

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

<b>Saturday, March 13</b>	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Lyle Clark+</i> , <i>Ablardo &amp; Paula Saucedo+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
<b>Sunday, March 14</b>	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 6:30-8:00pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>For the People of Our Parishes+</i> Mass— <i>Viola Missler+</i> , <i>Ron Underwood+</i> Virtual Mini Lenten Retreat	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church Pre Register to get Zoom link
<b>Monday, March 15</b>	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
<b>Tuesday, March 16</b>	7:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:45-6:00pm 8:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament Mass— <i>Marilyn Lau+</i> Reconciliation Night Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
<b>Wednesday, March 17</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Paul Streacker+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
<b>Thursday, March 18</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Frank R. Cosiano+</i> Evening Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
<b>Friday, March 19</b>	7:00 am 8:30 am 9:15-9:45am 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Increased Reverence for Life</i> Reconciliation Stations of the Cross	 Saint Michel-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
<b>Saturday, March 20</b>	7:00 am 9:00-11:00am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Reconciliation Mass— <i>Robert Vela+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
<b>Sunday, March 21</b>	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Carolyn Davidson+</i> Mass— <i>For the People of the Parishes</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church

### Financial Stewardship

#### Saint Mary + March 7, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,885.00
Loose	\$22.00
Home Missions	\$70.00
Repair	\$345.00
Easter	\$500.00
ACA	\$6,320.00 (42)
Goal	\$10,710.00

#### Saint Michael + March 6-7, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,344.00
Loose	\$15.00
Easter	\$220.00
Food Pantry	\$312.00
Black and Native Am.	\$405.00
Special Improvements	\$430.00
ACA	\$7,055.63 (38)
Goal	\$11,097.00

### March 14th—March 27th is Church Week at Rural King.

Rural King will donate 10% of your receipt total to the

registered Christian organization of your choice. All receipts must be uploaded to [www.ruralking.com/churchweek](http://www.ruralking.com/churchweek) by April 1, both of our parishes are registered. When at the website, type in Helena, or Gibsonburg to select the parish you wish to receive the rebate.

Thank you for supporting our parishes in this way.



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## March 14, 2021 + Fourth Sunday of Lent

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MILLERSVILLE



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GIBSONBURG

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As is the case on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete / "Rejoice" Sunday), the first word that appears in the Roman Missal on this Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare / "Rejoice" Sunday) is "Rejoice!" And while we rejoice because the life-giving and renewing festival of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection is drawing near, today, there is more reason to rejoice.

Our Pastoral Leadership Team has been discerning our COVID-19 safety protocols in light of our capacity needs as more of our parishioners feel safe enough to return to in-person worship, and we are so happy to see your lovely faces again! Following conversation among ourselves and consultation with doctors, we have unanimously decided to open every other pew in both churches rather than every third pew, beginning this Tuesday, March 16.

Additionally, at Lord's Day Masses (Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings), there will be two stations for the distribution of Holy Communion. We will be inviting you to proceed towards the Eucharistic Minister via the side aisles of our churches, returning to your seats via the main aisle. Finally, we are making plans for the resumption of congregational singing, though we beg your patience as we continue to discern this issue since we did not purchase hymnals this year, and are prevented by copyright laws from reusing last year's copies. We'll have more to come about this in the near future.

In order to institute these timely changes and maintain a safe environment for everyone who wishes to attend Mass in-person, we are counting on your continued cooperation with regard to mask-wearing in our facilities and maintaining proper social distancing, especially as neither the Bishop nor the Governor have relaxed these directives at this time. The wearing of masks is all the more important now as we reduce the amount of space in front of and behind our parishioners, so thank you in

advance for all you will do to promote the safety and well-being of one another. We will also maintain the ministry of our "ambassadors" in order to maximize the use of our seating space, which is so important right now as more of our parishioners feel safe enough to be in-person.

We will continue to observe trends and adjust our protocols as warranted, including the expansion of in-person activities beyond the celebration of the sacraments, sooner rather than later, I hope, so please pray that infections continue to decline and that we can soon "re-open" more of parish life.

I know it has been a long year, and I hope the end of the Pandemic is now in sight. As was the case last year on Good Friday, Bishop Thomas has directed us to include the prayer that Pope Francis penned for that very intention in the Solemn Intercessions of Good Friday once again. Surely, God's faithfulness and our selflessness can and will seek and promote the good of each other. So, let us rejoice in the Lord always!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Scott S. Woods  
Pastor

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Help us safely fill our churches, for Easter, please make your reservation for Easter Masses, by Palm Sunday March 28. Please give your name, and number that will be attending, and which Mass you plan on attending.  
Saint Michael, Saturday, April 3, 8:30pm  
Saint Mary, Sunday, April 4, 9:00 am  
Saint Michael, Sunday, April 4, 11:00 am  
Email [treinhart@stmaryandstmichael.org](mailto:treinhart@stmaryandstmichael.org) for Saint Mary Mass or call 419-638-3042  
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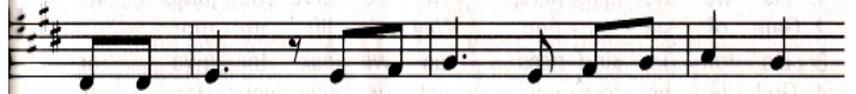
There are books available for anyone wishing to be consecrated to Saint Joseph. The consecration begins on March 19 on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph and ends on May 1, on the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. Mike Dazley will be at all the Masses this weekend to talk with anyone interested in joining this group.



## Verses



1. Lead us, Lord, in - to the des - ert; lead us through the
2. In this time of sa - cred strug - gle, in this time of
3. Lord, we hun - ger for your pres - ence; Lord, we're thirst - ing
4. Teach us, Lord: who is our neigh - bor? Is it friend, or

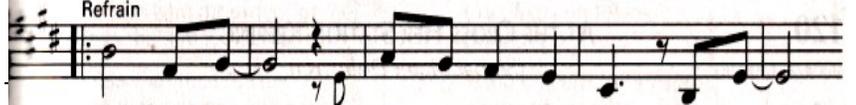


1. wil - der - ness. Through this jour - ney we will fol - low,
2. sac - ri - fice, we re - joice, for we re - mem - ber
3. for your grace. When con - sum - ing all but you, Lord,
4. en - e - my? When we wel - come or con - demn them,



1. for we long to see your face.
2. that you lead us in - to life.
3. all we gain is emp - ti - ness.
4. it is you, O let us see.

## Refrain



- Gra - cious God, mer - cy is your name. Re - deem -  
Gra - cious God, we bless your ho - ly name. Re - ceiv -



- ing Love, you give your life a - way.  
ing love, we give our lives a - way.

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## Song to sing before Weekend Masses

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**Mass Assistants** if you would like to serve in any of these ministries, please contact Kathy Otermat at kotermat@stmaryandstmichael.org

**Saint Michael-5 pm March 20**

Ambassadors Jerry Wasserman  
Patti Wasserman  
Server Abby Williamson  
Lector Dee Jones  
EMOHC Gerry Williams

**Saint Mary- 9 am March 21**

Rosary Pat Miller  
Server Macey Kohler  
Cantor Maria Reinhart  
Lector Sally Wilhelm  
Communion Anita Moffett  
Ambassadors Amber Hoffman  
Neil Hoffman  
Count Neil & Wanda Hoffman  
Clean Anita Moffett

**Saint Michael -11 am March 21**

Ambassadors Cindy Hammer  
Robin Clair  
Server Cindy Hammer  
Lector Pam Mendoza  
EMOHC Chris Lau



Please remember in prayer:

Please remember in prayer: John Bricker, Julie Thompson, 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 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.

As you are preparing for spring planting, if you would like Father Scott to come to your farm and bless seeds, before you plant your fields, email him at fatherscottwoods@gmail.com or call either parish office to leave Father a voice mail.



The weekend of March 20-21, you can bring in seeds for your gardens to get blessed, and we will have some seed packets available to be blessed as well for Mass goers to take home.

**Area Fish Fries: March 19**

4-7pm Saint Boniface Catholic Church, 215 N. Church St., Oak Harbor, \$10 each Drive-thru only

Saint Mary Aloysius Church  
105 S. Enterprise St., Bowling Green,  
\$9 Adults, \$5 Children, Drive Thru only

The Hungry Bear will be offering:  
Fish Fry every Friday during Lent  
11am-2pm and 5pm-7pm  
4pc fish dinner w/fries or tots and 1 side \$7.99  
Fish sandwich w/fries or tots \$6.99



**Saint Michael/Lawrence Cemetery Clean up will be April 1st, please plan accordingly.**

From the desk of Patti Wasserman...

### ALMSGIVING WEEK ONE

Family Catechesis



Pictured above are a few of our Confirmands; Braysen, Izzy and Brynn with Mrs. Emily Cisco, Principal at Gibsonburg Hilfiker Elementary. Thank you to Mr. Limon who helped us load his SUV and my trunk twice to get everything delivered. Gibsonburg Schools were very thankful for the donations brought to them courtesy of our two parishes. Your generosity is second to none.

### ALMSGIVING WEEK TWO



Thank you to Mrs. Mendoza and Mrs. Sander for filling these vehicles to full capacity as we delivered our hygiene items to The Liberty Center and Share and Care. Thank you Makayla Eidenour for making arrangements to deliver items to The Community Fortress and Gabe Brubaker for delivering items to TCS Hygiene Closets. We delivered 16 large bags of shampoo/conditioner, 6 bags of toothpaste/brushes, 10 bags of hand/body soap, 5 bags of razors/shaving cream, 4 bags of lotion, 1 full bag of hair brushes/combs and 31 pillows! All were thankful!



Pictured are Mrs. Mendoza, Israel, Dominick, Trinity, Bella, Braysen, Josey, Brynn and Mrs. Sanders. Many hands made light work!

Please keep our Little Ones and their families in your prayers. They received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday March 10th and look forward to receiving First Holy Communion the weekend of April 24th/25th.



- Ashton Biddle
- Parker Bruce
- Jakob Clarke
- Evie Estep
- Aiden Foos
- Weston Gosche
- Leyla Hodges
- Scarlett Hunker
- Ricardo Rodriguez

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March is so timely...



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*When I go to confession,  
 It is in order to be healed, to heal my soul.  
 To leave with greater spiritual health.  
 To pass from misery to mercy.  
 The center of confession is not the sins we declare,  
 but the divine love we receive,  
 of which we are always in need.  
 The center of confession is Jesus who waits for us,  
 who listens to us and forgives us.*

Remember this:

*In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes.  
 And let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of  
 reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness  
 and infinite mercy of God. And let us pray that God may  
 give his Church merciful priests and not torturers.*

~Papa Francisco

### SUNDAY March 14th!! EVENING OF REFLECTION



With Chris and Linda Padgett...Join Via Zoom

The Zoom link will be posted on our webpage, both parishes Facebook pages and the Saint Michael and Saint Mary Youth Facebook page. You do not need to register to participate, just follow the Zoom link. Those who pre-register will be emailed the Zoom link, plus receive a goody bag prior to the evenings festivities!! All who tune in will have a chance to win a prizes!