

Weekly Calendar

Weekday Masses and one Sunday Mass, are live-streamed on the parishes face book pages

Saturday, July 17	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass — <i>Bob and Todd Wilhelm+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Sunday, July 18	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>For the People of our Parishes</i> Mass— <i>Jake, Irma and Roger Haubert+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church  Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
Monday, July 19	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
Tuesday, July 20	7:00 am 5:00 pm 5:45-6:00pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Pam Herman+</i> Reconciliation	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church
Wednesday, July 21	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Fr. Thomas Leyland+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
Thursday, July 22	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Fr. John Fleck+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Friday, July 23	7:00 am 8:30am 9:15 –9:45am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Don Davies+</i> Reconciliation	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church
Saturday, July 24	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass — <i>Barb Hammer+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Sunday, July 25	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Andy Wonderly+</i> Mass— <i>For the People of our Parishes</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church  Saint Mary-Millersville Saint Michael Church

Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary July 11, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$2420.00
Loose Offering	\$62.75
VBS	\$20.00
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$12,060 (67)
	Goal \$10,710

Saint Michael July 10-11, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$3,295.03
Loose Offering	\$54.00
Special Improvements	\$621.00
Food Pantry	\$177.00
Religious Ed.	\$150.00
Cemetery	\$50.00
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$15,306.88 (90)
	Goal \$11,097

Baptismal Prep

Baptismal Prep classes will be held on the following dates for parents and godparents as they prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism for their children. Classes will begin at 12:30 PM and should last about an hour. These classes are required for those parents asking the Church to Baptize their child. Please call either Parish office and register for these classes.

The dates and locations are:

- August 15 - Saint Michael
- September 12 - Saint Mary
- October 17 - Saint Michael
- November 14 - Saint Mary



A Rosary for the Nation will be prayed on Tuesdays at 7:00pm weather permitting around the Mary statue at Saint Mary Church. If weather is not agreeable, it will be prayed in the church hall.

All are welcome to come for this time of prayer.

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July 18, 2021 + Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint *Mary*
MILLERSVILLE



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GIBSONBURG

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let's pick up with our reflection on the Liturgy of the Word, where we left off last week. We had gotten through the proclamation of the Gospel, although I'd like to share a little bit more, in hindsight.

The *Lectionary*, the liturgical Bible from which the Sacred Scriptures are proclaimed at Mass, is arranged so that in one year we read from the Gospel according to Matthew (Year A); the following year, we read from the Gospel according to Mark, supplemented by John 6 during the Summer (Year B, which is happening now); and then, we read from the Gospel according to Luke (Year C), before the process starts all over again.

During Ordinary Time, the current liturgical season, we are exposed each Sunday to *lectio continua* (continued reading), meaning we pick up this Sunday where we left off last Sunday. Now, you may have noticed that the First Reading often seems to parallel what we hear in the Gospel lesson. The arrangers of the *Lectionary* have done this purposefully, since we say that the Old Testament is a foreshadowing of the New Testament and the New is the fulfillment of the Old. I've already told you that the Responsorial Psalm is chosen in relationship to the message contained in the First Reading, which leaves only the Second Reading. While this lesson may sometimes connect nicely with either the First Reading or the Gospel or both, it is totally coincidental during Ordinary Time since the Second Reading is also an example of *lectio continua*.

Homily

Given that the First Reading and the Psalm, and the First Reading and the Gospel are connected, although that is usually not the case with the Second Reading, outside of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, it is understandable that there is no expectation that the homily should address all the Scripture lessons assigned to a given day. This also implies that the homily should flow from the Sacred Scriptures. This is one of the important liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council (Vatican II), which took place from 1962-1965. Before Vatican II, a priest would give a sermon, an instruction about any topic on which he wanted to speak, including (and often) about money. A homily, on the other hand, finds its foundation in the Scriptures.

The homily should never be a mere re-telling of the story that was just proclaimed. Rather, the homilist – the presider or a deacon – lets the inspired Word of God provide guidance for daily living. While flowing from the Scriptures, the homily is catechetical, that is it teaches the assembly in order to help the People of God better understand Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

One of my homiletics professors was a Lutheran pastor, whose call was to teach future Catholic priests how to preach. You may be surprised to know that in preparation for preaching, Dr. Stern assigned us some of the same texts a marketing student might read. With that in mind, we were taught that we need not use words like, "should," "need," and "must" during our preaching to appeal to the liturgical assembly. Rather, an effective preaching of the Word of God moves a listener to ask himself or herself, "Why wouldn't I want that for myself?" or "Why wouldn't I do this or that?"

As such, we were taught three preaching methods while I was a student at Saint Meinrad, all products of effective Protestant preachers. Dr. Paul Scott Wilson developed the "Four Pages of the Sermon," which goes something like this: 1) trouble in the text, 2) God in the text, 3) trouble in the world, and 4) God in the world. As you can see, Wilson's method is not about four physical pages, but provides a framework for coherently organizing and effectively communicating the Word of God.

We also learned Dr. Eugene Lowry's "Lowry Loop." Some of you are old enough to remember *Murder She Wrote*; my Mom watched it every Sunday night. Remember how you were led deeper and deeper into the mystery to the point that it

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

Saint Michael – July 24, 5:00pm

Ambassadors AJ Reed
Amy Reed
Server Olivia Reed
Lector Patti Wasserman
EMOHC Deb Kirwen

Saint Mary– Sunday July 25, 9:00 am

Rosary Dave & Mary Gutschalk
Server Carlie Foos
Cantor Maria Reinhart
Lector Bill Ochs
Communion Connie Hiser

Ambassadors Jeff Foos
Erin Foos
Count Dave & Mary Gutschalk
Clean Jeff and Erin Foos

Saint Michael Sunday July 18, 11:00 am

Ambassadors Tom Marsh
Tom Liskai
Server Andrew Spieldenner
Lector Ashley Mendoza
EMOHC Maria Porteous



Please remember in prayer:

Alicia Casselman, John & Susie Bricker, Sister Maria Miguel, Jim and Genniel Steinmetz, Larry Elchert,

Harry Teeple, Christi Holman, Linda Hoffman, 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 mmsparishoffice@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.

If you get [Give Us This Day](#) monthly and enjoy it, please sign up that you would like a renewal of your subscription. If you would like to start getting [Give Us This Day](#) monthly, please sign up as well. We need to turn in our numbers for renewal **by July 31**, to start getting our new subscriptions in October. Sign up sheets are in the back of each parish, or email treinhart@stmaryandstmichael.org

We also learned Dr. Eugene Lowry's "Lowry Loop." Some of you are old enough to remember *Murder She Wrote*; my Mom watched it every Sunday night. Remember how you were led deeper and deeper into the mystery to the point that it seemed Jessica would never figure out whodunit? Then, when all hope seemed lost, there was an "aha moment," and she gradually cracked the case. That's the Lowry Loop! Maybe he was an Angela Lansbury fan also!

We also learned the phenomenological method of Rev. David Buttrick, but that word is too big, and I don't use this method very often at all.

There are simpler methods also. Something as simple as "What? So what? Now what?" makes for an effective preaching.

No matter which method we might use, we were taught to have a "focus" and a "function" before writing a thing. The focus is what the preacher hopes to say, and the function is what the preacher hopes the listener might do because of the preaching. Now these two should be very tight statements, and if the homily is effective, everyone in the assembly should be able to identify the focus and function, even if they use slightly different words to communicate them. So, for instance, let's take today's Gospel (Mk 6:30-34). Of the dozens of possibilities, one focus could be: "People are lost and searching," and a corresponding function could be: "Introduce them to Jesus."

During our homiletic practicums at the seminary, everyone in the group would share what they thought our focus and function was. If they were similar, the preaching was effective. If not, we had circled the airport a few too many times when we had been cleared to land, and the homily needed to be tightened up. I look forward to you telling me after Mass today what you heard the focus and function to be!

Next time, we'll delve into the Profession of Faith and Universal Prayer, as promised. Isn't our Catholic worship amazing?

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Please make plans to attend a Question and Answer Session about **Saint Mary, Sanctuary Renewal, on Sunday, August 1st at 3:00 pm in Saint Mary Church**. We will look at Saint Mary's Architectural Evolution and learn a bit about Art and Architecture, along with questions and answers and discussion.

From the desk of Patti Wasserman...



It's that time of year again! As we enjoy our summer time filled with vacations, sporting events, camping, gardening, 4-H projects and good friends, I need you to think about the upcoming Family Faith Formation Lessons, Confirmation Classes and High School Youth Group! For families that registered and participated last year, your child(ren) will be moved up a grade level. If you have a child that did not participate last year, but will be joining us this year, I need you to fill out the online registration form linked below.

<https://form.jotform.com/202593442888062>

The Good News is we can once again meet in person, although our class time will look different. We will begin Year Two of the Family Faith Formation Packets for Pre-School through 6th grade. This curriculum is structured for parents and students to meet once a month with everyone altogether, then the youth go off to their classrooms and the parents stay for a session about the next three lessons they will be teaching at home or a topic led by a member of the PLT or a speaker may be brought in. More information to follow once our schedule is complete.



Howdy Ya'll...ready for a rootin' tootin' good time? The Ranch Hands are busy gittin' our "Not Your Average Joe" VBS ready to welcome y'all with a big YEEHAW!! So git yer wiggle on and fill out this here registration form. A tip of the hat to all the folks who have already been kind enough to do so already!

Online Registration can be found at

<https://www.jotform.com/build/211684978690169>

Registering now is not a guarantee of a T-shirt Ima needin' y'all to giddy up and dust off yer cowboy boots, put on yer ten gallon hat and get ready to have a knee slappin good time! Don't delay, sign-up today! Saint Joseph. pray for us!



The Chuck Wagon Crew is lookin' for some Cookie Bakers! If yer wantin' ta help out and bake a dozen or two, just be droppin' them goodies off in the kitchen at either Saint Mary or Saint Michael on June 25th.



Please contact Patti Wasserman with any questions



"It was truly a blessing to be back at Steubenville. Our hearts were restored by the Eucharist this past weekend. He is waiting for us to come back to him!"

~Ashley Mendoza
STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2021



"I love going to Steubenville Conferences when I can. I love meeting new people from all over the country and having the ability to have a closer relationship with God!" ~Annie Wellons