

Weekly Calendar

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

Saturday, August 7	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass — <i>Emma Lynne Reed+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Sunday, August 8	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i> Mass— <i>The Spieldenner Family</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church  Saint Mary-Millersville Saint Michael Church
Monday, August 9	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
Tuesday, August 10	7:00 am 5:00 pm 5:45-6:00pm 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>The Alamsjah Family</i> Reconciliation Rosary for the Nation	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church Saint Mary Church
Wednesday, August 11	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Jim Wonderly+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
Thursday, August 12	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Luis & Margaria Mendoza+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Friday, August 13	7:00 am 8:30am 9:15 –9:45am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Irwandy Alamsjah+</i> Reconciliation	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church
Saturday, August 14	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass — <i>Haldon “Doc” Hoffman+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Sunday, August 15	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Ken, Richard & Danny Hammer+, Pat Woods+</i> Mass— <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church  Saint Michael-Gibsonburg

Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary August 1, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$2,745.00
Loose Offering	\$131.00
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$12,060 (74)
Goal	\$10,710

Saint Michael July 31– Aug. 1, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$2,266.00
Loose Offering	\$194.00
Special Improvements	\$344.00
Religious Ed.	\$35.00
Cemetery	\$90.00
Peter’s Pence	\$25.00
Assumption of Mary	\$30.00
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$15,331.88 (99)
Goal	\$11,097

Save the Date for both our Parishes , Sunday, September 19th we are going to celebrate Mike Dazley’s Ordination Celebration at White Star Barn. Food, Fun and Fellowship, more details to come.

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



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MV Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:30am-2:30pm

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August 8, 2021 + Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint *Mary*
MILLERSVILLE



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Having considered the components of the Liturgy of the Word, let us continue our reflection on the Mass by turning our attention now to the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Following the Universal Prayer (petitions), the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the presentation and preparation of the gifts. At this time, "...bread and wine with water are brought to the altar, the same elements, that is to say, which Christ took into his hands" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* #72). When I was in grade school and each class would prepare the Friday Mass, sometimes other things would be brought forward as well, such as a globe or t-shirt or banner; this was especially the case at graduation Masses. Today, we avoid this at the preparation time since bread and wine alone are presented to the Father of Mercies so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ Jesus might continue to nourish the hungry multitudes. One exception is that "...money or other gifts for the poor or for the Church" may be brought forward, and "are to be put in a suitable place away from the Eucharistic table" (GIRM #73).

It is ideal that the gifts of bread and wine be presented by the people since they are the offerings of the people. Just as we pray following the preparation of the gifts, these gifts are our sacrifice – not only will they become the sacrament of the sacrifice of Christ Jesus upon the Cross, but they also represent the sacrifices we are making to become more Christ-like each and every day. In presenting bread and wine, the gift bearers represent the family of faith that longs to be nourished, presenting them to the priest presider, who – on behalf of the worshipping assembly – presents them to the Lord for consecration.

You may have noticed that while the altar server used to place the chalice in the center of the altar during the preparation time, it now sits on the side of the altar until the priest presider prepares and presents it to the Father, and then, it is placed – along with the paten with bread on it – on the corporal, a square cloth placed in the center of the altar to catch any of the Eucharistic elements that might fall (e.g.: crumbs from the Consecrated Host). Therefore, the word "corporal" is drawn from the Latin word *corpus*, meaning "body."

Following the prayers of presentation, which are often prayed by the priest presider inaudibly due to singing by the assembly, the priest presider "...may incense the gifts placed on the altar and then incense the cross and the altar itself, so as to signify the Church's offering and prayer rising like incense in the sight of God" (GIRM #75). The priest presider and the worshipping assembly are also reverenced with incense, mindful of their dignity by ordination and Baptism, respectively.

To conclude the preparation, the priest presider washes his hands at the side of the altar. Originally, in the early Church, this ritual was a very practical one; the presider needed to wash his hands after receiving the people's offerings for the poor, which might include produce and even livestock! Since then, this ritual has become a more spiritual one, in which the priest presider prays: "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."

Prayer over the Offerings

With the preparation concluded by the priest presider's invitation to the people to pray that their common sacrifice might be acceptable to Almighty God, the Prayer over the Offerings is prayed from the *Roman Missal*, where it is printed below the collect that was offered at the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass. Following the brief Prayer over the Offerings, the Eucharistic Prayer begins, which we will begin to examine section by section next time.

To conclude, you will notice me once again donning a mask before and after Mass even though I have received two

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

Saint Michael – Aug. 14, 5:00pm

Ambassadors	Gerry Williams Paul Makulinski
Server	Mary Ann Myerholtz
Lector	Patti Wasserman
EMOHC	Chris Ruggiero

Saint Mary– Sunday Aug. 15, 9:00 am

Rosary	Harold & Eileen Foos
Server	Cassidy Foos Aiden Foos
Cantor	Lucas hammer
Lector	Jessica Scherger
Communion	Eileen Foos Harold Foos
Ambassadors	Roger Wasserman Barb Wasserman
Count	Roger & Barb Wasserman
Clean	Volunteers

Saint Michael Sunday Aug. 15, 11:00 am

Ambassadors	Tom Marsh Tom Liskai
Server	Andrew Spieldenner
Lector	Chris Lau
EMOHC	Marla Marsh



Please remember in prayer:

Alicia Casselman, Sister Maria Miguel, Jim 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 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.

Cleaning of the Garage at Saint Mary

Please take the time Sunday August 22 after Mass to see what we have in the parish garage that could be of good use at your home, or garage. There are some school desks, teacher desks, metal cabinets, some chairs, the piano is still there and much more. You won't have to take what you would like on Sunday, we can mark that you want it, then work out a different time for pick up. These items were used here at the parish, but are not needed here anymore with our updating of the parish office and cleaning of class rooms.

To conclude, you will notice me once again donning a mask before and after Mass even though I have received two doses of the Moderna vaccine. Please know that it is not a political statement, nor has it ever been. Rather, I am following current Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines to the best of my ability. Late last week, Sandusky County, like most counties in our Diocese, was classified as a place of "substantial" spread of the Coronavirus. The most recent guidance from the CDC is that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, should wear masks when indoors in places where spread is "substantial" or "high." This is simply me doing what I can to limit the potential spread of the Delta Variant of the Coronavirus, especially among those who are not vaccinated. I don't like doing it but am willing to do so, since I am able, if it can help others.

May we each continue to find ways to safeguard and enhance the physical and spiritual health of one another.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



Anniversary Mass

Thank you for your witness to the Sacrament of Marriage. The Diocese of Toledo will honor you

and other couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage at a mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Sunday, October 24th, at 3:00 pm, at Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo. To register, visit www.toledoanniversarymass.org. Every registering couple is guaranteed an anniversary certificate. Questions? Please contact Alice Jacobs at 419-214-4978 or ajacobs@toledodiocese.org.

The family of Genniel Steinmetz extends their deepest appreciation to all who provided the wonderful food for Mom's funeral luncheon and also to those who helped in any way to make the funeral a beautiful celebration of her life. Your kindnesses to us in our time of loss brought us much comfort and will always be warmly appreciated.

Jim Steinmetz and Family

We are preparing to welcome a group from the Holy land, a group that sells handmade olive wood items from the Holy Land. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Christians in that part of the world, please listen to the announcements after Communion for when the sale will take place. Possibly as early as August 14-15.



From the desk of Patti Wasserman...

Family Catechesis



Just a few pictures of the activities last week at VBS! Thank you to everyone who had a part in making our "Not Your Average Joe" VBS, well...average! You all went above and beyond! The time, talent and treasures that were shared by so many touched the hearts of all who attended, young and old alike. I cannot thank you enough.



Are you getting ready to head off to college???
Remember to get connected,
Don't become a statistic!!

Did you know that over 80% of students stop practicing the faith in college? Amid the global pandemic and civil unrest, it's becoming even harder for students to connect with their faith.
We cannot accept this. We were made for more.



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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

If you are new to the parish, or have a child, Pre-K through 8th grade that did not participate last year, but will be joining us this year, I need you to fill out the online registration form link or the QR Code below. If your family participated in Family Faith Formation last year, I moved your child(ren) up a grade level.

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



Save the Date!
October 17, 2021
Time and Place TBA
For a Story-telling event
With Meg Hunter-Kilmer
Author of the book
Saints Around the World

Meg used to have a "normal" life. Then she quit her job, packed her belongings into her car, and became a hobo missionary. She has been driving across the country and flying around the world to share the love of Christ since 2012. She speaks to folks of all ages at churches, schools, conferences, retreats, and on living room couches. Meg is a woman in love with Jesus Christ, sold out for the Truth, and on fire with a zeal for souls to know and love God. You can find her book online.

The Power of a Simple Gift!



It's not too early to start collecting items for this year's Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! As a matter of fact it is a great time to find summer clearance items such as flip flops, shorts, t-shirts, bathing suits, tennis shoes and small toys. Plus the back to school sales are going on in many stores, pencils, pens, notebooks, drawstring backpacks, water bottles, erasers, pencil pouches etc. Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items since shopping the after Christmas sales last year! We have a good start with small toys, toothbrushes, and stuffed animals! Remember no liquids, lotions, toothpaste, candy, army men, toy guns, aerosol cans, gum, glass items, pocket knives, vitamins or medicine of any kind.

Collection Week is November 15-21, 2021
Drop items off at either parish, call Patti for details!