




## WEEKLY CALENDAR


### SATURDAY, May 28

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
5:00 pm- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*  
@ GB Church


### SUNDAY, May 29

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
9:00 am- Mass *Don, Doug, and Jodi Haubert+*  
@ MV Church   
11:00am- Mass *Jacob Lewandowski+*  
@ GB Church


### MONDAY, May 30 Memorial Day

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
8:30 am- Mass *Deceased Members of the Military*  
@ GB Church


### TUESDAY, May 31

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


### WEDNESDAY, June 1

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
8:30 am- Mass *Carolyn Davidson+, Theresa Sloma+*  
@ MV Church


### THURSDAY, June 2

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
8:30 am- Mass *Tina DiFonso French+*  
@ GB Church



### FRIDAY, June 3 First Friday

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
8:30 am- Mass *John Reinhart+*  
@ MV Church  
Exposition after Mass until 10:15am

### SATURDAY, June 4 First Saturday

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
8:30 am- Mass *Marlyn Detzel*  
9:30 am- Eucharistic Catechesis for those that  
want to be commissioned as  
Eucharistic Ministers  
5:00 pm- Mass *Norbert Darr+, Ila Rose Griffin+*  
@ GB Church

### SUNDAY, June 5

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
9:00 am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*  
@ MV Church   
11:00am- Mass *Helen Reineck+, Judie Kelley+*  
@ GB Church

MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint Michael

## Financial Stewardship

### Saint Mary May 22, 2022

Sunday	\$2770.00
Loose	\$82.00
Repair	\$200.00
Easter	\$100.00
Good Friday	\$50.00

ACA goal \$11,326 \$10,570.00

### Saint Michael May 21-22, 2022

Sunday	\$2468.00
Loose	\$171.00
Special Improv.	\$55.00
Easter	\$50.00
Food Pantry	\$75.00
Catholic Comm.	\$161.00
Ascension	\$55.00

ACA goal \$12,959 \$10,105.48

One Ministry our communities are privileged to be able to provide, is a funeral luncheon after a funeral Mass has taken place at one of our parishes. It would be helpful if more people from each parish would be willing to provide a dish when called upon. The more people we have on our lists, to call upon, the less frequently you will get called upon to provide a dish. Dishes can be dropped off the evening before the funeral, or early morning the day of a funeral, to help work around work schedules. If you would be willing to be called upon for a dish, please call or email, either parish office, so we can get your contact information to Eileen Foos for Saint Mary or to Gerry Williams for Saint Michael. Thank you for your helping this ministry.



**We're Hiring** Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center is seeking someone to join our KITCHEN STAFF who is responsible, has leadership experience & the ability to problem solve, and is willing to work a few weekends a month. They will have a flexible work schedule and be able to work in a spiritually rewarding work environment. Kitchen experience is not required, but ability to follow recipes is a must. If interested, please email resume to [tjlaird@pinesretreat.org](mailto:tjlaird@pinesretreat.org) (this is a PART-TIME position).



### Fundraiser Calendar Raffle

Beginning Monday, June 20th and concluding Friday, July 8th, OLPRC will be raffling off different amounts of money each day of the week! Drawings will be held daily via Our Lady of the Pines' Facebook page (winners need not be present or have Facebook to win). Every ticket purchased will be entered into ALL drawings for more possibilities to win! Raffle Tickets are available to purchase in our Gift Shop & online at [pinesretreat.org](http://pinesretreat.org).

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

**Pastor:** Father Scott Woods (MV,GB) [swoods@stmaryandstmichael.org](mailto:swoods@stmaryandstmichael.org)  
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**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

Saint *Mary*  
MILLERSVILLE



Saint *Michael*  
GIBSONBURG

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Saint Michael Catholic Church  
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[stMaryandstMicheal.org](http://stMaryandstMicheal.org)  
Facebook: Saint Mary and Saint Michael Catholic Parishes

May 29, 2022

## The Ascension of the Lord

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 that San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone recently announced that he has banned House Speaker Nancy Pelosi from receiving Holy Communion because of her position regarding abortion rights. You may have also heard that Speaker Pelosi still received Holy Communion at Sunday Mass in Washington, DC last weekend. I'd like to take a moment to explain some of this controversy.

Paragraphs 48-49 of the US Bishops' November 2021 document entitled *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* (which our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will learn more about next Saturday morning) addresses this important issue. The Bishops, drawing on a previous statement based on Canon 916 in the *Code of Canon Law*, state:

If a Catholic in his or her personal or professional life were knowingly and obstinately to reject the defined doctrines of the Church, or knowingly and obstinately to repudiate her definitive teaching on moral issues, however, he or she would seriously diminish his or her communion with the Church. Reception of Holy Communion in such a situation would not accord with the nature of the Eucharistic celebration, so that he or she would refrain.

The Bishops also make clear, in paragraph 49, that "It is the special responsibility of the diocesan bishop to work to remedy situations that involve public actions at variance with the visible communion of the Church and the moral law." As such, since Speaker Pelosi's primary residence (the district she represents in the House of Representatives) is in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, her diocesan bishop has acted in the way he feels is most prudent regarding this matter, and that decision belongs to him alone to make. So, how did she receive Holy Communion last Sunday? Archbishop Cordileone's action only applies to the territory of the Archdiocese of San Francisco; he cannot impose his decision on other bishops and dioceses. Therefore, having been in Washington last Sunday, Speaker Pelosi was able to receive.

There is certainly a lot of debate in the Church about this contentious issue of who may and may not receive Holy Communion, and while Archbishop Cordileone has explained his action as pastoral rather than punitive, I am concerned that some Catholics, because of our political affiliations and strong feelings about Speaker Pelosi, are gleeful over what they see as a purely punitive action, which it is not. The drastic action of barring someone from the reception of the Sacraments has always been understood by holy Church to be remedial, meaning that it is the Church's deep hope that one's conscience might be awakened by an imposed fast from sacramental life.

I believe that our response to Archbishop Cordileone's action should be motivated by Christian charity which moves us to prayer for the broken Body of Christ, our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are struggling like you and me to be faithful. I also think this is an excellent opportunity for each of us to undertake a thorough examination of conscience so to consider our own worthiness to receive the Risen Lord in Holy Communion, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to thank Almighty God for calling us to His Altar not despite our brokenness but precisely because of it.

Holy Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in the Risen Christ,

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

P.S. Don't forget to wear red clothing next weekend as the Church celebrates a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday!

**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, June 4, 5:00pm**

Ambassadors	Kevin Williamson Amy Williamson
Server	Abby Williamson
Lector	Deb Dazley
EMOHC	Dee Jones

**Saint Mary– Sunday, June 5, 9:00 am**

Rosary	Kathy & Liz Leathead
Server	Carlie Foos Aiden Foos
Cantor	Rae Lyn Hoepf
Lector	Bill Ochs
Communion	Mark Foos Angie Smith
Ambassadors	Amber Hoffman Neil Hoffman
Count	Greg & Barb Lehman
Clean	Jeff & Erin Foos

**Saint Michael– Sunday, June 5, 11:00 am**

Ambassadors	Tom Marsh Tom Liskai
Server	Andrew Spieldenner
Lector	Pam Mendoza
EMOHC	Maria Porteous

**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:** Deanna Wagner, John Bricker, Ron Davis, Mary Reineck, Rosie Neeb, Michelle Schaser, 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.

**In preparation in the arrival of our yet to be named pastor,** we are asking our parishioners to support him with their fervent prayers. Please complete the form in today's bulletin or in the back of each church. Bring your completed forms to Mass on the weekend of June 5th and 6th, and place them in the collection basket at offertory. We will then gather this spiritual bouquet to present to him as a sign of our love and support, when he makes his first visit to our parishes in the coming weeks.



**Baptismal Prep** Baptismal Prep classes will be held on the following dates for parents and godparents as they prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism for their children. Classes will begin at 12:30 PM 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 these classes. The dates and locations are: June 12 at Saint Mary. July 10 at Saint Michael.

**Diocese of Toledo Ordination**

On Saturday, May 28, 2022, at 10:00am, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will ordain Thomas Hunyour, Jr. to the priesthood.

Please keep Thomas in your prayers! You are invited to join us for the joyous occasion in person at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Additionally, the ordinations will be live-streamed! Watch at [toledopriesthood.org](http://toledopriesthood.org)



**Save the date: Friday June 17. 6:00–9:00pm**

**We will be hosting a thank you celebration for Father Scott.** Let us gather for a meal and fellowship with Father Scott before he leaves, to his new assignment. The Parishes will provide, chicken, paper products, and drinks for the gathering. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to help complete the meal. If you would like to help set up, serve food, or clean up, please contact either parish office.

**Saint Mary Parishioners**

We will be hosting a Parish meeting about the Renewal of our Sanctuary. Please come, **Wednesday June 15, at 6:30pm** to the parish hall. To see ideas of how the Sanctuary will be changed, and to share input. You have so generously given to the Living Christ Campaign which has designated funds for this project. Please come to see, and understand the project, and show support for the parish community.



## From the desk of Patti Wasserman...

### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION YEAR END PARENT SURVEY

This survey is designed to help us evaluate this years Family Faith Formation Program at our parishes. Please help us by answering as many questions as you are able. Using the QR Code below will help us to serve you better in the coming school year. Please fill out the survey by June 3, 2022. Thank You!



SIGN UP FOR VBS TODAY!!!



July 24-28th 5:30pm-8:00pm  
@ Saint Michael Parish Center  
Not a Vacation Bible School;...  
But a VOCATION Bible School!!

We need all hands on deck!!

Online sign up can be found using the QR Code above.



Come celebrate Mass in the park on June 24th!! The family and Youth Cedar Point day will be open to all families and youth groups in the Diocese. Mass will begin at 10:15a.m. at the Lakeside Pavilion, which is located near the Windseeker. Discounted tickets are available for \$43.20. To purchase tickets, visit [www.cedarpoint.com/save](http://www.cedarpoint.com/save) and use the following Username: CPTDIOCESE Password: tdiocese, these are (case sensitive). The diocese will be distributing exclusive Diocesan Fanny Packs in a variety of fun colors for FREE, to the first 100 guests who attend the 10:15 a.m. Mass in the Park! Learn more at [toledodiocese.org/cedarpoint](http://toledodiocese.org/cedarpoint)



### Drumming for Jesus

Thursday June 2, 6:30-8:00pm.  
@ Saint Michael Parish Center  
All are welcome! Bring a friend!  
Cost is \$3 a session or \$10 a month.  
You will need an exercise ball, bucket or tote and drumsticks. Extra drumsticks are available.

## FORMED Picks for the Week

### Comics: The Mission of Joan of Arc



At age 18, Joan led the French armies into battle. She was a peasant girl who couldn't even read, let alone fight a war. To save France from the English, she was going to need divine intervention. The heavens answered her. Joan receive aid from St. Michael and Archangel, supreme commander of the heavenly armies. With his help, Joan led the French to victory on the battlefield, paving the way to the end of the Hundred Year's War. Follow Joan as she first encounters the Archangel and leads the armies of France to reclaim the city of Orleans.



Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they speak to us today. The week check out Sacred Art: The Ascension

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## Congratulations to the Class of 2022



From Saint Michael Parish: Pierson Ash, Caleb Castillo, Aidan Farmer, Aidan McGough, Sydney Harrison and Annie Wellons



From Saint Mary Parish: Rye Kistner, Garret Schwochow, J. Matz, Griffin Gillmor, Trevor Mathias and Evan Foos.

*"The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine on you and be  
gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward  
you and give you peace."* Numbers 6: 24-26