

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

Saturday, Dec. 26	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Tom and Rita Haley+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Sunday, Dec. 27	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i> Mass— <i>Emil Konesky+, Jake, Irma, & Roger Haubert+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
Monday, Dec. 28	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
Tuesday, Dec. 29	7:00 am 5:00 pm 5:30-6:00pm 9:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Pam Herman+</i> Reconciliation Night Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
Wednesday, Dec. 30	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>William and Katherine Ellis+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
Thursday, Dec. 31	7:00 am 5:00 pm 6:00pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Michael Hoffman+</i> Evening Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
Friday, Jan. 1 Mary Mother of God	7:00 am 9:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Zeno Wasserman+</i>	 Saint Michel-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
Saturday, Jan. 2	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Sunday, Jan. 3	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Marvis Wells +, Lucille Darr+</i> Mass— <i>Judie Kelley+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
Monday, Jan. 4	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
Tuesday, Jan. 5	7:00 am 5:00 pm 9:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Pat Woods+</i> Night Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
Wednesday, Jan. 6	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Ruth JoAnn Holzwarth+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
Thursday, Jan. 7	7:00 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Ronald Underwood +</i> Evening Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church  Scott Woods
Friday, Jan. 8	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Herb & Rita Hoffman+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
Saturday, Jan. 9	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Norman Neeb+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Sunday, Jan. 10	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i> Mass— <i>Jack, Rosie, & Charlotte Schumaker+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church

Saint Mary and Saint Michel's Parish Offices will be closed between Christmas and New Year's.
There will not be a January 3rd Bulletin.

The Parish Staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

December 25 and 27+ Christmas and The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Merry Christmas to you and yours! If you are reading this bulletin – whether you received it at Mass, picked it up when no one else was around, or are reading it on our website – you are part of our family, and we are so grateful.

For many of us, this special time is all about family. Some of our most beloved Christmas carols glory in the idea of a family-filled Christmas complete with a glowing tree, a roaring fire, and pumpkin pie. It's hard to think of Christmas without family; in fact, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday following Christmas, recalling that the eternal Son of God took His place in the family of Joseph and Mary.

Yet for many families, this Christmas just isn't the same. Perhaps we're not gathering as we normally do so that we can slow the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the tremendous load on our health care heroes. It just stinks, doesn't it? Actually, it hurts. But it's not only us.

Last Christmas was the first one I celebrated since my dear Mom's death and my Dad taking up residence in a long-term care facility. I must tell you that although I always went to our family home completely drained of energy after celebrating three, and now, five Christmas Masses, I missed it and wanted it. So, I understand the sense of loss that we feel over not being together in-person, the way things normally are.

Maybe this Christmas, different as it is, affords you and me the opportunity to not only be more grateful for what we've taken for granted, but also to be more mindful of those who always struggle at Christmas – folks who have experienced the pain of divorce and the reality of fractured families; folks who have lost loved ones since last Christmas; folks living in care facilities who don't have the ability to get out even for a meal; and folks alone in hospitals, fighting for their lives this Christmas as we await the immunity that will come with the safe and effective vaccines that await anyone who is able and willing to receive it, including me when it's my turn.

When I was a freshman at Central Catholic High School in Toledo, I remember our Glee Club singing "We Need a Little Christmas" by Johnny Mathis. Never has that song

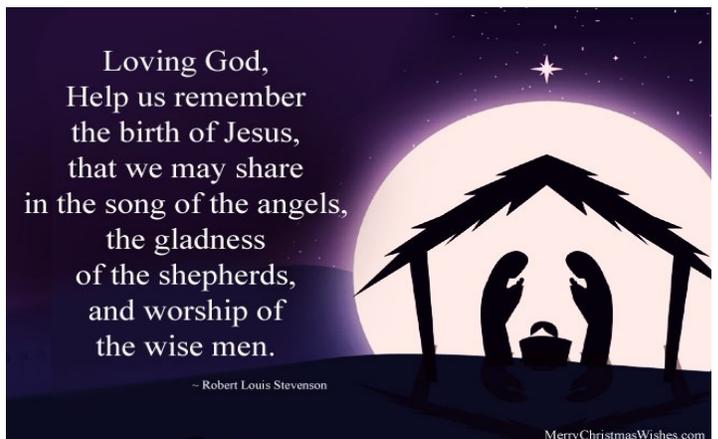
resonated within me more than at this moment. And while the "candles in the windows" and the "carols at the spinet" are lovely, this year we need what Christmas really provides: hope for a broken world.

At Christmas, we remember that God entered – not reluctantly, but willingly – into the mess of our lives, and He has never left since. So, may we recognize, rejoice in, and cherish the Christmas miracle we see, touch, and taste not only at Christmastime, but every time we come to Mass: Jesus – God with us – in the gift of Word and Sacrament.

Family, it's Christmas, thanks be to God! May the joy of Christ's Mass be yours today and every day of our lives!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Scott S. Woods, V.F.
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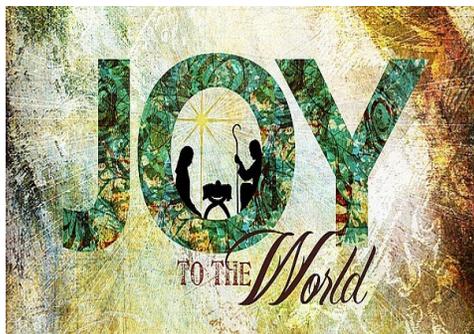
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Christmas Mass Song Lyrics:



Joy to the world! The Lord
is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare
Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and
nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.



Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
'Round yon virgin
Mother and Child!
Holy infant so tender and
mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heav'nly hosts sing, "Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 27, 2020

We celebrate
the Feast of
the Holy
Family on the
first Sunday after Christmas! This feast day is a
reminder to us of the example Mary and
Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into
their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model
for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.
Add an additional prayer to your family
routine today and brainstorm ways you might
help each other grow in faith throughout this
New Year.



The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*Holy Day of
Obligation*
**Friday,
January 1st is
the Solemnity
of Mary, the
Holy Mother
of God.**

"Mary is more blessed in receiving the faith of
Christ, than in conceiving the flesh of Christ."
St. Augustine, *On Holy Virginity*, 3



Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary + Dec. 20, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$2025.00
Loose	\$55.00
Retired Religious	\$70.00
Christmas	\$1060.00

Saint Michael + Dec. 19/20, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$1985.00
Loose	\$31.00
Special Improvements	\$85.00
Immaculate Conception	\$45.00
Christmas	\$690.00
Cemetery	\$35.00
Retired Religious	\$130.00



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Week of January 27th Lesson
The Holy Family and Epiphany

You can break this week's lesson down into two sessions if you'd like. In the first part we learn about becoming a holy family, following the example of the perfect Holy Family, Joseph, Mary and Jesus! You will find a story, followed by a couple questions asking what things your family already does to be a holy family and what things your family would like to do to become more holy. Then as a family, gather together in your Domestic Church to pray the short prayer service on how to become a holy family, while responding, "Lord Jesus, give us Your grace!"



The second part of this lesson is on the Epiphany. As I was looking the lesson over I noticed an error in the home blessing section. If you choose to inscribe the initials of the Magi, **G**aspar, **M**elchior and **B**althasar on the inside of your door frame the year should be 21 and not 20 as it says in your booklet. Your door frame should look something like this **21+G+M+B+21**. I believe we are all ready for the year 2020 to be over! The last activity is a called "We Are All Gifts From God", we are challenged to give the gift of ourselves during the Christmas Season with prayers of gratitude. It is suggested, as a family, what special prayers you can offer to our parishes? If you choose to do this activity please put your intentions on the card included with your packet and place in the collection basket at church. I will gather your intentions and gift them to Father Scott. What a beautiful way to start the new year in prayer!

Next months Family Formation Packets can be picked up beginning January 3rd. Remember to bring your empty packet from last month with you.



7th and 8th Grade

Thank you to all our Conformandi who have signed up to participate in a small group. Below is the calendar for the next few weeks. What do we seek? Happiness.

Sunday Morning 10:30am Group

Sunday December 27th Session 3

January 3rd No Class (to let other groups catch up)

Sunday Evening 6:30pm Group

December 27th Session 2

January 3rd Session 3

Wednesday Evening 6:30pm Group

December 30 Session 2

January 6th Session 3



Please remember in prayer: Renee Amlin, 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. 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.

Offering Envelopes



2021 Contribution Envelopes are available to pick up in both parish halls. We thank you for your generosity to our parishes. There are also some 2021 Calendars available for you to pick up as well.

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"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD

*O God of steadfast love,
Trusting you, we devote our hearts to learning your ways
and our lives to walking in your footsteps.
Teach us truth, that we may walk with courage.
Teach us mercy, that we may walk with humility.
Teach us forgiveness, that we may walk with compassion.
Teach us grace, that we may walk with strength.
Teach us wonder, that we may walk with praise.
Teach us goodness, that we may walk with those in need.
O God of steadfast love,
Learning from you, may we walk well.
Amen.*

From -Together we Pray: A Prayer Book for Families



Looking ahead to the Year of Saint Joseph all are invited to enter our coloring contest! One winner will be chosen from each grade Pre K-6th, 7th-8th, High School and Adults! You may use crayons, markers or colored pencils. Write your full name and grade on the back of your colored picture and return to Patti by January 10th.

Pictures are in the back of each church.