

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

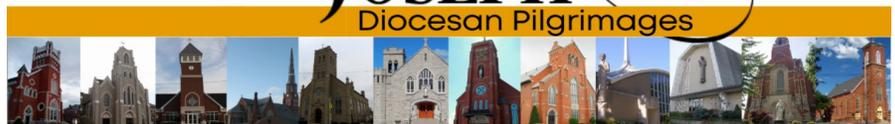
Saturday, May 1	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass — <i>Richard Stevens+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Sunday, May 2	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i> Mass— <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
Monday, May 3	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
Tuesday, May 4	7:00 am 5:00 pm 5:45-6:00pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Tim Reed+</i> Reconciliation Rosary for the Nation Night Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church Saint Mary Church  Scott Woods
Wednesday, May 5	7:00 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Christopher Sreptock+</i> Evening Prayer	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church  Scott Woods
Thursday, May 6	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Ethan Leiber+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Friday, May 7	7:00 am 8:30am 9:15-9:45am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Pete Schalk+</i> Reconciliation	Saint Michel-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church
Saturday, May 8	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass — <i>Ron Underwood+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Sunday, May 9	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>People of Our Parishes</i> Mass— <i>Robert Vela+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church

To find out more about the Diocesan Pilgrimages, go to: Yearofstjoseph.toledo.org then go to the pilgrimage tab.

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Diocesan Pilgrimages

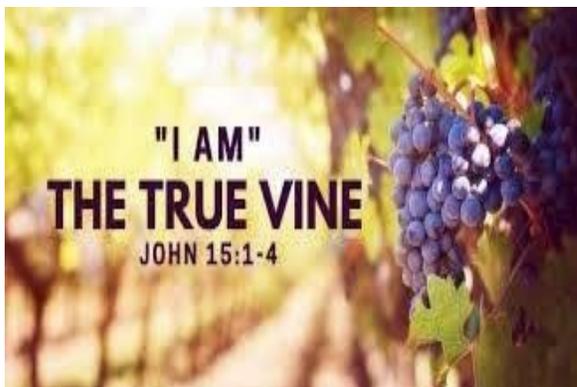
Financial Stewardship

The collections for April 24-25 and May 2-3 will be reported in the May 9th bulletin.



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| Blakeslee (chapel) | Fremont | Maumee | Sylvania |
| Crestline | Galion | Monroeville | Tiffin |
| Fort Jennings | Marblehead | Plymouth | Toledo |

Visit at least 5 of the 12 churches dedicated to St. Joseph in our diocese to receive a commemorative magnet!



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May 2, 2021 + Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saint *Mary*
MILLERSVILLE



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

While the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 19 each year, the “Model of Workers” – as he is called in the Litany of Saint Joseph – is also honored on May 1, when the Church celebrates the Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker. Whereas the principal celebration of Saint Joseph in March dates to at least the tenth century, this liturgical celebration of Joseph was established by Pope Pius XII in 1955. History lovers and political aficionados know that May 1, “May Day” as it is known, is a Communist-sponsored celebration of workers. Thus, in response, the Church held up Saint Joseph as the model of workers and gave Catholics their own celebration that day.

A few weeks ago, I shared with you how the Church has always rejected socialism – which demeans the dignity of the human person for the benefit of the state – while also rejecting *totally unregulated* capitalism – which has the potential of demeaning the dignity of the human person for the benefit of profit. As we are each made in the image and likeness of God we have dignity that can never be lost. Furthermore, we know that God empowered humankind to work and to have stewardship of the Earth. Work is important; it helps us make a living in order to provide for ourselves and the needs of our loved ones, while also affording us a sharing in God’s creative endeavor. By our good work, we utilize our God-given gifts and talents for the benefit of one another. In other words, we help the Lord to renew the face of the Earth (Ps 104).

Since that first social encyclical (papal letter) in 1891, which denounced the extreme economic positions of the day, the Church has cultivated a body of Catholic Social Teaching (CST), which is grounded in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. Unfortunately, many refer to CST as the Church’s best kept secret. Its seven themes should not be unknown to Catholic Christians or other people of good will as these principles can help us reason through the challenging social issues of our own time. Among the seven themes is **The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers**.

This theme has two thrusts, one of which we’ve already covered but will ponder again with the help of Pope Saint John Paul II: “Work is a good thing for man – a good thing for his humanity – because through work man not only

transforms nature, adapting it to his own needs, but he also achieves fulfillment as a human being and indeed, in a sense, becomes ‘more a human being’” (*On Human Work [Laborem Exercens]*, no. 9).

The second component is that workers, in order to safeguard their God-given dignity, have the right to organize – if they wish. Pope Saint John Paul II continues in *Laborem Exercens*, “All these rights, together with the need for the workers themselves to secure them, give rise to yet another right: the right of association, that is to form associations for the purpose of defending the vital interests of those employed in the various professions. These associations are called labor or trade unions” (no. 20).

Economics are complicated. I appreciate that Holy Mother Church, as she always does, offers guidance for how to make sense of this complex reality from the perspective of discipleship. Perhaps the most helpful sentiment is from the U.S. Bishops, who, in 1986, wrote in paragraph 13 of *Economic Justice for All*:

Every economic decision and institution must be judged in light of whether it protects or undermines the dignity of the human person. The pastoral letter begins with the human person. We believe the person is sacred—the clearest reflection of God among us. Human dignity comes from God, not from nationality, race, sex, economic status, or any human accomplishment. We judge any economic system by what it does for and to people and by how it permits all to participate in it. The economy should serve people, not the other way around.

Let us pray, dear sisters and brothers, as the American and global economies continue to emerge from the crushing blow of the Coronavirus Pandemic that policies will be instituted and jobs will be created to promote our God-given dignity, that workers will have what they need to provide for themselves and their loved ones, and that our shared efforts will help to bring forth the Kingdom of God here and now.

Saint Joseph the Worker, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in the Risen 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 kotermat@stmaryandstmichael.org

Saint Michael – May 8, 5:00pm

Ambassadors Jerry Wasserman
Patti Wasserman
Server Olivia Reed
Lector Sally Zeller
EMOHC Gerry Williams

Saint Mary– Sunday May 9, 9:00 am

Rosary Bill Ochs
Server Macey Kohler
Cantor Maria Reinhart
Lector Harold Foes
Communion Angie Smith
June Rich
Ambassadors Roger Wasserman
Barb Wasserman
Count Harold & Eileen Foes
Clean Mary Gutschalk

Saint Michael Sunday May 9, 11:00 am

Ambassadors Cindy Hammer
Robin Clair
Server Andrew Spieldenner
Lector Cindy Hammer
EMOHC Chris Lau

Sick & Shut-in Please remember in prayer:



Please remember in prayer:

Christi Holman, Brianne Perry,
John Bricker, Helen Reineck, 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.

SJCC Spring Concert and Art Show

Wednesday May 5, 7:00pm
(doors open at 6:30pm)
At SJCC campus.

5th-12th grade students will be performing, special guests include the Class of 2020 Band Members.



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Art projects from our 6th –12 grade students will be on display. Social Distancing & Masks will be required.



VINE AND BRANCHES

Trevor Thomson

Refrain

I am the vine and you the branch-es. Re-main in

me as I re-main in you; you will bear great fruit in me.

Verses

1. A new com - mand - ment I give you: e - ven
2. No great - er love is there than this: than to
3. I am the liv - ing bread from heav - en; if you
4. All those who eat my flesh and drink my blood re -
5. The words that I have spo - ken are so
6. And now as I have washed your feet, so

to Refrain

1. as I have loved you, now love one an - oth - er.
2. lay down your life, your life for your friends.
3. eat this bread, you will live for - ev - er.
4. main in me and I re-main in them.
5. spir - it and life, they are spir - it and life.
6. you must do just as I have done.

Text based on John 6:35-63; 13:14-15; 15:1-13.

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SING A NEW SONG

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be sung from

moun-tains high. Sing a new song un - to the Lord, sing-ing

Verses

- al - le - lu - ia.
1. Shout with glad-ness! Dance for joy!
 2. Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep;
 3. Glad my soul for I have seen

1. O come be - fore the Lord. And play for God on
2. your Sav - ior now has come. † He has turned your
3. the glo - ry of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

to Refrain

1. glad tam - bou-rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
2. sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
3. dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

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From the desk of Patti Wasserman...

I will out of the Faith Formation Office from April 30th until May 11th. I plan to take a step back and unplug during this time. I will respond to emails and voicemails as soon as possible upon my return.

Congratulations to our First Communicants on receiving the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist for the very first time this past weekend. What a joy to celebrate with both parish families as our little ones reminded us what True Food is!!

Saint Michael the Archangel First Holy Communion April 24, 2021



Saint Mary First Holy Communion April 25, 2021



Welcome to the Lord's Table!



Online Confirmation Retreat

Week 2 - Greater Power:

This week answers the questions...who is the Holy Spirit? Where does He come from? What kind of power does He have? The goal is to show our young people that the Holy Spirit is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Session 1: Origin Story

Johnny Philp has us get our bibles out to look up in Genesis where the Holy Spirit came from



Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity - always present, always faithful, always loving. He was not created, but always has been and always will be!

Session 2: On Fire

Jil Miller gives us food for thought with stories of healing and the power of prayer



The Holy Spirit moves through scripture and sets our hearts on fire to go out and spread the Gospel. Jil shares a story of her own mom's healing through the power of prayer to the Holy Spirit. She ends by challenging us to ask the Holy Spirit to move in big ways in our lives and to expect miracles!

Session 3: Alive and Active

Katie Prejean McGrady helps us to see the imprint the Holy Spirit has made on our hearts



The Sacrament of Confirmation, invites us into an experience of Pentecost. Katie shares the story (in Katie's words!) of Peter and the disciples huddled up in the Upper Room scared, until the Holy Spirit comes upon them. They were changed and went out confidently to spread the Gospel..

When the Gifts of the Holy Spirit come blazing into our lives on May 22nd will we allow the Holy Spirit to transform us so we can go out and transform our world