

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

Saturday, March 20	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
Sunday, March 21	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Carolyn Davidson+</i> Mass— <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
Monday, March 22	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
Tuesday, March 23	7:00 am 5:00 pm 5:45-6:00pm 8:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Irma haubert+</i> Reconciliation Night Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
Wednesday, March 24	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Theresa Sloma+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
Thursday, March 25	7:00 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Richard Widman+</i> Evening Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church  Scott Woods
Friday, March 26	7:00 am 8:30 am 9:15-9:45am 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Pete Schalk+</i> Reconciliation Stations of the Cross	 Saint Michel-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church
Saturday, March 27	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, March 28 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Marvis Wells+</i> Mass— <i>Judie Kelley+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church

Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary + March 14, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$2074.00
Loose	\$0
Catholic Relief	\$50.00
Repair	\$250.00
Easter Flowers	\$420.00
ACA	\$6,320.00 (42)
Goal	\$10,710.00

Saint Michael + March 13-14, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$2485.00
Loose	\$285.00
Easter	\$70.00
Food Pantry	\$90.00
Black and Native Am.	\$130.00
Eastern Europe	\$10.00
Special Improvements	\$360.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$20.00
Good Friday	\$20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$35.00
Cemetery	\$5.00
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 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.



Winners for the Pennies from Heaven drawing: Farnham Randolph March winner. *Congratulations!*



Saint Patrick's Day Bonus drawing, of a \$500 gift certificate to Veh and Son's: Michael Schoch *Congratulations!*

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March 21, 2021 + Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saint *Mary*
MILLERSVILLE



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GIBSONBURG

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today begins what the Church has traditionally called "Passiontide." Just as December 17th marks a shift in the thrust of the Advent Season, so the Fifth Sunday of Lent picks up our pace towards the Cross, where the *corpus* (the body of the Crucified Christ) is now covered as the eyes of our hearts hunger to look upon Him by whose "stripes we were healed" (Is 53:5). And while our attention is about to turn more and more towards the Passion and Death of the Lord, I cannot help but to rejoice still, following an uplifting Evening of Reflection this past Sunday night!

Chris and Linda Padgett were absolutely wonderful! Their message was timely, helpful, and filled with their own lived experience, which made it even more meaningful. I'm so grateful to all of you who took the time to participate, and to those who did not have the opportunity this past weekend, we're so happy that the Padgetts recorded the 90-minute presentation, and it's now available on our two parishes' shared website (www.stmaryandstmichael.org) and our Facebook pages. Please take the time to treat yourself to the seven principles they encouraged, and don't hesitate to share it with your family members and friends; it is well worth it!

Some of you won books and CDs from Linda and Chris last Sunday evening. For those who did not or would like additional copies, we have some of their books available for purchase, including: *Holy Marriage*, *Happy Marriage: Faith-Filled Ways to a Better Relationship* and *I'm Not OK. You're Not OK. But It's OK!*, among others. Please email or call Patti Wasserman if you would like one for yourself or someone you know who might benefit from their Spirit-guided insights.

Thank you to our Pastoral Leadership Team, which was once again willing to think outside of the box in order to make available one of our annual traditions, albeit in a different way. Patti deserves special gratitude for connecting us with our presenters, and for helping shepherd this event to fruition. Thanks also to Mary Gutschalk and Alice Reineck for preparing our "goodie bags" for the evening.

I'm so pleased that we've been able to move to 50 percent capacity in our churches. The time is right, especially as some studies seem to indicate that perhaps three feet of social distance is now responsible. Mask-wearing and vaccination – for those who are able and willing – are the other necessary pieces of the puzzle so that we can overcome the scourge of COVID-19 at last and move forward to a bright new day together. As such, I continue to beg you to wear a mask – unless you have a medical reason for forgoing it – in our churches. It truly is an offering of Christ-like charity that we provide one another, and how fitting as we prepare to celebrate in word and sacrament His ultimate charity from the altar of the Cross.

Happy Spring! May the renewal we experience all around us in the days ahead be but a fraction of the renewal that continues to reshape us as the Church's springtime continues to lead us to the new life of the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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 for Saint Mary Mass or call 419-638-3042

Email mporteous@stmaryandstmichael.org for Saint Michael Masses or call 419-637-2255

We invite those who still do not feel safe worshipping in-person but long to receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion to come and be fed. Please participate in any Easter Mass via television or social media, and then come promptly to Saint Michael at 12:30pm or to Saint Mary at 2:00 pm to receive Holy Communion. Only one individual/household will be admitted inside the church at a time to maintain a safe environment for those who have been limited from coming to Mass because of health and safety concerns.

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 27

Ambassadors Gerry Williams
Paul Makulinski
Server Olivia Reed
Lector Sally Zeller
EMOHC Alex Siebenauler

Saint Mary- 9 am March 28

Rosary Harold & Eileen Foos
Server Maria Reinhart
Cantor Amber Hoffman
Lector Rae Lyn Hoepf
Communion Eileen Foos
Ambassadors Nick Foos
Tracy Foos
Count Greg & Barb Lehman
Clean Jeff & Erin Foos

Saint Michael -11 am March 28

Ambassadors Jerry Wasserman
Patti Wasserman
Server Gretchen Kaiser
Lector Ashley Mendoza
EMOHC Natalie Liskai



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.



Reminder Easter Flower donations, along with whom they are in memory of, are due Friday, March 26.

GRACIOUS GOD

Jesse Manibusan



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.



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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Area Fish Fries: March 26

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

Saint Mary Parish
609 Vine St., Clyde,
\$9 each. 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 THREE



Heartbeat-Hope Medical's Executive Director, Toni Brubaker stands among the carload of items donated from Saint Mary Parish. To the left is everything that was in those bags and boxes! The smile on Toni's face and the faces of all the staff who helped unload the car tells us everything we need to know. You done good.



Above are the items collected at Saint Michael and sorted out by the staff of Heartbeat. The staff sure had a good time looking through all the items donated

from diapers and wipes to pacifiers and clothes. The copy paper and tableware were a big hit too! Thank you all for doing your part in serving others this Lent!

Dear Churches:

Greetings from the Liberty Center!

Thank you for partnering with us to serve the homeless. Your donation of pillows, shampoo, conditioner, body washes, shavers, shaving cream, soap, and deodorant is very much appreciated and will help us to continue serve those in need.

Thank you to all of the kids that sorted and delivered the collected items. You are the BEST!

Once again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mary Beaver
Office Manager
Volunteer Coordinator

Sharing the sentiments of
Margaret Weisz, LISW-S
Executive Director

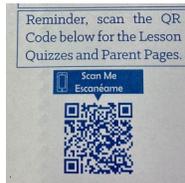


WEEK of MARCH 14th LESSON

This past week in our Family Faith Formation packets we learned about Sacramentals and Indulgences. What an active week! One of the activities had families gathering and identifying all the sacramentals they could find in their home. When we look around sacramentals are all around us! On our walls (crucifixes and artwork for example), around our necks (scapulars, necklaces, on our bookshelves, (statues and the Bible or prayer books) in our cars (medals and rosaries),



blessed candles (like the Saint Blaise candle you received in February or your baptismal candle) , wedding rings (parents, grandparents and friends), the list can go on and on. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines sacramentals as: "Sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments..." CCC 1667 In other words, they help us to receive the graces of the sacrament, BUT they do not give us grace themselves. They are meant to prepare our hearts for whatever grace God has in store for us in the sacraments! There are many kinds of sacramentals as we discovered in and around our homes if you have not looked around your home, I encourage you to do so today! No sacramentals in your home? Maybe its time to start adding a few pieces here and there (gifts in our Easter baskets?) to help make our homes, our Domestic Churches, the Holy Spaces God created them to be!



Parents a reminder to use the QR Code on the back of each lesson booklet to access the quizzes to make sure your child(ren) understand the lesson.

Confirmation Prep

Sunday March 21st @ 10:45am Formed Series-
Never Alone: Life with the Holy Spirit-
We will watch together and discuss
Sessions 1: Belonging and Session 2: Guided

Thursday March 25th @ 7:00pm Formed Series-
Never Alone: Life with the Holy Spirit-
We will watch together and discuss
Sessions 3: Empowered and Session 4: Alive



Thank you to everyone who participated in our first ever Virtual Evening of Reflection with Chris and Linda Padgett! I will contact those who won CD's or books when they arrive! If you received an evaluation form please help us by filling it out and returning to your parish. Thank You!