

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

<b>Saturday, Jan. 23</b>	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Lucille Schumaker</i> +	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
<b>Sunday, Jan. 24</b>	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Riek Van Der Laar</i> + Mass— <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
<b>Monday, Jan. 25</b>	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 26</b>	7:00 am 5:00 pm 5:45-6:15pm 9:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Viola Missler</i> + Reconciliation Night Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 27</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Andy Wonderly</i> +	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
<b>Thursday, Jan. 28</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Lyle Clark</i> + Evening Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
<b>Friday, Jan. 29</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am 9:15-9:45am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Judie Kelley</i> + Reconciliation	 Saint Michel-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church
<b>Saturday, Jan. 30</b>	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Barb Hammer</i> +	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
<b>Sunday, Jan. 31</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>Marilyn Lau</i> +	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church

### Financial Stewardship

#### Saint Mary + Jan. 17, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$2520.00
Loose	\$10.00
Christmas	\$100.00
Mary Mother of God	\$10.00

#### Saint Michael + Jan. 17, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$4020.28
Loose	\$50.00
Christmas	\$350.00
Special Improvements	\$100.00
Food Pantry	\$110.00
Mary Mother of God	\$20.00
Cemetery	\$5.00
Initial Offering	\$50.00
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## January 24, 2021 + Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is the second universal observance of "The Sunday of the Word of God," which Pope Francis first called for on September 30, 2019. According to a Vatican News article, "The Pope intends it to be a day dedicated to the celebration, reflection and dissemination of the Word."

You might say (like many preachers), "Well, don't we do this every Sunday?" Gosh, I sure hope so! But only fifty years ago, the Sunday Eucharist did not include as much Scripture as we have now. In fact, the Sacred Scriptures sort of took a back seat to Sacred Tradition, though that certainly was not the intention of the Church. Today, we are nourished first at the Table of the Word, and are then led to the Table of the Eucharist, with the homily serving as a reflection rooted in Scripture, which applies its lessons to our daily lives. Perhaps this Sunday of the Word of God could lead us to a "Week of the Word of God" by spending some time with the Sacred Scriptures and letting them guide our prayer in the coming days.

Speaking of praying at home, I'm hearing good things about our family-based process of faith formation. Some of those good things were on display in last week's bulletin and are again this week. As I have said before, COVID-19 forced us to change the way we do things, although this is an example of something we probably should have looked at changing long before since it has rightly returned the responsibility of handing down the faith to parents and guardians, to whom it first belongs. I pray that this new way forward which we are charting together will help all of us – children and adults – grow our relationship with the Lord through the gift of Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

One COVID-related change I have not appreciated (among so many others) is not having altar servers at Mass. We have been blessed by the service of Mike Dazley, who is now less than eight months to diaconate ordination, although we would like to begin scheduling an altar server whenever Mike is not present to exercise his

ministry of acolyte at the Sunday Masses. To that extent, I ask that parents and guardians of any current or perhaps new altar servers please email Kathy Otermat ([kotermat04@gmail.com](mailto:kotermat04@gmail.com)) so that we can begin to develop that schedule at our two parishes.

This weekend, the Church in the United States has an opportunity to support the work of the Church in Latin America through the annual national Collection for the Church in Latin America. I think you have an envelope for this special collection in your box. Our donations help build up the universal Church by strengthening families, funding Catholic education, and fostering priestly and religious vocations. Thank you for your financial and prayerful support of the People of God in that part of the world.

Finally, many of you woke up last Monday morning to the news that Rosary Cathedral had been vandalized. Very sadly, by the end of the day, a 24-year-old Toledo Police officer had been shot and killed by the person suspected of that act, who was also shot and killed. Let us therefore pray for the repose of the soul of Officer Brandon Stalker, and ask God to comfort his fiancée, young child, and the rest of his family, including the Toledo Police Department. Let us also ask God, whose mercy is beyond our human understanding, to extend forgiveness to Christopher Harris, who killed Officer Stalker, and to comfort the hearts of those who love him, too.

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary and Mother of Sorrows, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

# NEW HABITS INSPIRED BY SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

JANUARY 24, 2021

**“God’s word constantly reminds us of the merciful love of the Father who calls his children to live in love.”\***

Sunday of the Word of God is an opportunity for families and households to consider incorporating Scripture more intentionally into their daily and weekly routines. Learning new habits can be challenging but they can also be fun. Here are some simple and fun ways families can routinely bring the Word of God more regularly into their lives. Pick one of these four suggestions and make reading Scripture a new habit for your family.

## 1 USCCB Daily Readings Podcast

The USCCB has a daily podcast with an audio recording of each day’s Mass readings. A family can gather in the evening before night prayers and listen to today’s (or tomorrow’s readings). Then, the family can go around person by person and share one question or thought which came up from these readings. The family can pray their intentions for the day – including thanksgiving for the blessings of the day – and conclude with an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, before going to bed.

Find the podcast here: <https://bible.usccb.org/podcasts/audio>

**Pro Tip:** Listening to these readings can help you learn how to pronounce names and places in Scripture!

## 3 “52Sundays”

A great resource for families comes from the Archdiocese of Detroit called “52Sundays”. It contains the Sunday Gospel, family discussion questions, family prayers activity for each Sunday, and more. It is a great way to reclaim Sunday for family time.

Find it all here: <https://www.52sundays.com>

**Pro Tip:** With extended time together during COVID, this can be a great intentional way for a family to make Sunday God-centered.

## 2 Family Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is an ancient practice of prayerfully reading Scripture. A family can take 10 minutes after dinner once a week to read the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel. One person reads the Sunday Gospel once, followed by 30 seconds of silence; then a second reading of the same Gospel, followed by 30 seconds of silence; then a third reading followed by 30 seconds of silence. After the third reading and silence, each member of the family shares one word or phrase they thought was most important.

Find each day’s readings (including the Sunday Gospel) here: <https://bible.usccb.org>

**Pro Tip:** It can be beautiful to see how God speaks differently to each member of the family.

## 4 Reading the Gospel before dinner

Before eating, read a few verses of the Gospel (just start with the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 1 here) followed by grace before meals. This can lead to great dinner conversation about the words, parables, or miracles of Jesus.

**Pro Tip:** Pick your favorite story as a “Family Gospel Story” when you complete each of the four Gospels. Use these Gospel stories for special family occasions for years to follow.

\* Pope Francis  
Motu Proprio *Aperuit Illis* Instituting the Sunday of the Word of God, sec. 14. September 30, 2019



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### **Mass Assistants**

#### **Saint Michael-5 pm January 30**

Ambassadors Myerholtz Family

Lector Jeff Schumaker  
EMOHC Alex Siebenauler

#### **Saint Mary- 9 am January 31**

Rosary Bill Ochs  
Lector Andy Rich  
Communion Jeanine Van Der Laar  
Ambassadors Nick Foos, Tracy Foos  
Count Harold and Eileen Foos  
Clean Volunteers

#### **Saint Michael -11 am January 31**

Ambassadors Patti Wasserman  
Jerry Wasserman  
Lector Ashley Mendoza  
EMOHC Jamie Ruggiero



## From the desk of Patti Wasserman...

### Family Catechesis

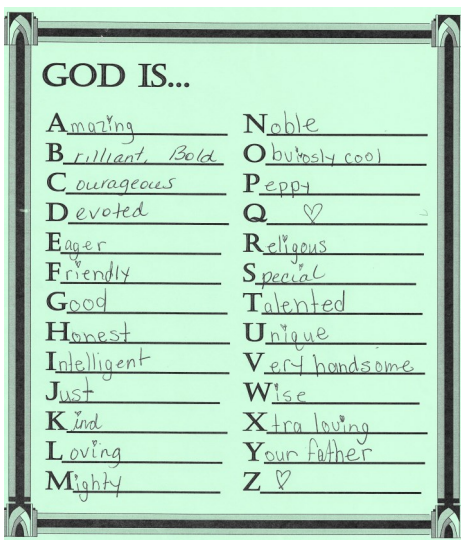


This week our Family Formation lesson focuses on **God's Call to Us**. We know that God has special jobs for those who listen and obey. We will learn two new words, discern and Vocation. God calls all of us to a vocation that allows us to love Him and His people the best. The four vocations are: marriage, consecrated single life, holy orders and consecrated religious life. It is through our prayers that we are able to discern what God created us to do with our life. Included in our packet are two booklets, one entitled "What is a Vocation?" and the second, "Is God Calling Me?"

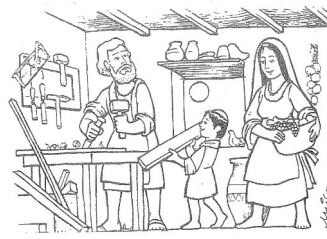


This week I am sharing a project from one of our 2nd graders, Aiden, called **Reflecting the Face of Jesus**. In the story Sir Victor the Braveheart, Victor looks into a mirror at one point and sees the face of Jesus. At that point a prayer was placed in his heart by Jesus: **Heart of Christ, live in me, that I might serve You faithfully.** A transparency with a picture of Jesus was in each packet.

Families were instructed to hang the picture of Jesus on a mirror they use to get ready in the morning as a reminder that Jesus lives in us and in everyone we meet throughout the day. Aiden shared these words with me, *"When I see Jesus in the mirror it reminds me that we need to serve Jesus and God with our words and actions. It also reminds me that Jesus is always with us."* Thank you for sharing Aiden!



This next project was shared by Sydney one of our 6th grade students from the **Isaiah the Prophet** lesson. Isaiah used many words to describe God such as "majestic" (Isa 33:22), "holy" (Isa 29:23) and "glorious" (Isa 63:12). The project was to see how many words the student or the family working together could come up with to describe God. Two of my favorites are **Obviously Cool** and **Very Handsome!** Good job Syd!!



## The Year of Saint Joseph

Deadline to turn in your Saint Joseph coloring contest page has been extended to **January 31**. Turn in your finished picture to either parish office or the back of either church.

Contact Patti if you are in need a coloring page. This contest is open to all ages, Pre K-Adults! Prizes will be awarded to each grade level!

**CONFIRMATION PREP:** Our 7th and 8th Grade students are continuing to meet virtually via Zoom to discuss and question what we they are learning as we **SEARCH** for the meaning of life!



As part of their formation, opportunities to serve at Catholic Charities Helping Hands of Saint Louis in Toledo, The Liberty Center in Fremont and delivering homemade goodies to those in our communities who serve us, are not available this year due to the pandemic. As a way to come together as a class and organize some Works of Charity projects,

each student has been given the task of researching and contacting local/county charities and organizations to ask what their needs are during this time. Once they have all the information collected, as a class, they will choose five to six projects to present to our parishes. The goal being a way for all of us to come together as a community with our prayers, fasting and almsgiving during the upcoming Lenten Season. The youth from both of our parishes are very service oriented and love to help others. I can't wait to see what projects our young people come up with! More details will follow in the coming weeks.

## Sick & Shut-in Please remember in prayers:



Lola Reinhart, Dee Otney, Jamie Ruggiero, Mark Garner, Robert and Norma Vela, 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 safely leave.

If you have a prayer request for members of either of our parishes please email the name to be listed (make sure you have the consent of the person first) 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.