in the coming days from preparation for the Second Coming of the Lord to commemoration of His First Coming, may the joy of Jesus grow in our hearts day by day.

Thank you to all of you who have informed us of your intention to attend one of our five Christmas Masses; we are so grateful for your kind cooperation! Some of the Masses are beginning to fill up, so please make your reservation sooner rather than later if you have not already done so. Again, an email is preferable, although a voice message will do. We need your name, telephone number, preferred Mass, and number attending Mass no later than Sunday, December 20.

This past Tuesday, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Francis announced the beginning of a "Year of Saint Joseph," like the Year of the Rosary (2002-2003), the Year of the Eucharist (2004-2005), the Year for Priests (2009-2010), and the Year of Faith (2012-2013). This special time to reflect on and ask the intercession of Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church, extends from this December 8 through next December 8.

I look forward to the opportunities we will have in the coming months to deepen our relationship with Saint Joseph. Vatican News offered several themes that I think will be worth our consideration: "a beloved, tender, obedient father; "welcoming the will of God;" "a creatively courageous father, example of love;" "a father who teaches the value, dignity and joy of work;" and "a father 'in the shadows,' centered on Mary and Jesus." These are all worthwhile themes for us to examine, which we will through homilies, faith formation, and prayer experiences.

From what I understand, one of Saint Meinrad's former archabbots, Fr. Lambert Reilly, OSB, has a great devotion to Saint Joseph. In fact, on the rare occasions I had the privilege

to share a meal with the monastic community (monks) in their refectory (dining room) inside the monastery, I noticed a beautiful painting of Saint Joseph along with the caption "Ite Ad Joseph," which means, "Go to Joseph." May we all find ourselves doing that over the course of the next year whenever we are confused, overwhelmed, and afraid – all of which Saint Joseph experienced with us. To help us go to him, Pope Francis has offered the following prayer for us to pray together this coming year:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Share your Advent joy with the world this week, and when it begins to wane under sorrow's load, remember that Jesus has come, is among us, and will come again.

Joyfully yours,

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



# The Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 13, 2020



CMS photograph of candles, Georgia Bulletin

## What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent?

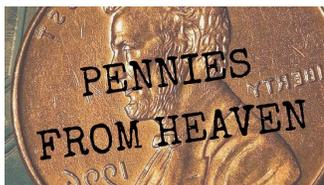
For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: "Gaudete" Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12 (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called "St. Martin's Lent." "Gaudete Sunday" was the Advent counterpart to "Laetare Sunday," which marks the midpoint in Lent.

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink.

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

## Today's Second Collection

Elderly religious have offered a lifetime of service. Now they need your help. Please consider donating to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection this weekend. Learn more at [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).



**2021 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,**

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**Patti Wasserman 419-637-9929**

**Purchase tickets for yourself or take some 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 after all masses at both parishes. You'll find them in the hall at Saint Mary near the kitchen and in the back of church near the front doors at Saint Michael. Please bring your

November packet, just the envelope is needed, and set it near where you picked up your packet. Those families who have not picked up their November or December packet will be consider not registered for Faith Formation this year. Remember once you have your 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.org have arrived! Families may pick up a participant guide, a small book by Chris Stefanick called The Search and a schedule after all masses this weekend. At Saint Mary's they are in the basement near the kitchen, at Saint Michael's they are in the back of church near the front doors. Confirmation Prep will consist of the family watching a 20-30 minute video followed by discussion at home and in a Zoom meeting in a small group. Information on signing up for the small groups is included in the letter attached to the schedule.. Haven't checked out FORMED.org yet?? See the step by step instructions on the back page of today's bulletin.

Entrance Antiphon:

Philippians 4: 4-5

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice.  
Indeed the Lord is near.*

**Saint Mary Holiday Auction** A BIG THANK YOU to all that helped make our *different* version of the Holiday Auction work this year. Rosary Altar Society made \$1895 on the "Chance Auction and 50/50 Raffle" Thanks to all, that so generously donated items, and bought tickets.

**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.pinesretreat.org/retreat-offprtunitites](http://www.pinesretreat.org/retreat-offprtunitites).

*Dear Saint Mary Parish,*

*On behalf of the entire NAMI SSW family, we want to extend our sincerest thanks to you all for your donation to NAMI! We are so incredibly grateful for your generosity and support. Please know that this incredibly generous donation is allowing us to continue serving the mental health needs of our community, especially during this very difficult time.*

*Melanie White, Ann Rusher, Valerie Feasel, David Olds*



**Please remember in prayer:** Linda Hoffman, Erin Estep, Emma Wasserman, Steve Woods and all our loved ones in nursing homes, or staying at home and not able to get out.

If you have a prayer request for members of either of our parishes please email the name to be listed to [msmparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:msmparishoffice@gmail.com). 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.



**The Search:** We are excited to bring you our first diocesan-wide study from FORMED, The Search. This series is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. With this incredible series and the work of our parishes, we hope to inspire the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo to live a stronger, more vibrant Catholic faith! Join our Confirmation students and families along with people from around the Diocese and start watching The Search, on Formed the first week of January 2021.