

Weekly Calendar

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

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
Monday, August 16	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
Tuesday, August 17	7:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:45-6:00pm 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament Mass— <i>Fr. Daniel J. Zak+</i> Reconciliation Rosary for the Nation	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church Saint Mary Church
Wednesday, August 18	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Mike Kimmet+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
Thursday, August 19	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Jack Altwies+, Ronald Karns +</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Friday, August 20	7:00 am 8:30am 9:15 –9:45am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Genniel Steinmetz+</i> Reconciliation	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church
Saturday, August 21	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, August 22	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Al & Mary Wonderly+</i> Mass— <i>Jake, Irma & Roger Haubert+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church  Saint Michael-Gibsonburg

Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary August 8, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$2,128.00
Loose Offering	\$69.00
Sanctuary Renewal	\$20.00
VBS	\$30.00
Festival Substitute	\$200.00
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$12,060 (74)
Goal	\$10,710

Saint Michael Aug 7 - 8, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$4,575.03
Loose Offering	\$112.07
Special Improvements	\$440.00
Cemetery	\$205.00
Assumption of Mary	\$95.00
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$15,331.88 (99)
Goal	\$11,097

*"May God,
who raised Mary to the glory of heaven,
bring us to share in the glory of Christ's
resurrection. Amen"*

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

GB Office Hours: Tues., Wed., Fri., 9:30am-2:00pm

August 15, 2021 + Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saint *Mary*
MILLERSVILLE



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GIBSONBURG

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As this Sunday is August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that Mass outranks the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and so the orations (prayers) and Scripture lessons are drawn from the Assumption instead, which means that we are missing a week from our five-week study of the Bread of Life Discourse (Jn 6). Nonetheless, we will pick up and finish it next Sunday before transitioning back to the Gospel according to Mark.

What will not be interrupted today, however, is our continued reflection on the Mass. Last week, we considered the Preparation of the Gifts and the Prayer over the Offerings. Today, we'll begin delving into the Eucharistic Prayer, of which there are ten included in the *Roman Missal*, as well as three for Masses with Children, which are included in a supplemental booklet. There are four main Eucharistic Prayers or *anaphoras*, as they're also known: I, II, III, and IV. II is the shortest one and is ancient; this one is often prayed at weekday Masses if there's no saint assigned to the day's Mass. That's because there's no place to insert a saint's name into the prayer, which is also the case with I and IV. III is often prayed at Sunday Masses. I is the longest, and is also known as the "Roman Canon," and was really the only choice prior to the liturgical reforms of the 1960s. Finally, there is IV, which is probably used the least, although it is a beautiful text.

There's also two Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation which are often used during Lent and perhaps when the Scripture lessons turn our attention to forgiveness and reconciliation. Finally, there are four more – actually one more, although it's the same prayer with four variations – known as the Eucharistic Prayer for Use in Masses for Various Needs. The first is entitled, "The Church on the Path of Unity," the second is "God Guides His Church along the Way of Salvation," the third is "Jesus, the Way of the Father," and the fourth is "Jesus, Who Went About Doing Good." As you can see by the various titles, each has a particular focus that can reinforce the message of the Scriptures proclaimed just before.

By and large, it is the choice of the priest presider as to which Eucharistic Prayer to use at a given Mass. There are special inserts for high holy days in Eucharistic Prayer I, which causes me to use it on those days, as well as on the solemnities, feasts, and memorials of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and saints whose names are included in the text of the prayer. I use Eucharistic Prayer II at weekday Masses when no saint is assigned to that Mass, which we call *ferial* days. I also use it at super warm Lord's Day Masses! I use Eucharistic Prayer III on many Sundays, at weekday Masses when a saint is assigned to the day (so I can insert their name into the text), and at Funeral Masses, since the insert for the deceased is so poetically written. I use Eucharistic Prayer IV some Sundays of the year. The remaining six I use when they reinforce the Scriptures that were proclaimed, based upon the themes of reconciliation, unity, Providence, mission, and compassion.

So, for now, let's consider the first two components of any of the Eucharistic Prayers: the preface and its accompanying acclamation, known in Latin as the *Sanctus*.

The Preface

The best way to understand the preface is to think of a preface to a book. In it the author explains the purpose of the text and what they hope to communicate in the pages ahead. By its very nature, the preface is the beginning; it "prefaces" what is to come. In the case of the Eucharistic Prayer, the preface is a prayer of thanksgiving. It begins with a dialogue between the priest presider and the worshiping assembly: "The Lord be with you." "And with your spirit." "Lift up your hearts." "We lift them up to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right and just."

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

Saint Michael – Aug. 21, 5:00pm

Ambassadors AJ Reed
Amy Reed
Server Olivia Reed
Lector Sally Zeller
EMOHC Gerry Williams

Saint Mary– Sunday Aug. 22, 9:00 am

Rosary Kathy Otermat
Liz Leathhead
Server Chloe Foos
Cantor Rae Lyn Hoepf
Lector Sue Kosakowski
Communion June Rich
Bill Ochs
Ambassadors Terri Reinhart
Jeanine Van Der Laar
Count Harold & Eilleen Foos
Clean Jeff & Erin Foos

Saint Michael Sunday Aug. 22, 11:00 am

Ambassadors Wellons Family
Server Annie Wellons
Lector Cindy Hammer
EMOHC Jamie Ruggiero



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.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

If you have interest in learning more about the teachings of the Catholic Faith, or might be interested in becoming Catholic. Please contact Father Scott, Terri Reinhart, Mike Dazley or Patti Wasserman. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will be starting September 12. We are having our classes along with Saint Mary, Clyde and Sacred Heart, Fremont. Please let any one of us know of your interest by September 7th, so we can plan for classes

The priest presider then echoes the sentiment of the People of God as he begins the preface with the words, "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord."

As the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning "thanksgiving," the Eucharistic Prayer begins with thanksgiving for the faithfulness of the Father, who "sent [His] Only Begotten Son to be our Savior...who "shared our human nature in all things but sin" (Eucharistic Prayer IV). In the preface, "the Priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father and gives thanks to him for the whole work of salvation or for some particular aspect of it, according to the varying day, festivity, or time of year" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* #79a). So, while each preface serves to praise God the Father, each one does so in a different way, given the theme of the celebration.

The Sanctus

In response to the priest presider's praise of God on behalf of His holy People, the presider and assembly acclaim the Lord who is worthy of praise by singing "Holy, Holy, Holy," which is the English translation of the Latin word *Sanctus*. The first two lines – "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory" – are drawn from Isaiah 6:3, in which angels cry out these words to one another in the presence of Almighty God. We, then, join with the angels in declaring God's praise as we prepare to see His love and mercy made present in the sacrificial offerings of bread and wine that will "become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eucharistic Prayer II).

Next week, we'll move deeper into the Eucharistic Prayer and some of its most sacred elements. For now, on this Solemnity of the Assumption and in the week ahead, may our Blessed Mother hold you and yours under the mantle of her protection and lead you ever closer to her Son, whom we encounter and receive in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

This Wednesday, August 18, will be one month, until the ordination of Mike Dazley to the Diaconate. Let us kindly surround him and his family with our prayers.

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

Cleaning of the Garage at Saint Mary, stay after Mass Aug. 22 and see if there is anything you could use at your house from the garage at church. Desks, metal stands, filing cabinets...

From the desk of Patti Wasserman...

Family Catechesis



The music provided for our Not Your Average Joe VBS was from the Justin Graves Band. Justin and his family have a ministry called, "I Am Courageous". Their ministry delivers uplifting music to seriously ill children around the world. Justin says, "CD's are so old school. In order to remain current in a digital world we decided to create a branded I Am Courageous Lion keyring which includes a tag with a QR code that, when scanned, will access a playlist and allow the user to listen to our music for FREE. Music is a powerful tool that can help calm, encourage, distract and uplift. MUSIC has healing power!" I'd like to send Justin a donation to help cover the cost of "Courage" the Lion keyrings. If anyone would like to contribute a dollar or two to this fund place in an envelope marked "I Am Courageous",

Attn: Patti in the collection basket next weekend. Together we can make a difference in a young child's life! You can check out their website at justingravesband.com/iamcourageous-home

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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://form.jotform.com/202593442888062>



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 their 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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connection



Download the NewmanConnect App Today!
Don't leave home without it!!

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 Meg's book for sale online or I have a few copies in my office to loan out. Here's a couple book reviews:

"I love this book. It's captivating and engaging, and my squirmy 3-year-old loves to look at the pictures, listen to the stories and then name her baby dolls after teh Saints she's just met. Get this book. Get two copies. Because you may not want to share with your kids." ~Katie Prejean McGrady

"Meg has done the incredible: she has made the Catholic Saints that we know and love (and many that we are just meeting for the first time) more accessible, warm, human, and well...just like us! Coupled with the beautiful art from Lindsey Sanders showing the diversity of God's wondrous creation, Meg reminds us all that we are called to sainthood...no matter the bumps in the road we experience along the way." ~

Karianna Frey

Get to know Meg by following her on
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Her website: www.piercedhands.com



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

"WOW" ITEM

- outfit
- shoes
- musical instrument
- soccer ball with pump
- stuffed animal
- doll

TOYS

- toy cars
- jump ropes
- yo-yos
- toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

ACCESSORIES

- socks
- hats
- sunglasses
- hair clips
- jewelry and watches
- flashlights (with extra batteries)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- pens, pencils, and sharpeners
- crayons and markers
- notebooks and paper
- coloring and picture books
- solar calculators

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- toothbrushes
- bar soap
- washcloths
- combs

A PERSONAL NOTE

- a message to the child
 - a photo of yourself, your family, or group
- If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.*



Do Not Include candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans.

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