

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, February 26

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike [f](#)
5:00 pm- Mass *Fr. Ray Fisher+*
@ GB Church

SUNDAY, February 27

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike [f](#)
9:00 am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*
@ MV Church

11:00am- Mass *Robert Vela+*
@ GB Church [f](#)

5:30 pm Bakery Bingo @ MV Hall

MONDAY, February 28

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike [f](#)

TUESDAY, March 1

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike [f](#)
5:00 pm- Mass *Patricia Magrum+*
@GB Church

7:00 pm- Rosary for Our Nation @ MV Church

WEDNESDAY, March 2, Ash Wednesday

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike [f](#)
8:30 am- Mass *Bob & Jean Wonderly+*
@MV Church

7:00 pm- Mass *Leonard Reino+* @GB Church

THURSDAY, March 3

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike [f](#)
8:30 am- Mass *Judy Miller+* @ GB Church

FRIDAY, March 4, First Friday

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike [f](#)
8:30 am- Mass *Andy Wonderly+*
@ MV Church

Adoration after Mass until 10:30am

7:00 pm- Stations of the Cross
@ MV Church

SATURDAY, March 5, First Saturday

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike [f](#)
8:30 am- Mass *Peace* @ GB Church
9:15-11:00am-Reconciliation @GB Church
5:00 pm- Mass *Georgia Partner+*
@ GB Church

SUNDAY, March 6

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike [f](#)
9:00 am- Mass *Don Davies+*
@ MV Church [f](#)

10am-12:30pm Brunch @ GB Parish Center
11:00am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*
@ GB Church

MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint Michael

Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary Feb. 20, 2022

Sunday	\$2395.00
Loose	\$80.00
Retired Religious	\$25.00
Eastern Europe	\$40.00

Saint Michael Feb. 19-20, 2022

Sunday	\$2260.00
Loose	\$195.00
Cemetery	\$72.00
Special Improv.	\$332.00
Food Pantry	\$25.00
Eastern Europe	\$120.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00



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 \$383,220, which is 170% of our \$225,000 goal, Saint Mary has pledged a total of \$351,680, which is 164% of our \$215,000 goal. Now that both parishes have surpassed our set goals, they will receive 50% of whatever is pledged going forward. Since commitment weekend, an increase of participation is up. Saint Michael's has 58 families that have participated and Saint Mary has 62 families that have participated. Thank you for your openness and generosity!

Make your calendars for our Combined Parishes,
Lenten Mini Retreat

Wednesday, March 16th, 2022 at Saint Mary Hall

6:00pm Soup Supper following Supper, Bishop Daniel Thomas will be our guest speaker.



Lenten Study

Sunday, March 13 - April 10 Fr. Michael Gaitley will lead us on a video journey that combines history, Scripture, prophecy and personal sacrifice to show God's MERCIFUL DESIRE FOR YOU! Divine Mercy--The Second Greatest Story Ever Told--A dramatic video journey. Potluck at 5:30pm followed by video and discussion beginning at 6:15pm. All are welcome!

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Saint *Michael*
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February 27, 2022 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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,

You may have heard the story of a well-intentioned priest in the Diocese of Phoenix, whose baptismal formula invalidated the Sacrament of Baptism for many people there. The priest, when baptizing, said, "We baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Just one word, the very first word my brother priest proclaimed, prompted the Bishop of Phoenix to draft a letter that asks anyone who was baptized by this particular priest to contact their parish since they will likely need to be baptized again.

You may be thinking this is ridiculous; after all, it's just one word, and it's not even the "essential" words of "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." There are many people upset about the Church's response to this, calling the Church out of touch and out of focus, and that God's grace is not limited by us. And yet, sisters and brothers, as I've preached to you from the ambo many, many times, words matter in our Catholic Christian tradition, as reflected by a guiding principle of Catholic worship: *lex orandi, lex credenda* – the law of praying is the law of believing.

Let's take a look at this particular incident. You know that the priest presider acts *in persona Christi capitatis* – in the person of Christ the Head of the Body – (Col 1:18) when celebrating the Sacraments. When the priest presider announces, "...this is my Body, which will be given up for you," he is lending his voice to the Lord Jesus; it is Christ saying to all of us, as He said at the Last Supper, "This is *my* Body," and "This is *my* Blood." And so, in Baptism, since Christ Jesus is the author of all seven Sacraments, the celebrant lends His voice to the Lord Jesus, who says to the elect, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." In other words, "We baptize you..." cannot be correct because it is not the Church who baptizes; rather, the Church faithfully dispenses the Sacraments in the name of her Lord, as commanded by Him to do.

Truly, Christ baptizes, for Baptism is the mystical entry into the very life of Christ – through His Death and Resurrection – which happens through the pouring of or immersion with water, accompanied by the sacramental formula. It's a reminder to us also that each of the Sacraments is composed of form and matter. In Eucharist, the form is the aforementioned words of institution from Jesus, and the matter is unleavened bread and grape wine. In Baptism, then, the matter is water, and the form is the baptismal formula given by Jesus in Matthew 28:19, and since He gives it, and it's His command that we baptize, we do so in His Name, thus, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

There's a saying that Deacon Mike and I learned as part of our formation in sacramental theology and our sacramental practicums: "Say the black. Do the red." This refers to the text in the liturgical books we use in any of the Church's rituals, for what we are to say is printed in black, and what we are to do (arms outstretched, hands joined, etc.) is printed in red. This is so because the Mass and the Sacraments and other rituals do not belong to the celebrant. While I may think there is a better word or phrase, it is not mine to alter; it doesn't belong to Scott Woods, it belongs to the Church, and I am humbled by the privilege to make Christ present through the ministry of the Church (Mt 16:18-19).

Having celebrated the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle this past Tuesday, let us give thanks for the apostolic faith which serves to "guard, unite and govern" (Eucharistic Prayer I) the Church still, and empowered by sacramental grace, let us continue to proclaim Christ Crucified and Risen.

Your brother in our common Baptism,

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

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

Saint Michael- March 2, 7:00pm Ash Wednesday

Ambassadors	Dave & Erin Estep
Server	Evie Estep
Lector	Dee Jones
EMOHC	Hank Reineck

Saint Michael- Saturday March 5, 5:00pm

Ambassadors	Paul Makulinski, Gerry Williams
Lector	Deb Dazley
EMOHC	Deb Kirwen

Saint Mary- Sunday March 6, 9:00 am

Rosary	Jim & Betty Hoffman
Server	Macey Kohler
Cantor	Joe Rich
Lector	Andy Rich
Communion	
Ambassadors	Jeff & Erin Foos
Count	Roger & Barb Wasserman
Clean	Volunteers

Saint Michael Sunday March 6, 11:00 am

Ambassadors	Dave & Erin Estep
Server	Evie Estep
Lector	Pam Mendoza
EMOHC	Verna Konesky



Please remember in prayer:

Deacon Rene Gonzalez, Nancy Hoffman, Mary Reineck, Tina (DiFonso) French, Rosie Neeb, Paul Naderer, Michelle Schaser, Susie Bricker, Helen Reineck, Loren LaVoy, Sister Maria Miguel, Virginia, Larry and Mary Ann Elchert, Christi Holman, 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.



Baptismal Prep Class for parents and godparents as they prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism for their children. Class will begin at 12:30pm 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 class. Upcoming classes: March 13 at Saint Michael, April 3 at Saint Mary



Aiden Foos is partnering with Operation Gratitude who sends care packages to deployed troops, veterans, new recruits, and first responders. We are asking that as part of your Lenten activities you consider making cards, letters, and/or drawings for the care packages. There will be a box in the back of Saint Mary and Saint Michael's churches until Easter to collect these. There are papers in the back of the church with the guidelines for your letters. You can email Aiden's mom with questions, at tracyfoos@gmail.com. A little gratitude goes a long way, so thank you for helping us support those who serve!



Bakery Bingo Sunday, February 27, 5:30 pm in Saint Mary Hall. Have supper at Bakery Bingo, there will be pizza by the slice for sale along with pop and water to purchase for supper. Bingo will be \$1 per card for all night play. Baked goods are the prizes, all are welcome to bring baked goods. We play until the baked goods run out. Proceeds go to Water for Life.



**Knights of Columbus Brunch
Sunday, March 6th, 2022**

at Saint Michael Parish Center
10:00 am- 12:30 pm Scrambled eggs, sausage, and pancakes Ages 10 and over \$8.00, Ages 4-10 is \$6.00, 3 and under eat free. *Proceeds will go toward Pro-Life Causes.*



From the desk of Patti Wasserman...
I will be out of the office this week and will return on Ash Wednesday.

Family Faith Formation
Pre K-6th Grade

MV Sunday March 6th
GB Wednesday March 9th

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Prep Classes



7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Prep Classes
will be taking place twice a month so we are able to cover all the needed materials.

MV Saint Mary on Sunday 10:15-11:30am

March 6th-The Chosen Episode 5
March 20th- The Chosen Episode 6

GB Saint Michael on Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm

March 2nd-The Chosen Episode 3
(6-7pm, Ash Wednesday before Mass)
March 16th-The Chosen Episode 4
March 23rd-The Chosen Episode 5
March 30th-The Chosen Episode 6

8th Grade Decision Point Confirmation Retreat
March 11-13, 2022



An informational parent/student meeting will be held on March 6th at 1:00pm in Saint Michael Parish Center. Paperwork and fee can be turned in at this time. Cost is \$100 which include your room, bus ride down and all meals. Do not let the price hold you back from attending, scholarships are available. Please contact Patti with any questions or concerns.

High School Youth Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 27, 5:00pm at Saint Michael Parish Center. Come be fed, physically, and spiritually, and have fun getting to know more people. Bring a friend!



Some lively games were played at the last meeting, on Feb. 20th. Make plans to join in on the fun March 27.



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Extension of the Online Survey for The Preparatory Phase of the Synod on

Synodality The diocesan online survey for The Preparatory Phase of the Synod on Synodality has been extended and will be available until March 31st. On that date, the survey will be taken down so that results can be compiled to prepare a final report to be presented to the USCCB. Individuals can access the survey by going to the website, reconnecttoledo.org. Click on the "Synodality" link at the top of the page to access the videos and take the survey. Participants may fill out as much of the survey as they wish. Some have asked if they must fill out the entire survey for it to be included in final results. Fill out as much of the survey as you want, and all information will be taken into account to complete the final 10-page diocesan report. Thank you for your participation.

Mardi Gras: Prepare your Heart for Lent

Get on FORMED watch The Augustine Institute Show, Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00pm Dr. Tim Gray will host Sister Miriam as well as other dynamic voices in the Catholic Church today. They will talk about the importance of the New Evangelization and its impact on the future of the church and society.

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SJCC Drama Club will present



Friday, March 4, 7:00pm

Saturday, March 5, 1:00pm and 7:00pm

At the SJCC , 702 Croghan Street, Fremont Ohio

Rosary for Our Nation will be prayed Tuesday, March 1, 7:00pm at Saint Mary Church. All are welcome to pray.