

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, March 26

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
9:00-11:00 am- Confessions @ MV
5:00 pm- Mass *Leonard Reino+*@ GB Church

SUNDAY, March 27

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
9:00 am- Mass *Marvis Wells+* @ MV Church
10:15am-Noon Confirmation Retreat
@MV Church
11:00am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*
@ GB Church 
2:00 pm- First Reconciliation @ MV
3:00 pm- Area Penance Service
@ Sacred Heart
5:00 pm- High School Youth @ GB Hall

MONDAY, March 28

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 

TUESDAY, March 29

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
5:00 pm- Mass *Fr. Elmer Wurth, MM+*
@GB Church

WEDNESDAY, March 30

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
8:30 am- Mass *Living and Deceased of the Kistner*
& *Hoepf Families+* @MV Church

THURSDAY, March 31

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
8:30 am- Mass *Fr. Jim Holmer+* @ GB Church

FRIDAY, April 1, First Friday

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
8:30 am- Mass *Lawrence Putt Hoffman+*
@ MV Church
9:15- 10:15am Exposition @ MV Church
7:00 pm- Stations of the Cross @ MV Church

SATURDAY, April 2, First Saturday

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
10:00 am Mass Confirmation @ MV Church
5:00 pm- Mass *Patricia Magrum+* @ GB Church

SUNDAY, April 3

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
9:00 am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*
@ MV Church 
11:00am- Mass *Robert Vela+* @ 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 20, 2022

Sunday	\$2280.00
Loose	\$110.00
Home Mission	\$50.00
Ukraine Relief	\$1079.00

Saint Michael March 19-20, 2022

Sunday	\$3002.50
Loose	\$153.00
Special Improv.	\$540.00
Food Pantry	\$525.00
Ash Wednesday	\$55.00
Black & Indian	\$45.00
Cemetery	\$25.00
Catholic Relief	\$175.00
Ukraine Relief	\$511.00

ACA goal \$11,326 \$8,270.00

ACA goal \$12,959 \$8,895.48



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 and Saint Mary has gone over goal. As the pledges are being fulfilled, our parishes will be receiving checks from the Diocese for our

portion of each gift. This money that comes back to the parishes will be used for the projects that were designated, during the campaign. Thank you for your generosity!



Lenten Study Sunday, March 27 - 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.

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: April 3 at Saint Mary, May 15 at Saint Michael

Area times for Reconciliation: Tuesdays, after 8:10 am Mass @ Sacred Heart, Tuesdays, after 5pm Mass @ Gibsonburg, Wednesday, 5:30 pm @ Sacred Heart, Fridays, after the 8:30am Mass @ Millersville, Fridays 8:30 am @ St. Joseph, Saturdays 3:00pm @ St. Joseph and Sacred Heart

Special days: 4/3, 9:45-10:15am Clyde, 4/6 4-5:15pm Millersville, 5:45-7:00pm Gibsonburg, 4/6 10am-1pm Genoa, 4/6 3-6pm Sacred Heart, 4/6 8:30-10:30am St Ann, 6:30-7:30pm St. Ann , 4/6 6:45-7:30pm Clyde, 4/7 5:30-8:30pm Genoa, 4/8 12pm-3pm Oak Harbor, 4/9 3:30-4:15pm Clyde

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March 27, 2022
Fourth 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,

Next Saturday, April 2, at 10:00 a.m., I will confirm the *Confirmandi* of our two parishes as delegate of Bishop Thomas. Originally, our *Confirmandi*, their sponsors, and family members were going to make pilgrimage to Rosary Cathedral to be confirmed by our Bishop there, along with *Confirmandi* from the three Fremont parishes. In January, Bishop Thomas, in an abundance of caution amid the Omicron wave, decided to cancel group Confirmation liturgies in the cathedral church this Spring so as to not gather 1,200 people in one space. As such, he has delegated me, as the pastor of our two parishes to confirm on his behalf, since the bishop is the ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Each of the seven (there's that number again – just like there are *seven* gifts of the Holy Spirit) sacraments are composed of what we call *form* and *matter*. Let's start with matter. In the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, the matter is unleavened bread made only from wheat flour and water, as well as grape wine. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the matter is the Sacred Chrism – olive oil mixed with balsam, which has been blessed by Bishop Thomas at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week – and the laying on of hands by the bishop or his delegate. Let's move on to form. Again, in the Eucharist, the form is the priest's speaking the words of Institution ("Take this all of you and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you," and the similar words for the consecration of the wine). In Confirmation, form consists of the words that accompany the anointing with Sacred Chrism: "...Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

Going back to the Laying on of Hands, there's a beautiful prayer that goes along with it, which reads:

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin
and gave them new life.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide.
Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of right judgment and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

While the above words are prayed by the bishop or his delegate immediately before the anointing with Sacred Chrism, I want to invite you this week, in addition to praying for the young people of our parishes to be confirmed next Saturday, to let this text be part of your own prayer. As you pray it, remember that we who have been confirmed have already received these seven gifts, but ask the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of your heart to know better which of those gifts you most need to tap into right now. For instance, if you struggle with being judgmental, maybe it's understanding. If you're in the midst of making a big decision, maybe it's wisdom. Let the annual celebration of Confirmation for our young parishioners be a moment to recall the power of our own Confirmation, no matter how long ago.

You are most welcome to join us for the Ritual Mass of Confirmation next Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Mary's. Until then, empowered by the Spirit alongside you, I am

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 Michael– Saturday April 2, 5:00pm

Ambassadors	Kevin Williamson Amy Williamson
Server	Abby Williamson
Lector	Sally Zeller
EMOHC	Dee Jones

Saint Mary– Sunday April 3, 9:00 am

Rosary	Bill Ochs
Server	Maria Reinhart
Cantor	Rae Lyn Hoepf
Lector	Harold Foes
Communion	Mark Foes
Ambassadors	Amber Hoffman Neil Hoffman
Count	Neil & Wanda Hoffman
Clean	Volunteers

Saint Michael Sunday April 3, 11:00 am

Ambassadors	Dave & Erin Estep
Server	Evie Estep
Lector	Chris Lau
EMOHC	Verna Konesky

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.

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.



Are you ready to escape your day to day responsibilities? All ladies of St. Michael and St. Mary are invited to **Ladies' Night Out at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center on Thursday, April 21st**. The evening begins at 6:00 PM. We will enjoy a meal together before testing out our decoding skills in an escape room. Casual arts and crafts and games will also be available. Tickets with 2 meal options will be sold after weekend Masses March 27th through April 10th. Contact Amber Hoffman, Marlene Mason, or June Rich if you have any questions.



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!

Area Wide Parish Mission

Sunday April 3rd and Monday April 4th, 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Parish, 550 Smith Road, Fremont. Surge of the Heart Parish Mission with nationally known Catholic speaker and best selling author Jon Leonetti. All are welcome to come.

To support the Ukrainian people, you can donate online at <https://catholiccharitiesnwo.org> noting Ukraine Relief as your donation designation. Or, mail a check to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave. Toledo OH 43604. In the memo line, please designate Ukraine Relief as the reason for your donation.

St. Lawrence St. Michael Cemetery clean up will be April 1st.

LADIES OF ST. MARY CHURCH - There is an accumulation of unmarked pans, casseroles, and plates in the church kitchen. Some of these date back to pre-Covid. Please check to see if any of these belong to you. After April 10, any remaining items will be donated to Share and Care.

Thank you to Fr. Scott, Terri, musicians, and our parish family for the beautiful memorial Mass for Mom; and to the funeral luncheon committee and all those who provided food for everyone to enjoy after Mass. It was a wonderful day and a time to thank God for Emma's life. All you did for Mom through your visits, phone calls, cards and prayers is greatly appreciated.

*May God bless you all!
Emma Wasserman Family*



From the desk of Patti Wasserman...

This week has been a whirlwind of preparing for this weekends events; two of them being the final Confirmation Retreat for our 8th graders and First Reconciliation with our 2nd graders!

Throughout the week I have also been holding interviews with our Confirmandi (one of my most favorite parts of this job!). To sit and talk with our young people about how they have grown in the two year Confirmation Prep program is a blessing. To hear them voice how their relationship with God has changed, what they like about being Catholic, how they will live out their faith as a confirmed adult member of the Church, and some of the things they plan to do to continue to grow in their faith never ceases to amaze me. Since attending the Damascus Retreat each Confirmandi has told me they are praying more, using their words wisely and doing their part to build a stronger relationship with Jesus. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare to be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit at 10:00am next Saturday April 2nd at our Saint Mary Campus.

- Gabriel "Saint George" Brubaker
- Steven "Saint Mark" Hornyak
- Trinity "Saint Deborah" Sander
- Larissa "Saint Veronica" Frost
- Brynn "Blessed Chiara Badano" Hoffman
- Gretchen "Saint Dymphna" Kaiser
- Donovan "Saint Augustine" Statham
- Madalynn "Saint Anne" Gillmor
- Josey "Saint Philomena" Mendoza
- Taylor "Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton" Rapp
- Jerzee "Saint Anne" Crawford
- Jesus "Saint John the Evangelist" Rodriguez IV

**The next Faith Formation Sessions are:
Pre K-6th Grade**

MV Sunday April 3rd
GB Wednesday April 6th

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Classes

MV Sunday April 3rd, 10th & 24th
GB Wednesday March 30th, April 13th & 30th



2022 Lenten Calendar

Week Four-March 27-April 3

The Humane Society of Sandusky County is a non-profit organization that receives no local government funding. All of their monies are a result of local contributions and fundraising. They can do only so much without our assistance, that's why we need your help! Donations of canned cat food, Purina dog/puppy chow, scoopable kitty litter, paper towels, and toys for animals are welcomed.



Here is a picture of the service project part of the Saint Mary Confirmation Class worked on last week. They made posters for the Read to Succeed Program in Tiffin who are in need of mentors and

wrote letters for Operation Gratitude. When all was said and done there were 27 letters written to a variety of service men and women. Thank you, to the students and their service.

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



The Truth to Inspire Series

The Truth to Inspire Series offers captivating audio dramatizations for children of the lives of saints and well-known Marian apparitions in order to teach them more about the Catholic Faith.



Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

Take a healing journey with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, as she helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole. Each week, Sr. Miriam will lead you to meet the tenderness of God's mercy, the power of his love, and the restoration of your heart and life as you practice prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and sacrifice.

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