

Weekly Calendar

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

Saturday, Dec. 25 Nativity of the Lord	7:00 am 10:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>Pat Woods+</i> , <i>Carlos</i> , and <i>Robert Mancha+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church  Saint Michael Church
Sunday, Dec. 26	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 & Roger Haubert+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church  Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Monday, Dec. 27	7:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg
Tuesday, Dec. 28	7:00 am 5:00 pm 5:45-6:00pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>Emil Konesky+</i> Reconciliation	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Wednesday, Dec. 29	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>Lucille Darr+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church
Thursday, Dec. 30	7:00 am 8:30 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>Fr. Elmer Wurth, MM+</i>	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Michael Church
Friday, Dec. 31	7:00 am 8:30 am 9:15-9:45 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>Theresa Sloma+</i> Reconciliation	 Saint Michael-Gibsonburg Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church
Saturday, Jan. 1 Mary Mother of God Epiphany of the Lord	7:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>Zeno Wasserman+</i> Reconciliation Mass– <i>Ron Underwood+</i>	 Saint Mary and Saint Michael Saint Mary Church Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church
Sunday, Jan. 2	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer with Mike Mass– <i>Marvis Wells+</i> Mass– <i>For the People of Our Parishes</i>	 Saint Mary and Saint Michael Saint Mary Church Saint Michael Church  Saint Michael-Gibsonburg

Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary Dec. 19, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$8025.00
Loose Offering	\$206.00
Christmas	\$350.00
Retired Religious	\$115.00
Religious Education	\$100.00
Human Development	\$100.00

Saint Michael Dec. 11-12, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$4836.00
Loose	\$233.00
Special Improvements	\$950.00
Retired Religious	\$75.00
Christmas	\$795.00
Youth Ministry	\$500.00
Immaculate Conception	\$100.00

Saint Michael Dec. 18-19, 2021

Sunday Offering	\$3234.15
Loose	\$286.00
Christmas	\$1160.00
Immaculate Conception	\$35.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$30.00
Special Improvements	\$50.00
Religious Retirement	\$80.00
Food Pantry	\$195.00
Cemetery	\$27.00



If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion from the Sunday Eucharist, please contact either parish office so arrangements may be made.

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December 25, 2021 + The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord



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Connected as the Body of Christ, we reverence the presence of God in each person and nurture disciples at every age, to live the Gospel with Christian charity and zeal.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome and Merry Christmas!

Today, the Church rejoices in the love of God revealed by the Birth of Jesus. We give thanks that we matter so much to the Lord that He cared enough to give the human family a second chance; that He placed in motion a plan of salvation for our benefit; that His plan sought our good, even if it meant His Son leaving Heaven to become one like us in all things but sin; that His love had no limits, as demonstrated by the outstretched arms of Jesus on the Cross. If that doesn't give us reason to rejoice, what could?

Of course, this is only the beginning of Christmas, and the Christmas Season, which is all about God's revelation, will draw to a close on January 9. This Sunday, the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, giving thanks for family life – as messy as it is – made holy by the Son of God's place and participation in a family. On New Year's Day, the octave (eighth) day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, giving thanks for the maternal care she gave her Son, which also extends to each of us since we are brothers and sisters in Christ. On January 2, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, giving thanks for the revelation that Jesus is the Savior of the whole world, and not only a particular group of people. The Christmas Season concludes with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, observed this year on January 9, when we see how the Beloved Son of God makes water holy by entering it and providing us an example to follow through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We have much to celebrate, including how God is working in each one of us. Please know you are always welcome here. You belong. You are members of Christ's Body, and together we are the Body of Christ, the Church, imperfect as we are, sinners though we are, always in need of God's grace, which we receive most beautifully in Word and Sacrament.

On behalf of the staff of our two parishes, I wish you a happy, healthy, and holy Christmas Day and Season, as we continue to experience the unfolding of God's great love for us in Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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



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

Saint Mary – Jan. 1, 9:00 am New Year's Day

Rosary	Jim and Betty Hoffman
Server	Grant Scherger
Cantor	Maria Reinhart
Lector	Bill Ochs
Communion	Terri Reinhart
Ambassadors	Roger Wasserman Barb Wasserman

Saint Michael– Jan. 1, 5:00pm Epiphany of the Lord

Ambassadors	Jerry Wasserman
Server	Volunteer
Lector	Robert Valle
EMOHC	Deb Kirwen

Saint Mary– Sunday Jan. 2, 9:00 am

Rosary	Pat and Gus Miller
Server	Garrett Moffett
Cantor	Olivia Reinhart
Lector	Rae Lyn Hoepf
Communion	Rebecca Rich
Ambassadors	Terri Reinhart Jeanine Van Der Laar
Count	Harold & Eileen Foes
Clean	Volunteers

Saint Michael Sunday Jan. 2, 11:00 am

Ambassadors	Dave Estep Erin Estep
Server	Andrew Spieldenner
Lector	Chris Lau
EMOHC	Verna Konesky

SACRAMENTS

Baptism - Please contact Dcn. Mike for information and to schedule, which for first-time parents includes an orientation to the Sacrament.

Confirmation - The normative time for Confirmation in the Diocese of Toledo is eighth grade. Please contact Patti Wasserman for more information.

Reconciliation - Fr. Scott is available after Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays, as well as following the morning Mass on First Saturdays, or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick - Please contact Fr. Scott if you or a family member are critically ill, preparing for surgery, or are of advanced age and in need of this Sacrament. In case of an emergency outside of office hours, please press '8' when prompted by the automated phone system.

Matrimony - The Church requires couples to contact their parish at least six months before they hope to marry. Please be aware that we cannot set a wedding date until a couple's freedom to marry has been determined. Annulments, when necessary, may require up to 18 months to resolve.

Holy Orders - Anyone interested in a vocation to priesthood, the diaconate, or religious life should speak with Fr. Scott or Dcn. Mike.



Living Christ

Diocese of Toledo

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Diocese of Toledo's Living Christ Campaign. Because of your gracious generosity, Saint Michael has pledged a total of \$236,500, which is 105% of our \$225,000 goal, and Saint Mary has pledged a total of \$259,500, which is 121% of our \$215,000 goal, which is the highest percentage of goal of any parish at this time. Congratulations!

Please stay tuned if you have not yet received information about Living Christ, and remember that up to goal, our parishes received 35% of whatever was pledged. Now that both parishes have surpassed our set goals, they will receive 50% of whatever is pledged going forward. Thank you for your openness and generosity!



After several years of kindly and generously removing the snow from the Saint Michael parking lot, Jeff Reed has informed us that he will be unable to do so this year. Firstly, we want to publicly thank Jeff for faithfully undertaking this vital work for the good of our parish at no cost to us. Secondly, we would like to know if there is someone who is able and willing to pick up where Jeff has left off by performing this necessary service for the good of the parish. If so, please contact Fr. Scott by phone or email as soon as possible.

Please remember in prayer: Paul Naderer, Michelle Schaser, Susie Bricker, Helen Reineck, Loren LaVoy, Sister Maria Miguel, Jim Steinmetz, Virginia, Larry and Mary Ann 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.

Collect: *Christmas Mass During the Day*

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity
of human nature
and still more wonderfully restored it,
grant, we pray,
that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen



From the desk of Patti Wasserman...



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Advent Angel Tree this Advent Season. The gifts under the tree in the vestibule of Saint Michael filled a quarter of the area!

I had the pleasure of meeting up with Mrs. Brianna Gosche, the advisor of the newly formed Bears Club (formerly S.A.D.D.) in Gibsonburg High School, along with a few members this past Wednesday.

They came to gather all the donated items that will be put in the "Bears Den", a room in the school library dedicated to housing these items to be given to students in need. Churches in the area dropped off binders, folders, feminine products, toiletries, band-aids, Q-tips, socks, hair ties, snacks and much more.



I shared with the girls what a wonderful thing they were doing for their peers. As a matter of fact, I told them Jesus had to be smiling from ear to ear watching them load up the car. They looked at me not knowing what I meant. I said, "You are doing exactly what Jesus asks all of us to do... to serve the poor, the

downtrodden and all those in need. When we serve the least among us, we are serving Him."



"Dorothy Day and The Holy Family of the Streets."

My favorite artist at the moment (besides my son Troy!) is Iconographer Kelly Latimore. His newest icon depicts Dorothy Day, co-founder of The Catholic Worker Movement, welcoming a family into the Maryhouse on 3rd Ave. in New York City. Kelly says, "This Christmas let us remember the poor, the sick, the dying, the grieving, the unemployed, those unable to pay rent this week, the homeless, those persecuted simply because of their race, gender, sexual orientation, creed, or nationality, the unjustly imprisoned, the refugee, and the immigrant. To dismiss the image of God in anyone is a complete denial of the incarnation." This reminds me of my mom's favorite Gospel story, Matthew 25:31-40, thanks for sharing Mom.

To me this is what Christmas is all about. It is a time of God showing His great love for us and through us. Christmas can be a time of healing and renewed strength. After all, the true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of God's ultimate gift: the birth of Jesus, the Christ child! We are all innkeepers who decide if there is room for Jesus in our hearts. Let the Bears Club be an example for us as we serve Him well this Christmas Season and beyond!

Family Catechesis



Family Faith Formation Pre K-8th Grade

Wednesday January 5th @ Saint Michael 6:30-7:45pm

Sunday January 9th @ Saint Mary 10:15-11:30am

High School Youth Ministry Mark Your Calendar!



You are invited to High School Youth Group, Sunday, January 23, 2022, 5:00 pm at Saint Michael Parish Center bring a friend, eat, have fun & deepen your faith.

Sacramental Prep First Reconciliation

A meeting for both students and parents will take place Wednesday January 19th at 6:30pm in Saint Michael Parish Center.

Dragon Slayer Retreat with Dr. John Wood and Family for parents and students February 12th 9:00am-Noon at Saint Wendelin in Fostoria

Confirmation

A meeting with parents and students in 7th & 8th grade will take place Sunday January 23rd at 6:00pm in Saint Mary Hall/Basement



Saint Mary and Saint Michael Catholic Parishes

Beginning January 1, we will be combining our Facebook pages. The new Facebook page will be Saint Mary and Saint Michael Catholic Parishes. The existing pages will not be deleted, but there will be no new posts after the first of the year.



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