

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, March 14

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 

TUESDAY, March 15

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
 5:00 pm- Mass *Dave & Patricia Magrum+*
 @GB Church

WEDNESDAY, March 16

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

THURSDAY, March 17

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
 8:30 am- Mass *Pat Woods+, Katherine Ellis+*
 @ GB Church

FRIDAY, March 18

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
 8:30 am- Mass *Living & Deceased of the Joseph and Mary Naderer family+*
 @ MV Church
 7:00 pm- Stations of the Cross
 @ MV Church

SATURDAY, March 19

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
 11:00 am- Memorial Mass for Emma Wasserman @ MV Church
 5:00 pm- Mass *Al Williams+*
 @ GB Church

SUNDAY, March 20

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
 9:00 am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*
 @ MV Church 
 11:00am- Mass *Judy Miller+*
 @ GB Church

MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint Michael

Facebook page:

Saint Mary and Saint Michael Catholic Parishes

Flocknote: text MVGB to 84576

Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary March 6, 2022

Sunday	\$4322.00
Loose	\$115.00
Repair	\$25.00
Ash Wednesday	\$90.00
Home Missions	\$10.00
Eastern Europe	\$12.00

ACA goal \$11326 \$5470.00

Saint Michael March 5-6, 2022

Sunday	\$3304.00
Loose	\$375.00
Cemetery	\$60.00
Special Improv.	\$340.00
Food Pantry	\$165.00
National collections	\$75.00
Religious Ed.	\$50.00
Ash Wednesday	\$848.00
Others	\$40.00

ACA goal \$12959 \$6715.48



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 \$387,270, which is 172% 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. Current participation is; Saint Michael's 62 families and Saint Mary 59 families. Thank you for your openness and generosity.

Our Combined Parishes, Lenten Mini Retreat Wednesday, March 16th, 2022 at Saint Mary Hall

6:00pm Soup Supper, at 7:00pm, we will have Pat Odey Murray as our guest speaker, speaking on the topic of *Lent: A Season of Joy*. You are welcome to bring bread or desserts to share and go with the soup.



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.

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MILLERSVILLE



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March 13, 2022
Second 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,

During my time as a student teacher at Maumee High School, I taught units on the Second World War and the ensuing Cold War. That material, long relegated to the back of my mind, has come running to the forefront these last two and a half weeks as the world has witnessed how unchecked ego and power results in total disregard for anyone and anything but oneself.

The scenes from Ukrainian cities and towns are just devastating. The refugee crisis created by Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine is difficult to comprehend. The humanitarian need is tremendous. And so, it's time for followers of Jesus Christ Liberator to help.

Prayer

Firstly, let us pray mightily. As you've heard me say several times now, Saint Michael the Archangel is the patron of the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv. We will continue to invoke his intercession and protection for the Ukrainian people at the end of Mass *daily* rather than on Sundays alone for the time being. Additionally, at the Lord's Day Masses these past few weeks, we have begun to chant the *Salve, Regina* following the recitation of the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel. As we sing, "Hail, Holy Queen," let us implore the powerful intercession and holy protection of she who is Queen of Peace since she gave birth to the One who is our lasting peace.

Fasting

Secondly, let us cultivate peace within our own relationships. Let us be less egotistical, less selfish, less judgmental, less divisive, and so fast from those forces that tear down holy disciples, holy families, and holy vocations. While we as individuals may feel helpless to do anything about what we see on television or online, remember what Saint James writes, "Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members?" (Jas 4:1). Our conscious decision to be genuine peacemakers who listen to one another – including those different than us – and really try to understand and love others who are similarly made in the image and likeness of God will cultivate peace, and that will have a ripple effect in our communities, our nation, and our world.

Almsgiving

Thirdly, Catholic Relief Services, the international humanitarian agency of the Church in the United States, is mobilizing to help provide for the unfathomable needs of the Ukrainian people. I know we've been appealing to your generosity in so many ways in recent months, and I thank you again for your kind and generous hearts. And I know we're all dealing with the realities of inflation and soaring gas prices in the wake of Russian injustice, and yet there's a people across the ocean who wish they were only affected by relatively expensive gasoline. So, if you would like to support the Ukrainian people with the gift of your treasure as part of your Lenten almsgiving, here are some options:

Donate online at <https://catholiccharitiesnwo.org>, noting Ukraine Relief as your donation designation.

Mail a check to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604. In the memo line, please designate Ukraine Relief as the reason for your donation.

Place your donation in the baskets that will be in the entryways of our churches next Sunday, March 20.

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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

Saint Michael– Saturday March 19, 5:00pm

Ambassadors	Paul Makulinski Gerry Williams
Server	Mary Ann Myerholtz
Lector	Braysen Huff
EMOHC	Sue Keamming

Saint Mary– Sunday March 20, 9:00 am

Rosary	Pat Miller
Server	Grant Scherger
Cantor	Olivia Reinhart
Lector	Rae Lyn Hoepf
Communion	
Ambassadors	Roger & Barb Wasserman
Count	Harold & Eileen Foes
Clean	Mary Gutschalk

Saint Michael Sunday March 20, 11:00 am

Ambassadors	Wellons Family
Server	Annie Wellons
Lector	Cindy Hammer
EMOHC	Chris Lau

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 close, I want to provide you the text of the Collect for Mass in Time of War or Civil Disturbance, which you've heard at the conclusion of the Universal Prayer these last several weeks. It's a beautiful prayer from the *Roman Missal*, which I invite you to add to your own treasury of prayers.

O God, merciful and strong,
who crush wars and cast down the proud,
be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst
and to wipe away all tears,
so that we may all truly deserve to be called your children.
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.

With gratitude for all you'll do to strive to be the blessed peacemakers of which Jesus speaks so lovingly, I am

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. 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.



Save the Date: Ladies Night Out!

Thursday, April 21st
Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center
All St. Mary and St. Michael ladies are welcome. More details will be coming soon!



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!



From the desk of Patti Wasserman...

Pre K-6th Grade

MV Sunday March 6th
GB Wednesday March 9th



7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Prep Classes

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

March 20th- The Chosen Episode 5
April 3rd- 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

2022 Lenten Calendar

WEEK ONE: March 6-13



For children growing up in foster care, birthdays can be a sorrowful reminder of the family they are not celebrating with. Oftentimes, these children travel from home to home with very few possessions. 71% of foster youth report hardly ever

receiving gifts on their birthday. With your help, the Confirmation Candidates hope to collect items to donate to both the Sandusky County and Seneca County Foster Care System and remedy this statistic! The first full week of Lent (March 6-13) our parishes came together to celebrate their precious lives and support the families who care for them by providing donations for "Project Birthday Bag". What goes in the bag you ask??? Cake mix, frosting, foil cake pan, cake decorations, birthday-themed cups/plates/napkins/tablecloth, wrapping paper/gift bags, ribbon, bows, party hats, candles, balloons, crepe paper, invitations, noisemakers, small unwrapped gifts, birthday cards, \$5 Dairy Queen or Fast Food gift card, \$10 Walmart, Target, gift card, etc. The Confirmandi will pick up and deliver the Project Birthday Bag items to each county office on Tuesday, March 14th. Thank you for your generosity!

WEEK TWO: March 13-20



The Bears Den at Gibsonburg Middle and High School provides students with clothing, food and hygiene items so they can have peace of mind and focus on their education. Since the opening of the Bears Den teachers have noticed it helps with students self esteem and the snacks for breakfast help them focus better in the classroom.

Donations needed are umbrellas, kleenex, bottled water, feminine products, toiletries, bandaids, and individually wrapped snacks. Items will be donated to Lakota and Elmwood Schools too.



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Prek-12 Enrollment for 2022-2023

Call 419-332-5124 for more information.

Scholarships available for incoming students in Grades K-12
Kindergarten Round-Up will be Friday, March 25, 2022 Call 419-332-5124 by Friday, March 18, 2022 to reserve your preferred session time.

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 in to account to complete the final 10-page diocesan report. Thank you for your participation.



FORMED PICKS OF THE WEEK



For Little Ones: Learn and pray with Brother Francis. There are four short sessions. Topics include Daily Reflections, A time to Repent, A Time to Give Things Up and Washing Feet.



For Teens: Dream is a series featuring the stories of diverse people from around the globe, who found purpose when they embraced their God-given dream.



Adults: Living Lent as a Family (4-Part Series) Have you ever wanted to live more liturgically but not known how? Formed wants to help all families by providing these discussions on liturgical living during Lent to

be a resource for the Domestic Church—the home.

Our parishes have a FORMED subscription. If you have not set up a free account visit formed.org/signup, put 43431 as your zip code, register with your name and email address, check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED! It is that simple!