

Weekly Calendar

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

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
Monday, August 30	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
Tuesday, August 31	7:00 am 5:00 pm 5:45-6:00pm 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Barb Hammer</i> +	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church Saint Michael Church Saint Mary Church
Wednesday, Sept. 1	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Carolyn Davidson</i> +	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
Thursday, Sept. 2	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Rose Stevens</i> +	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Friday, Sept. 3	7:00 am 8:30am 9:15 –9:45am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Holy Souls, Elsie Nuhfer</i> +	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church
Saturday, Sept. 4	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass — <i>Robert Vela</i> +	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Sunday, Sept. 5	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass— <i>Bob and Jean Wonderly</i> +	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church  Saint Mary-Millersville Saint Michael Church

Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary August 22, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$1,965.00
Loose Offering	\$479.72
Festival Substitute	\$200.00

Saint Michael Aug 21, 22, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$1,878.00
Loose Offering	\$30.00
Special Improvements	\$210.00
Cemetery	\$140.00
Assumption of Mary	\$100.00

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



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.

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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 29, 2021 + Twenty –Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint *Mary*
MILLERSVILLE



Saint *Michael*
GIBSONBURG

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let us continue our reflection on the Mass, picking up where we left off two weeks ago, when we had begun our review of the Eucharistic Prayer, beginning with the preface, prayed aloud by the priest presider, as well as the assembly's response in the form of the *Sanctus*, which is Latin for "Holy."

It is important to note that the entire Eucharistic Prayer is addressed to God the Father, together with God the Son, in the unity of God the Holy Spirit, which is evident in the concluding doxology, which we'll cover in the next article or the one thereafter. Therefore, following the singing of the *Sanctus*, the priest presider says, "To you, therefore, most merciful Father..." (Eucharistic Prayer I), or "You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness..." (Eucharistic Prayer II), or "You are indeed Holy, O Lord..." (Eucharistic Prayer III), or "We give you praise, Father most holy, for you are great..." (Eucharistic Prayer IV). Again, the Trinitarian structure, explained above is especially clear in the opening lines of Eucharistic Prayer III: "You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy...."

These opening lines continue to praise God for His faithfulness, as was the case in the preface. Eucharistic Prayer II, being the shortest of the ten options in the *Roman Missal*, doesn't waste any time, however, and moves right to the first *epiclesis*, which is an element for our consideration today. The *epiclesis* is an invocation of the Holy Spirit, in this case, over the sacrificial elements of bread and wine. While the priest presider has been in the *orans* (prayer) position to this point, he extends his hands over the bread and wine, which is a sign of the Holy Spirit. In Eucharistic Prayer II, the *epiclesis* reads: "Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ." As the priest presider says, "Body and Blood," he also makes the Sign of the Cross over the bread and wine.

From the *epiclesis* we move to what is widely referred to as the "consecration," although it is also known as the Institution narrative. This is a richer title for this sacred component of the Eucharistic Prayer because we recall the Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist as the priest presider lends his hands and his voice to the Lord Jesus, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you," and "Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me."

The words of Institution are the exact same regardless of which of the ten Eucharistic Prayers contained in the *Roman Missal* is used at Mass. The one exception is a slight deviation in the words of Institution for the Precious Blood in the three Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children. At the end, in order to be clear that these are the words of Jesus, and not of the priest, the priest presider says, "Then he said to them: do this in memory of me."

The text before these words of consecration tells us the story of the Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, and are composed slightly differently in each of the Eucharistic Prayers. All in all, they remind us that, "at the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples..." And, "in a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples...." (Eucharistic Prayer II).

After holding the Precious Body and Precious Blood before the people, the priest presider then genuflects, following the consecration of both the bread and the wine, out of reverence for the Most Blessed Sacrament now on the altar before

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

Saint Michael – Sept. 4, 5:00pm

Ambassadors Jerry Wasserman
Patti Wasserman
Server Volunteer
Lector Caitlin Dazley
EMOHC Sue Keamming

Saint Mary– Sunday Sept. 5, 9:00 am

Rosary Bill Ochs
Server Grant Scherger
Cantor Lucas Hammer
Lector Sally Wilhelm
Communion Patrick Hoepf
Mark Foos
Ambassadors Amber Hoffman
Neil Hoffman
Count Neil and Wanda Hoffman
Clean Anita Moffett

Saint Michael Sunday Sept. 5, 11:00 am

Ambassadors Dave Estep
Erin Estep
Server Evie Estep
Annie Wellons
Lector Pam Mendoza
EMOHC Maria Porteous



Please remember in prayer:

Loren LaVoy, 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

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him. He then announces to the people: “The mystery of faith,” to which the people respond with one of three options for the Memorial Acclamation, each recalling the saving power of Jesus’ Death and Resurrection, which we experience in the Most Holy Eucharist.

To conclude, let me reflect with you about the ringing of bells at the epiclesis and Institution narrative. There is no requirement that bells be rung at these sacred moments. In fact, this was not the practice of the Church for the longest time. However, while the Mass was still prayed in Latin, the ringing of bells at these most sacred moments was introduced to alert the worshipping assembly who: 1) did not understand Latin, and 2) were often praying a devotional of some kind at this time to now get refocused and pay attention.

There is no mention of the ringing of bells in the *Roman Missal* because full, active, conscious participation would suggest we are attuned to the Mystery of Faith before us. However, some priests argue that the bells help engage our senses when our minds do wander. My practice is to maintain the custom of the ringing of bells at parishes that do use them, and I will not introduce them at parishes that do not use them. Since they were already in place upon my arrival here, we have therefore maintained the custom previously established at our two parishes.

Well, now we’re halfway through the Eucharistic Prayer; more to come next time!

Pray well and God bless!

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

Please mark your calendars as we join together to offer a novena for Mike Dazley and his fellow candidates for the Order of Deacon, nine days before their ordination on Saturday, September 18. We'll have a prayer text available in next week's bulletin, which we can pray in union with one another from September 9-17.



Save the Date for both our Parishes , Sunday, September 19th 1-4pm. We are going to celebrate Mike Dazley’s Ordination to the Diaconate. 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.

For those who would like to honor Mike’s ordination with a gift we invite you to contact Reger’s Church Supplies at 419-474-4740 where has a gift registry, or talk to Fr. Scott.

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>

Family Faith Formation Dates PreK-6th Grade

We will be offering two different times per month for families to participate and pick up their family packets. The first Sunday of each month after mass at Saint Mary in the hall and the first Wednesday of each month at Saint Michael in the Parish Center. We will begin each session all together, then the children will go off to their classrooms and parents will stay to learn what they will be teaching/sharing with their children the next three weeks at home.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3rd-Packet Pick up/Class
@ Saint Mary after mass 10:15am-11:30am

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6th Packet Pick up/Class
@ Saint Michael 6:30pm-7:45pm

SUNDAY OCTOBER 17th-Family Formation Kick-Off
with Meg Hunter-Kilmer for all parishioners
@ Saint Michael Parish Center 4:00-6:00pm we will
have a pizza party following the presentation

CONFIRMATION PREP KICK-OFF

SATURDAY OCTOBER 2nd @ Saint Wendelin
With NET Ministries time TBA



With great power comes great responsibility! At Confirmation, the grace of Pentecost is unleashed and we receive greater access to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. God can do incredible things with us if we are open to His action. How will your life look different when living in the power of the Holy Spirit? Come find out!

High School Youth Ministry

We haven't forgot about YOU!
Watch for more info in the coming weeks!
The National Catholic Youth Conference
November 18-21, 2021



ALL ARE INVITED

Family Faith Formation Kick-Off
October 17, 2021 @ 4:00pm
Saint Michael Parish Center
Join Meg Hunter-Kilmer
Catholic Author, Speaker
Storyteller and Missionary Hobo

Find Meg on Social Media

Instagram @mhunterkilmer

Facebook @ Meg Hunter-Kilmer-Speaker

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[Her websites: www.piercedhands.com](http://www.piercedhands.com)

www.saintsaroundtheworld.com



Thank you to everyone who donated funds to the "I AM COURAGEOUS" ministry. We were able to help the Justin Graves Family Ministry purchase more Courage Lion keyrings that include a QR Code to his music (the music we used at VBS this year). Their goal is to help calm nerves, ease pain, lift spirits and bring smiles to children and their families facing incredibly difficult challenges. Your donation will help them do just that!

Diocese of Toledo Young Adults!

There is a new ministry for those ages 18-39 years old, which includes and reaches out to single people, married couples, and couples with young children.

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

TAP INTO YOUR FAITH



Tuesday August 31st

Patron Saints Brewery
4730 W. Bancroft Street, Toledo

Featuring Father Phil Smith
That They May All Be One
The Eucharist and Christian Unity
Social Hour 6pm, Event from 7-9pm