

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, March 5, First Saturday

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
8:30 am- Mass *Peace @ GB Church*  
9:15-11:00am-Reconciliation @GB Church  
5:00 pm- Mass *Georgia Pertner+*  
@ GB Church

### SUNDAY, March 6

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
9:00 am- Mass *Don Davies+*   
@ MV Church  
10am-12:30pm Brunch @ GB Parish Center  
11:00am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*  
@ GB Church

### MONDAY, March 7

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 

### TUESDAY, March 8

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
5:00 pm- Mass *Nancy Hiser+*  
@GB Church

### WEDNESDAY, March 9,

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
8:30 am- Mass *Pete Hohon+*  
@MV Church

### THURSDAY, March 10

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
8:30 am- Mass *Luis & Margartia Mendoza+*  
@ GB Church

### FRIDAY, March 11

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
8:30 am- Mass *Fr. Daniel Zak+*  
@ MV Church  
7:00 pm- Stations of the Cross  
@ GB Church

### SATURDAY, March 12

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
2:00 pm- Kent/Brickner Wedding @ MV  
5:00 pm- Mass *For the People of our Parish*  
@ GB Church

### SUNDAY, March 13

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
9:00 am- Mass *Carolyn Davidson+*  
@ MV Church  
10:00 am- Holy Hour @ GB Church  
11:00am- Mass *Abelardo Saucedo+*  
@ GB Church 

MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint Michael

Facebook page:  
Saint Mary and Saint Michael Catholic Parishes

## Financial Stewardship

### Saint Mary Feb. 27, 2022

Sunday	\$3095.00
Loose	\$60.00
Repair	\$170.00
Ash Wednesday	\$50.00

### Saint Michael Feb. 19-20, 2022

Sunday	\$7457.83
Loose	\$248.00
Cemetery	\$20.00
Special Improv.	\$235.00
Food Pantry	\$165.00
National collection	\$25.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Religious Ed.	\$100.00



## 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, at Saint Mary Parish hall. All are welcome!

### Contact information for Saint Mary (MV) and Saint Michael (GB)

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**Senior Status Deacons:** Deacon George Miller, Deacon Rene Gonzalez

**MV Office Hours:** Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:30am-2:30pm 419-638-3042

**GB Office Hours:** Tues., Wed., Fri., 9:30am-2:00pm 419-637-2255

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MILLERSVILLE



Saint *Michael*  
GIBSONBURG

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Facebook: Saint Mary and Saint Michael Catholic Parishes

## March 6, 2022 First Sunday of Lent

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,

Last weekend, it was announced to the people of Saint Ann and Saint Joseph Catholic Parishes in Fremont that Bishop Daniel E. Thomas has appointed Father Matthew Frisbee as the next pastor of those parishes, effective July 1, 2022. Until then, Deacon Melvin Shell will continue to provide for the day-to-day pastoral care of the people there, and I will remain presbyteral moderator. Given Father Matt's appointment, however, I will begin to withdraw from some of the consultative and oversight role I have exercised thus far so that he can begin to work with Deacon Mel to lay the foundation for his transition from pastor of Saint Mary of the Snows Parish in Mansfield and Resurrection Parish in Lexington, where he currently serves. As those parishes are soon going to be shepherded by the pastor of Saint Peter Parish in Mansfield, due to our Diocese's shortage of priests, Saint Joseph and Saint Ann will receive Father Matt, and we warmly welcome him to our Saint Philomena Deanery!

Many of you have heard through the grapevine that Emma Rose Wasserman died at the age of 95, early in the morning of Monday, February 28, and we celebrated a beautiful Funeral Mass for her on Ash Wednesday at Saint Mary's. As a family member was scheduled for surgery this past Thursday, it was important to the family to celebrate Emma's Funeral Mass when all her children could be physically present, while maintaining a safe environment that would not compromise the possibility of surgery. Emma's family is aware of how loved she was by so many in our community, and I know the decision to proceed with her Funeral Mass quickly was not an easy one. Therefore, they have scheduled a Memorial Mass for Emma on March 19, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Mary's. We certainly hope that this will be a suitable opportunity for Emma's parish family to give thanks to God for her holy life.

The new confessional is coming along beautifully at Saint Michael's, and we owe tremendous gratitude to Tom Kirwen, who has devoted so much time and energy to its construction. I have been impressed with Tom's handiwork and attention to detail since I met him in 2018, but this time he has gone above and beyond, even performing research into how to match the existing trim of the interior wall of the nave, and then producing matching trim for the confessional by hand! Thank you so very much, Tom, for your good work and for all the good work you do to maintain and transform our facilities!

Once construction of the confessional is completed, we will be removing the short pews from the east transept to open some space near the confessional doors, to create additional space for folks who are less mobile, and to accommodate our singers and musicians who lead our liturgical music on the first and third Sundays of the month. Please know we will be keeping the short pews we remove; one will be placed in the sanctuary for the use of altar servers, and the rest will be maintained in the Parish Hall, so we have the option of putting them back in place if that is seen fit at some time. In their place we will be arranging rows of wooden chairs, which you know we already have, and which match the finish of the existing pews that were purchased and installed in the 2004 renovation of the church. The chairs will also create the possibility of a flexible space for our singers and musicians, who will no longer have to crowd into pews, and will have the opportunity to rearrange the chairs in order to face and lead the worshipping assembly. Please know that this decision has been in the works since before the Coronavirus Pandemic and was not unilateral. Rather, it follows consultation with our liturgical musicians, our Maintenance Committee, and the Pastoral Leadership Team, all of whom are supportive of it.

The Gospel for this First Sunday of Lent always tells the story of how Jesus was tempted by Satan over the course of forty days in the desert before the beginning of His public ministry. As Russia escalates its war in Ukraine, I'm tempted

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**Mass Assistants** if you would like to serve in any of these ministries, please contact Kathy Otermat at [kotermat@stmaryandstmichael.org](mailto:kotermat@stmaryandstmichael.org)

**Saint Michael– Saturday March 12, 5:00pm**

Ambassadors	Jerry Wasserman
Server	Mary Ann Meyerholtz
Lector	Robert Valle
EMOHC	Dee Jones

**Saint Mary– Sunday March 13, 9:00 am**

Rosary	Harold & Eileen Foos
Server	Aiden Foos
	Carlie Foos
Cantor	Maria Reinhart
Lector	Lucas Hammer
Communion	
Ambassadors	Nick & Tracy Foos
Count	Greg & Barb Lehman
Clean	Jeff & Erin Foos

**Saint Michael Sunday March 13, 11:00 am**

Ambassadors	Wellons Family
Server	Annie Wellons
Lector	Chris Lau
EMOHC	Natalie Liskai

**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

**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 Tuesday Mass until 6:00pm, and after Friday Mass until 9:45am (or later, if penitents remain past those times). Confessions are also heard after 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. This Sacrament can be received many times throughout one's life, and is not reserved for end of life only.

**Matrimony** - Please contact either parish office at least six months before you hope to marry, and know that a wedding date cannot be set until a couple's freedom to marry has been determined in consultation with Fr. Scott or Dcn. Mike. Annulments, when necessary, may require 18-24 months to resolve.

**Holy Orders** - Please contact Fr. Scott or Dcn. Mike if you feel the Lord may be inviting you to a vocation to the priesthood, the diaconate, or religious life.

**Holy Communion for the Homebound** - Please contact either parish office if you are unable to come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion in your home or care facility.

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to look away, to be ignorant, to be numb, to feel helpless, to despair. As the Body of Christ continues to be crucified through the persecution of His Body – His People – on Earth, may we do all we can by prayer and by cultivating peace in our own relationships to reject the Evil One's attempts to lead us away from Him who is our hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

**Please remember in prayer:**

Deacon Rene Gonzalez, Nancy Hoffman, Mary Reineck, Tina (DiFonso) French, Rosie Neeb, Michelle Schaser, Helen Reineck, Loren LaVoy, Sister Maria Miguel, Virginia, Larry and Mary Ann Elchert, Christi Holman, 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](mailto: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](mailto:tracyfoos@gmail.com). A little gratitude goes a long way, so thank you for helping us support those who serve!

**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...

**Family Faith Formation**

**Pre K-6th Grade**

MV Sunday March 6th  
GB Wednesday March 9th



**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 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!

Dear Parishes,

Thank you for all your prayers during my last surgery and the death of mom. Thank you to Father Scott for the beautiful funeral mass. I pray that someday my prayers to you, help you as yours have Blessed me.

In Gods Love,  
Susie Bricker

Our Deepest Thanks to Father Scott for the beautiful, inspirational Mass, the choir for singing Don's Favorite Hymns and to all who sent prayers, thoughts, cards and memorials. Everything very much appreciated.

God bless all of you,  
The Don Haubert Family



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Opens Monday, March 7th

Call 419-332-5124 for more information. Scholarships available for incoming students in Grades K-12

**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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://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 in to account to complete the final 10-page diocesan report. Thank you for your participation.



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There are many good things to watch or listen to for Lent.

**Get signed up with FORMED**

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
2. Select our parishes by entering zip code use 43431
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED!

**Fish Fries**

**St. Boniface**, 215 N. Church St., Oak Harbor, Drive Thru Only \$13. March 11, 4-7pm

Helena VFD Drive Thru and Dine In , March 11, 5-7pm

\$15 Fish/Fries & Cole Slaw  
\$13 Shrimp/Fries & Cole Slaw  
\$15 Combo Fish & Shrimp

Hungry Bear Diner, 948 St. Main St. Gibsonburg  
March 11, 11am-2pm and 5-7pm

Fish Sandwiches \$5.50, 4 Piece Fish Dinner with Fries or Tator tots and one side \$9.99



**Thank you to all that came out for Bakery Bingo.** A Fun evening was had by all. \$309 was raised for Water for Life. If anyone didn't get a chance to participate, and would like to donate toward Water for Life, put your donation in an envelope marked "R.A.S., Water for Life", and R.A.S. will add it to our donation that gets sent.