

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, July 16

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
5:00 pm- Mass *Todd & Bob Wilhelm+*  
@ GB Church

### SUNDAY, July 17

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
9:00 am- Mass *Carolyn Davidson+, Living & Deceased of the Jack & Sara Rich Family*  
@ MV Church  
11:00am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*  
@ GB Church   
12:30pm- Baptism class with Deacon Mike  
@ GB Conference Room

### MONDAY, July 18

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 

### TUESDAY, July 19

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
5:00 pm- Mass *Anna Elchert+, Ron Underwood+*  
@ GB Church

### WEDNESDAY, July 20

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
8:30 am- Mass *Living and Deceased of the Vernon and Helen Durst Family*  
@ MV Church

### THURSDAY, July 21

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
8:30 am- Mass *Harry Teeple+, Judy Detzel+*  
@ GB Church

### FRIDAY, July 22

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

### SATURDAY, July 23

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

### SUNDAY, July 24

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike   
9:00 am- Mass *Jim & Genniel Steinmetz+*  
@ MV Church   
11:00am- Mass *Richard Widman+, Frank LaSalvia+* @ 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 July 10, 2022

Sunday \$3240.00  
Loose \$199.00

ACA goal \$11,326 \$11,935.00

### Saint Michael July 29-10, 2022

Sunday \$1830.00  
Loose \$235.00  
Special Improv. \$651.00  
Cemetery \$15.00  
Food Pantry \$162.00  
Peter's Pence \$10.00  
Religious Ed. \$70.00  
ACA goal \$12,959 \$10,655.48



## FORMED Picks for the Week

The Faithful Traveler in the Holy Land TV series (6 episodes), explores sacred sites throughout Israel & Palestine, including Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, Jerusalem, the dead Sea... It's a great way to plan for or even remember your own pilgrimage to the Holy Land!

Keep the Holiday spirit going and watch the Anni Moses Show: Our Salute to America. This show has a lot of music and guest artists to enjoy. Sit back and be entertained by an old fashioned variety show.

Looking ahead July 11 is the feast of St. Benedict Abbot, and July 14 is the feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. There are shows or audio shows on each of these saints on Formed.

Haven't subscribed to FORMED yet? There is no cost to you! Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup), put 43431 as your zip code, register with your name and an email address, then check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED today!

Corpus Christi began a three-year National Eucharistic Revival in the United States. The first year is a diocesan year. The second year (beginning June 2023) will be the parish year. Bishop Daniel Thomas has designated Pat Oedy-Murray as the Diocesan Point-Person along with a team of individuals from across the Diocese. Please get involved! Sign up to be a prayer partner at [eucharisticrevival.org/get-involved](https://eucharisticrevival.org/get-involved). You can also visit [toledodiocese.org/eucharist](https://toledodiocese.org/eucharist) to stay updated on the latest information.



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

The Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio invites you to come and pray during the Novena of Our Lady, August 6-14 at 8 pm (Sunday 2:00 pm). Fr. Richard Kaley, OFM Conv., will be the Novena preacher. Join us on this journey of faith, hope and healing. For more information call 419-396-7107 or look us up at [www.olcshrine.com](https://www.olcshrine.com).

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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*  Saint *Michael*  
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July 17, 2022  
**Sixteenth 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 Parishioners,

It's my greatest Joy and I consider it as a blessing that God has entrusted to me to be the Pastor for your wonderful parishes, St. Mary and St. Michael. I am humbled and honored to continue my ministry as a servant of God and to grow in faith together with all of you wonderful people

In the first place I am grateful to God for giving me the priesthood to serve Him. I am thankful to Bishop Daniel Thomas for entrusting me to serve these two parishes. I am also grateful to Fr. Scott Wood for being an excellent pastor to all of you; and for his help, guidance, and welcome to me as the next Pastor to these wonderful parishes.

I want to tell you a little about myself. I am from India and am from the Diocese of Puttur in India. I come from a wonderful family in India. My Dad is 81 years old and my Mom is 75 years old. I have two siblings, one sister, and one brother. and I am the baby.

While in India, I served as a parish priest, a school administrator, a Diocesan administrator council member, a financial council member, a Priest council member, and Dean.

In the request of my Bishop in India, I came in early 2020 to the United States to serve in the Diocese of Toledo. I served as Associate Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Lima, before coming here. St. Charles is a wonderful community that helped me get used to the American culture. I received and shared much love and happiness from this community of faith.

I am excited and honored to be appointed as Pastor to your two parishes. I am looking forward to being with you all and sharing our common faith and serve as a Pastor. Together, we can enact God's plan for our lives, to be the people that He has called us to be. I believe that without you, I am nothing. Know that you are always in my prayers and I ask that you also keep me in your prayers – that God may strengthen each one of us, that we may always do His will in our lives.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Thomas*

[tvarghese@stmaryandstmichael.org](mailto:tvarghese@stmaryandstmichael.org)

*Thank you to Deacon Rene Gonzalez and Deacon George Miller our Senior Status Deacons, that celebrated 40 years of Ordination this past Sunday, July 10th. Congratulations on 40 years! Thank you for your service to our parishes and beyond these communities.*



**MARY AND  
MARTHA**

Luke 10:38-42

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

**Saint Michael- Saturday, July 23, 5:00pm**

Ambassadors Jerry Wasserman

Server Volunteer  
Lector Braysen Huff  
EMOHC Dee Jones

**Saint Mary- Sunday, July 24, 9:00 am**

Rosary Bill Ochs  
Server Chloe Foos

Cantor Amber Hoffman  
Lector Gus Miller  
Communion Rebecca Rich  
Angie Smith  
Ambassadors Jeanine Van Der Laar  
Terri Reinhart  
Count Roger and Barb Wasserman  
Clean Volunteers

**Saint Michael- Sunday, July 24, 11:00 am**

Ambassadors Volunteers

Server Andrew Spieldenner  
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. Thomas 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. Thomas 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. Thomas or Dcn. Mike. Annulments, when necessary, may require 18-24 months to resolve.

**Holy Orders** - Please contact Fr. Thomas 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.

**Sick & Shut-in**



**Please remember in prayer:** Andrew Mickens, Bernard Lehmann, Jean Obenauer, Deanna Wagner, 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. 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**

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: July 17-Saint Michael, August 14-Saint Mary



**Drumming for Jesus**  
Thursday July 21st - 6:30-8:00pm.  
@ Saint Michael Parish Center  
All are welcome! Bring a friend!

*Ecce Young Adult Choir Presents*

**BEHOLD**

**A CONCERT of SACRED MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm**

**St. Rose Catholic Church**

215 East Front Street, Perrysburg, OH 43551

Join a choir of young adults as they sing and pray the music of the Faith that has echoed down through the centuries.

These concerts are free and open to all.

**For more info, email Jessica Schuster, Director**  
jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com

The Blessing Box at Saint Michael's is getting emptied quite regularly. If you would like to donate, non perishable items, or even dish soap and or shampoo, they are items that would be appreciated. Leave donations in the back of either church, marked Blessing Box. Thank you for your generosity.

The St Mary's 4-H club is planning to hold a **car wash on**

**Sunday July 17th during the 9AM Mass.** The plan is to collect keys and wash while Mass is occurring, and to ask for donations (no set price). The funds will help us support our club general fund. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's 4-H club!





All Hands on Deck! This week we will be working on VBS sets in Saint Michael Parish Center starting at 1:00pm each day. We are in need of at least 3 life preserver rings, light weight pots and pans, ladles, spatulas, etc. to hang in the galley area. Any Nun, Monk, Friar or Old Testament costumes you may have could be used too for our skits. Old Graduation gowns or any color will work too! Thank you in advance!!

had matter, and, fundamentally, any particular portion of matter could be any other thing if it received a different form. Thus a tree is not a tree because it has tree matter. Rather, it is a tree because a portion of matter has a tree form, or “tree-ness.” Thus it is the *form* that takes matter, which could be literally any material thing (it has the *potency* to become anything), and makes it into a tree specifically (it becomes *actually* a tree).

### Universal Appeal

This system also explains how we can describe things as being the same kind without being the same thing, also known in philosophy as the “problem of universals.” The problem is simple: we know that there are ‘kinds’ of things, and those kinds seem to be real. When we see two humans next to each other, we recognize a similarity that goes beyond simply looking alike; they seem to be the same “kind of thing.” But actually describing how that is possible was an intense discussion for philosophers at the time of St. Thomas. But this puzzle is solved by hylomorphism. For Thomas, what makes two things the same kind of thing is their form: two dogs are the same kind of thing because they have the same form, namely the form of “dog-ness.” But they are different things because they have different matter. Thus the dogs are different individuals because they have different matter, but they are individuals of the same species because they have the same form. Thus, each portion of form that make up the dogs have the dog form, but they are perfectly happy to be different dogs precisely because the portions of matter that have been arranged by those forms are two unique portions of matter.

For humans, their form is what Catholics call their “soul.” Thus, when a person is referring to their soul, what they are talking about is their form; the “human-ness,” or even the “humanity,” of their person. It is their soul that determines what kind of thing they are, but because the human soul has an intellect (which not all forms do), this too is made individual by matter. Thus your form makes you a person, and your body is what allows you to be different from everyone else.

### What About When You Die?

This system would seem to cause a puzzle, however. It would seem that, when our souls are separated from our bodies, it would cause the form, being separated from its matter, to no longer be an individual. This is actually why Aristotle doubted the existence of an afterlife. But as a Catholic priest, of course Thomas knew that the afterlife existed. And he explained this by pointing to the person’s intellect. For the intellect is not strictly material; there is also something immaterial to our intellect. But if something is really real and also immaterial, it actually *cannot be destroyed*. There is nothing to tear apart or disconfigure, and thus it cannot be changed to the point that it ceases to exist. Thus, after the human soul is removed from its body, it actually stays individuated because of its intellect. This is how the saints remain individual, at least in some sense, in heaven. Their intellects cannot be destroyed, so their souls remain.

Alex Speildenner



### JESUS AND JAVA

Every Thursday This Summer!  
Gather at 8:30a.m. Mass @ Saint Michael, then we will head to the Parish Center for coffee or smoothie and to catch up!



The youth will once again be collecting jewelry (necklaces, bracelets, rings etc.) to resale. We have secured spots at the Great Big Gibsonburg Lemonade Stand on Friday, July 22nd from 11am-5pm in the Gibsonburg Logyard and at the Flea Market at SCRAP in White Star Park this fall Friday, September 2nd through Sunday September 4th. Contact Patti if you are willing to help! We need people to sort and bag the jewelry (some this week!) and work the booth at both places. Profits will be used to help fund all youth activities! Please drop donations off to Patti or either parish office, THANK YOU!

### An Introduction to St. Thomas Aquinas - Pt. 4

Last week we discussed Thomas Aquinas’ view on change and how it relates to being. The fundamental relationship of act and potency is vitally important, and Aquinas, following Aristotle, used this relationship to set up a system still used by Catholic philosophers today called *hylomorphism*.

### What Is Hylomorphism?

Hylomorphism comes from two Greek words meaning “form” and “matter.” As the words indicate, hylomorphism is the belief that all created things are made up of form and matter. In an act/potency relationship, the form serves as the act, and the matter serves as the potency. This is because Aquinas did not think of “matter” in the same way that we do today. Today, especially in a scientific context, we tend to think of “matter” as the stuff that makes up things; matter is a bunch of atoms that form the table, the chairs or the food sitting on the table. Furthermore, we tend to think of matter as having different kinds. Thus there is metal matter, plant matter, dirt matter, etc. For Aquinas, though, matter was the receptacle for the “what it is” of a thing. Every single existing material thing