

In solidarity with Mike Dazley and his classmates, we are providing the Prayer of Ordination by which Bishop Thomas will confer on them the Sacred Office of Deacon. Please ponder and offer the prayer now for Mike and all who will be ordained deacons.

Draw near, we pray, Almighty God, giver of every grace, who apportion every order and assign every office;
who remain unchanged, but make all things new.

In your eternal providence,
you make provision for every age, as you order all creation
through him who is your word, your power and your wisdom, Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Lord.

You grant that the Church, his Body,
adorned with manifold heavenly graces,
drawn together in the diversity of its members,
and united by a wondrous bond through the Holy Spirit, should grow and
spread forth
to build up a new temple
and, as once you chose the sons of Levi
to minister in the former tabernacle,
so now you establish three ranks of ministers
in their sacred offices to serve in your name.

And so, in the first days of your Church,
through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,
your Son's Apostles appointed seven men of good repute to assist them in the
daily ministry,
that they might devote themselves more fully
to prayer and preaching of the word.
By prayer and the laying on of hands
they entrusted to these chosen men
the ministry of serving at table.

We beseech you, Lord:
look with favor on these servants of yours who will minister at your holy altar
and whom we now humbly dedicate
to the office of Deacon.

Send forth upon him, Lord, we pray, the Holy Spirit, that they may be
strengthened
by the gift of your sevenfold grace
for the faithful carrying out of the work of the ministry.

May there abound in them every Gospel virtue: unfeigned love, concern for
the sick and poor, unassuming authority, the purity of innocence, and the
observance of spiritual discipline.

May your commandments shine forth in their conduct,
so that by the example of their way of life
they may inspire the imitation of your holy people.
In offering the witness of a clear conscience,
may they remain strong and steadfast in Christ,
so that by imitating on earth your Son,
who came not to be served but to serve,
they may be found worthy to reign in heaven with him, Who lives and reigns
with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.



Weekly Calendar

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

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 Mary-Millersville Saint Michael Church
Monday, August 23			
Tuesday, August 24	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:45-6:00pm 7:00 pm	Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament Mass— <i>Chuck Obenauer+</i> Reconciliation Rosary for the Nation	Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church Saint Mary Church
Wednesday, August 25	8:30 am	Mass— <i>Increased Reverence for Life</i>	Saint Mary Church
Thursday, August 26	8:30 am	Mass— <i>Norma Jean Ferrenburg+</i>	Saint Michael Church
Friday, August 27	8:30am 9:15 –9:45am	Mass— <i>Theresa Sloma+</i> Reconciliation	Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church
Saturday, August 28	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass — <i>Ron Underwood+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Sunday, August 29	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i> Mass— <i>Larry Tebeau+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church  Saint Michael-Gibsonburg

Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary August 15, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$1,958.00
Loose Offering	\$68.00
Sanctuary Renewal	\$20.00
Assumption of Mary	\$135.00
Festival Substitute	\$345.00
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$12,060 (74)
Goal	\$10,710

Saint Michael Aug 14-15, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$2,278.00
Loose Offering	\$211.00
Special Improvements	\$460.00
Food Pantry	\$225.00
Assumption of Mary	\$245.00
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$15,331.88 (99)
Goal	\$11,097

If you would like to help with funeral luncheons or be put on a list for making a dish at Saint Michael's please call Gerry Williams at 419-637-2043. We would be happy to add your name to our list of volunteers.

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:

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 22, 2021 + Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint *Mary*
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I think I've heard more about Afghanistan in the last two weeks than I did over the course of a 20-year war! The reports and images from the past week have left me feeling deeply saddened and very helpless. To that extent, this past Tuesday evening we offered the Mass for Refugees and Exiles from the *Roman Missal*. While each celebration of the Eucharist is meaningful, this particular one refreshed my spirit, especially considering the Sacred Scriptures assigned to that day's Mass.

In response to the teaching of Jesus, Peter said, "We have given up everything and followed you. What will there be for us?" (Mt 19:27). To which, Jesus replied, "...Everyone who has given up houses or brothers and sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more, and will inherit eternal life" (29). I couldn't help but think of the Afghan people, fleeing to Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, to which the US Embassy relocated as the Taliban claimed control of the city last Sunday. And the antiphon of Tuesday's Responsorial Psalm became my prayer for the Afghan people: "The Lord speaks of peace to his people" (Ps 85).

Amid my own sense of helplessness at such a time of tremendous need, there are three insights I've had of things I can do here and now to help. I'm grateful for the opportunity to share them with you now.

This is a time of prayer.

I am devoting myself to praying that the Holy Spirit will endow the President and his Administration with wisdom to do what is right and just as they strive to evacuate our fellow Americans and Afghan allies. I'm also praying for courage and safety for members of our Armed Services who serve with Christ-like selflessness and are in harm's way as they work so bravely to help those most in need.

This is a time to encourage our veterans, especially those who so generously served in Afghanistan.

The Department of Veterans Affairs reportedly emailed several million veterans who might be struggling with a sense of purpose and worth in light of the fall of the Afghan Government. I heard an Afghan War veteran make a good comparison of the current situation in Afghanistan to the experience of a cancer patient who underwent treatment that led to the cancer's remission only to have it return twenty years later. Was the treatment worth it, he asked? Absolutely! Such is the case regarding those who served so faithfully, thousands having lost life or limb! They served their nation well in a post 9-11 world and gave the Afghan people 20 years of life without repressive rule, providing them with a freedom they hadn't known before and will hopefully know again sooner rather than later.

This is a time to resist the potential demonization of Islam and Muslims.

In *Nostra Aetate*, the Church's 1965 *Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions*, the Second Vatican Council stated, "The Church has also a high regard for the Muslims. They worship God, who is one, living and subsistent, merciful and almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, who has also spoken to humanity" (#3). As we will likely hear heartbreaking stories in the days, weeks, and months ahead, the result of the Taliban's twisted interpretation of Islam, we would do well to remember that it's not only Christians in harm's way; certainly, our neighbors at the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo in Perrysburg would themselves be targeted by the repressive Taliban.

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

Saint Michael – Aug. 28, 5:00pm

Ambassadors Kevin Williamson
Amy Williamson
Server Abby Williamson
Lector Jeff Schumaker
EMOHC Alex Siebenauler

Saint Mary– Sunday Aug. 29, 9:00 am

Rosary Dave & Mary Gutschalk
Server Carlie Foos
Cantor Nick Foos
Lector Jeanine Van Der Laar
Communion Larry Kosakowski
Sue Kosakowski
Ambassadors Jeff Foos
Erin Foos
Count Dave & Mary Gutschalk
Clean Mary Gutschalk

Saint Michael Sunday Aug. 29, 11:00 am

Ambassadors Maria Porteous
Niki Smith
Server Gretchen Kaiser
Lector Becca Kaiser
EMOHC Chris Lau



Please remember in prayer:

Alicia Casselman, Sister Maria Miguel, Jim Steinmetz, Larry Elchert, 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 words of the "Serenity Prayer" echo in my heart and mind right now as I strive to, with God's help, "accept the things I cannot change." We can each do our part, however, and I hope the three suggestions to which I challenge myself might also be helpful to you. To close, I offer the words of the Church, provided in the form of the collect for refugees and exiles to help center us and guide our prayer to the Most High for those most in need now.

O Lord, to whom no one is a stranger
and from whose help no one is ever distant,
look with compassion on refugees and exiles,
on segregated persons and on lost children;
restore them, we pray, to a homeland,
and give us a kind heart for the needy and for strangers.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

This coming week Mike Dazley and the rest of the Permeant Deaconate class will be on retreat, to get ready for ordination. Let us kindly surround Mike, along with all his classmates and their families with prayer. (See today's insert)

Save the Date for both our Parishes , Sunday, September 19th 1-4pm. We are going to celebrate Mike Dazley's Ordination to the Deaconate. The celebration will be at White Star Barn. Our parishes will provide, meat, desserts, drinks and paper products. Please bring a side dish to share. It would help us if you RSVP to either parish office with a number of people that plan to come, by September 10th.



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...



Adoration at Our Lady of Consolation in Carey
You are invited to Eucharist Adoration every second Sunday of the month from 6-8 pm in Shrine Park. Bring a folding chair and enjoy the sun setting over Jesus. Additionally, there is Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm in the Original Shrine Church, next to the gift shop.

From the desk of Patti Wasserman...

Family Catechesis



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 using the 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. The cost is \$50 per family (not per child) with a \$30 Sacramental fee for students in 2nd Grade (Reconciliation and First Communion), 7th and 8th Grade (Confirmation). These fees can be paid in person at the parish office, online via our webpage or put in an envelope marked "Faith Formation Attn: Patti" Please contact me with any questions or concerns in registering your family.



<httpsform.jotform.com/202593442888062>

There is a new Facebook Group Page for Toledo Catholic Young Adults! This ministry is for those ages 18-39 years old, and can include single people, married couples, and married couples with young children.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/174565635954200>

Here's an event coming up soon to check out!

COME JOIN US FOR

THEOLOGY ON TAP

feat. Fr. Phil Smith

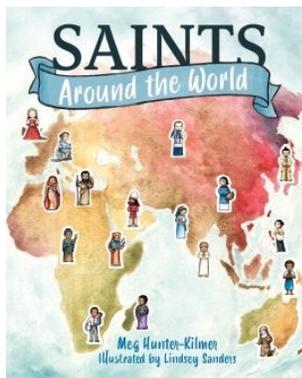
"THAT THEY MAY BE ONE"
The Eucharist & Christian Unity

Tuesday, August 31

Social hour at 6, event from 7-9
Ages 21-39

Patrón Saints Brewery

4730 W Bancroft St #8,
Toledo, OH 43615



Mark Your Calendar!
Family Formation Kick-Off
October 17, 2021 @ 4:00pm
Saint Michael Parish Center
Join Meg Hunter-Kilmer
Catholic Author, Speaker
Storyteller and Hobo for Christ
as she shares stories of some
known and many unknown
Saints who will intercede for us
if we would just ask!

Get to know Meg by following her on
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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. I'd like to send Justin a donation to help cover the cost of "Courage" the Lion keyrings which has a QR Code to his music for FREE!. If anyone would like to contribute a dollar or two to this fund, place your donation in an envelope marked "I Am Courageous", Attn: Patti in the collection basket or drop off to either parish office. Together we can make a difference in a young child's life!



Our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes were dropped off this week and are sitting in my office ready to be filled! Every time I look at them, or have to walk around them, I stop for a minute and say a prayer for not only the child that will receive the box, but the person who will be filling the box too. As I was working on the bulletin, I happened to glance towards my window and saw the boxes sitting there. I had a vision of all the hands that have already touched these boxes; the workers in the plant in Indiana that produced our boxes, the volunteers who drove them to Gibsonburg, my friend's husband who turned his workshop into a drop off site and helped unload the boxes and my friend who delivered them to my office. This isn't even mentioning all those hands that will touch the boxes once they have been filled and sent on their way to the child God has already chosen to receive each box! I ordered 200 boxes this year, let pass our goal of 150!!