

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

<b>Saturday, Feb. 13</b>	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
<b>Sunday, Feb. 14</b>	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Herb &amp; Rita Hoffman+, Helen Durst+</i> Mass— <i>Don Kirwen+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
<b>Monday, Feb. 15</b>	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 16</b>	7:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:45-6:15pm 8:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament Mass— <i>Emil Konesky+</i> Reconciliation Night Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 17</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Ruth JoAnn Holzwarth+</i> Mass— <i>Theda Bergefurd +</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
<b>Thursday, Feb. 18</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Ed &amp; Isabelle Herman+</i> Evening Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
<b>Friday, Feb. 19</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am 9:15-9:45am 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Jean Brubaker+</i> Reconciliation Stations of the Cross	 Saint Michel-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
<b>Saturday, Feb. 20</b>	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Henry and Helen Kirsch+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
<b>Sunday, Feb. 21</b>	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>For the People of the Parishes</i> Mass— <i>Irma Haubert+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church

### Financial Stewardship

#### Saint Mary + Feb. 7, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$2275.00
Loose	\$10.00
Catholic School Subsidy	\$90.00
Central Eastern Europe	\$200.00
Repair	\$560.00

#### Saint Michael + Feb.6-7, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$4109.00
Loose	\$76.00
Special Improvements	\$545.00
Latin America	\$30.00
Ash Wednesday	\$85.00
Cemetery	\$245.00
Eastern Europe	\$150.00
Initial Offering	\$30.00
Christmas	\$50.00
Food Pantry	\$285.00
Mary Mother of God	\$105.00
Religious Ed	\$65.00



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## February 14, 2021 + Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent begins this week, and our Pastoral Leadership Team (PLT) has been diligently working over the last month to prepare for these forty days of renewal for us, and I am deeply grateful to them for their efforts.

In today's bulletin you'll find a Lenten Calendar that proposes an action for each day of this coming holy season. If you're struggling to discern what to do this Lent, we hope this calendar is helpful as it provides a new opportunity each day for entering more deeply into the journey towards Easter. There's also something meaningful about doing things together, and that's the case now more than ever, isn't it?

That's why we've organized, with the help of our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation (*confirmandi*), a communal opportunity for almsgiving each week of Lent. That information is also listed on the Lenten Calendar, and is in today's bulletin so that you can plan ahead and buy early if something we're collecting is on sale. There will be an announcement each weekend to remind us as to what we're collecting that coming week, and our *confirmandi* will pick it up the following Monday. They'll be announcing our first drive next weekend, which we'll invite you to bring with you to church by the Second Sunday of Lent (February 28). In organizing these communal opportunities for almsgiving, we hope that our parishioners who are not currently coming to Mass in-person might participate also, dropping things off at church or asking a fellow parishioner to pick their donations up at their home, so that we can be more connected as a community, which is so important.

We also look forward to upcoming spiritual opportunities this Lent. The three Fremont parishes have invited us to join them for their virtual mission from February 22-24; we'll have more information for you next week. And we look forward to an Evening of Reflection, traditionally hosted by our Rosary Altar Society, although this time virtually on Sunday, March 14. We'll have much more about that to come, too. Additionally, we're inviting our parishioners to view *The Search* on Formed.org during Lent. We're also interested in forming small faith-sharing groups that can meet online, although a family might choose to talk through it together. Patti Wasserman would like to hear from you if you're interested in

participating in a small group, and will be happy to connect you with others!

We know, of course, that being together in-person for a small faith-sharing group is ideal, and our PLT has discussed this at length. We also believe, having consulted three Catholic physicians, that it still isn't time for that. We are so grateful that COVID-19 cases continue to decline in Sandusky County and that some of our parishioners who have discerned that they would accept one of the vaccines have already begun to receive their first, if not their second doses. We also know that new strains of the Coronavirus are rapidly spreading across the United States. Amid all that, we've been tending to the pastoral needs of parishioners who are severely ill from COVID-19, and sadly buried one recently. We'll continue to pray for an end to this pandemic, monitor the situation on the ground, seek out the best medical advice from reputable physicians whose Catholic faith informs their lives, and make prudential judgments, looking to reevaluate our policies around Eastertime. Until then, our parishes will only be in-person for sacramental celebrations and activities related to the celebration of the Sacraments, as has been the case since late Fall. As always, we're grateful for your patience, even if it is running thin; ours is also, I assure you.

This Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, is a day of abstinence from meat – as is every Friday in Lent – for all Catholics age 14 and older, and fasting (one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal a full one) for all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Rather than getting caught up in the observance of rules, as important as that is, I hope these disciplines of the Church help to raise our spiritual consciousness as we make deliberate choices when perhaps we would rather choose something else.

But before Lent begins, enjoy the treats of Valentine's Day! And may it be a time for all of us, perhaps especially folks like me who don't have a special someone, to reach out to a person in need of knowing the love of the Lord this day. Saint Valentine of Rome, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

**Mass Assistants** if you would like to serve in any of these ministries, please contact Kathy Otermat at koteramat04@gmail.com

**Saint Mary Ash Wednesday February 17**

**8:30 am**

Server Mike Dazley  
Cantor Olivia Reinhart  
Lector Gus Miller  
Communion Terri Reinhart

**Saint Michael Ash Wednesday February 17**

**7:00 pm**

Ambassador Jerry Wasserman  
Server Cindy Hammer  
Lector Patti Wasserman  
EMOHC Sue Kaemming

**Saint Michael-5 pm February 20**

Ambassadors Myerholtz Family  
Server Martin Myerholtz  
Lector Sally Zeller  
EMOHC Hank Reineck

**Saint Mary- 9 am February 21**

Rosary Harold & Eileen Foos  
Server Carlie Foos  
Cantor Nick Foos  
Lector Harold Foos  
Communion Bill Ochs  
Ambassadors Amber and Neil Hoffman  
Count Greg and Barb Lehman  
Clean Volunteers

**Saint Michael -11 am February 21**

Ambassadors Tom and Marla Marsh  
Server Gretchen Kaiser  
Lector Pam Mendoza  
EMOHC Marla Marsh



**Please remember in prayer:**

Ryan Hunker, Helen Reineck,  
Tim Haslinger, Lola Reinhart,  
Dee Ottney, Jamie Ruggiero,  
Mark Garner, 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 msmpparishoffice@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.

**Lakota Elementary School is Hosting  
Kindergarten Pre-Registration**

If you have a child who will be Five years of age before August 1st of this year, he/she is eligible to attend Kindergarten. Kindergarten registration will be held at Risingsun First Church of God, 2968 US 23, Risingsun on Thursday, April 8, 2021 and Friday, April 9, 2021. Please contact the Elementary School office at 419-986-6640 to get a Pre-Registration Form and return the form by Monday, March 8, 2021



**Fish Fry Friday February 19**

**5:30-8:00pm**

**At Sacred Heart Church**

550 Smith Rd, Fremont

Lake Erie Yellow Perch dinners will be available by Drive Thru, Pick Up Only-

Drive Thru Entrance from Smith Rd. Cost is \$12.50 for Adults, \$10.50 for Seniors, and \$5.50 for Children

**LENTEN  
FASTING &  
ABSTINENCE**



**Fasting**

Ash Wednesday  
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

**Abstinence**

Every Friday  
during Lent

Ages 14+

**How do we fast?**

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

**Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?**

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically or mentally ill** including individuals suffering from **chronic illnesses** such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant or nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

## From the desk of Patti Wasserman...

### Family Catechesis

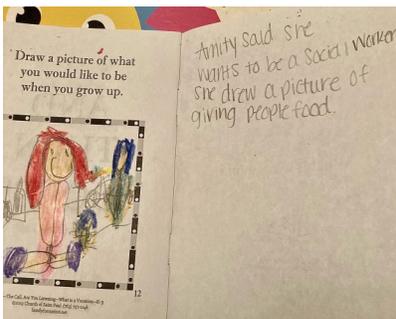


This weeks lesson focus' on God's Covenant with Noah. There is so much to Noah's story! Wickedness. Ark. Animals. Rain. Flood. Covenant (promise). Rainbow. After Adam and Eve sinned people became very, very wicked for a long, long, time. Can you imagine? Surrounded by wickedness, who would you hangout with? Who would you pray with? God got to the point where he could not take the wickedness any more. He found Noah and his family to be the only people on earth he could call good. So God asked Noah to build an ark. God even gave Noah the dimensions and type of wood to use for this ark. One of the activities this week is to find a back yard, park or field to measure just how big Noah's Ark would have been and mark it off. If you do this send me a pic! Building the ark took years to build! Noah and his family were made fun of every day as they obeyed God and continued to build the ark. Have you ever been made fun of for obeying and listening to God? After the flood, God made a promise to Noah and all the people and animals from the ark and God makes promises to us today. Where are these promises from God? In the bible of course! The bible is full of God's promises to us! So, when you're feeling down or alone reach for your bible and read some of God's promises to us. "When the just cry out, the Lord hears and recues them from all distress" Psalm 34:18. "Know that I am with you." Genesis 28:15. "Everything is possible to one who has faith." Mark 9:23. These are just a few treasures found in the bible to hold close to our hearts. Open your bible and get to know God's promises! If you would like to see a real rendition of Noah's Ark, visit Ark Encounter down near Cincinnati, in Williamstown, Kentucky. (arkencounter.com) I have never been there, but would like to someday...hmmm, maybe we need to plan a field trip, post Covid!



Weston is having fun working on his First Reconciliation workbook. Here he is holding an image of himself which has a movable arm to learn the proper way to make to sign o f the Cross. The first prayer we all learned as children. Good job Weston!

Last month our families learned about vocations. Amity believes when she grows up she'd like to be a Social Worker. She drew a picture of herself giving food to people in need. May you never lose your serving heart Amity.



## CONFIRMATION PREP

I am happy to report the Works of Charity our Confirmands have put together for our parishes almsgiving piece during the upcoming Lenten Season. Each week you will have the opportunity to donate any items listed below. The Confirmands will collect and deliver all donated items each week to make room for the next weeks donations. I am very happy with the time and energy our youth have put into this service project.

### Week One February 22-28

**Recipient:** Gibsonburg Schools

**Needs:** Bottled water, individually wrapped snacks, mints and 1 " three ring binders.

### Week Two March 1-7

**Recipients:** The Liberty Center, The Community Fortress, TCS Hygiene Closet, Share and Care

**Needs:** Body wash, shampoo/conditioner/ toothpaste/ brushes, deodorant, lotion, razors, hair brushes/combs and bed pillows.

### Week Three March 8-14

**Recipient:** Heart-beat Hope Medical

**Needs:** Onesies, newborn diapers, Pull-Ups, diaper ointment, pacifiers, thermometers, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes and spray, standard copy paper, plastic silverware, and paper products for meals for parenting classes.

### Week Four March 15-21

**Recipients:** Humane Society and Dog Warden

**Needs:** Canned cat food, Purina dog/puppy chow, scoopable kitty litter, paper towels, disinfecting wipes, toys for animals.

**Week Five:** Local food pantries, Elmwood Schools food pantry, The Blessing Box.

**Needs:** Canned fruits and veggies, soups, canned meats, mac and cheese, oatmeal, cereal, instant potatoes, crackers, peanut butter, any non-perishable foods.

**Thank you for your support of the youth of our parishes!**

## Online Bible Study for Young Adults 21-40 Years Old

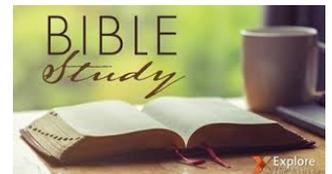
Led by Father Phil Smith

Thursdays in Lent beginning February 18, 2021. 7:15-8:15pm

There is no cost to participate, but registration is requ9red:

psmith@toledodiocese.org

all meeting will be held via ZOOM



**40 Days for Life From February 17th through March 28th,** you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life-40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Capital Care, 1160 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, Ohio, every day from 7 am-7 pm. If you'd like more information- and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Peter Range: prange@toledodiocese.org, 419-214-4933 or Veronica Leguire: vleguire@toledodiocese.org, or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/toledo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/toledo)