





WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, December 24

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
4:00 pm- Mass *Shannon Wellington+, Dan Mitchell+ @ GB Church* 
6:00 pm- Mass *Deceased of the Gerald and Mary Kay Mathias Family+ @ MV Church*
8:00 pm- Mass *Don Kirwen+ @ GB Church*
10:00 pm- Mass *Souls In Purgatory @ MV church* 


SUNDAY, December 25

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
10:00 am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes @ GB Church*


MONDAY, December 26

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 


TUESDAY, December 27

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
4:00 pm- Exposition @ GB Church
5:00 pm- Mass *Walt Reinbolt+ @ GB Church*
6:00 pm- Reconciliation @ GB Church


WEDNESDAY, December 28

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
8:30 am- Mass *Lucille Darr+, Paul Hammer+ @ MV Church*
6:30-7:45pm No Faith Formation classes @ GB Christmas Break


THURSDAY, December 29

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



FRIDAY, December 30

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
8:30 am- Mass *George Hohmann+ @ MV church*
9:10 am Reconciliation @ MV Church

SATURDAY, December 31

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
4:00-4:45pm Reconciliation @ GB Church
5:00 pm- Mass *Al Williams @ GB Church*

SUNDAY, January 1

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

MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint Michael
Facebook: Saint Mary and Saint Michael Catholic Parishes
Flocknote: text MVGB to 84576

Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary Dec 18, 2022

Sunday	\$2450.00
Loose	\$135.00
Retired Religious	\$75.00
Imm. Concep.	\$150.00
Christmas	\$700.00

ACA goal \$11,326 \$12,210.00

Saint Michael Dec. 17-18, 2022

Sunday	\$4226.67
Loose	\$61.00
Cemetery	\$145.00
Christmas	\$1690.00
Special Improv.	\$160.00
Retired Religious	\$240.00
Imm. Concep.	\$125.00

ACA goal \$12,959 \$11,975.48



FORMED Pick for the Week

Watch The Chosen Christmas special, "The Messengers", and Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger as they discuss this special episode in Catholic Commentary on the Chosen. Get more acquainted with the Birth of

Christ through thru this show, and others. Haven't subscribed to FORMED yet? There is no cost to you! Visit [formed.org/signup](https://www.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!

Alpha and Omega

New Year's Eve Eucharistic Adoration

All are invited to welcome the New Year in the Presence of Jesus, the Alpha and Omega
At Saint Wendelin Catholic Church
323 N. Wood St., Fostoria
10:00 pm—11:30 pm
Food and Fellowship in the Parish Hall
11:30pm- 12:30 am Eucharistic Adoration



Jesus by Candlelight

Sunday, January 8 the
Solemnity of Epiphany
6:30 pm at Saint Wendelin Catholic Church

323 N. Wood St., Fostoria

Adoration, Reconciliation, Worship, Music and Prayer



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

Pastor: Father Thomas Varghese (MV,GB) tvarghese@stmaryandstmichael.org

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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

Saint *Mary*
MILLERSVILLE



Saint *Michael*
GIBSONBURG

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419-638-3042 treinhart@stmaryandstmichael.org

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December 25, 2022 Nativity 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 Friends in Christ,

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." (Luke 2: 10-11)

I wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas season. May the Love, Joy and Peace of Baby Jesus be in your hearts and your homes. Although the commercial celebration of Christmas started even before Thanksgiving, the Christmas season for the Church extends until January 9 with the Baptism of the Lord. Don't be in a hurry to take down the Christmas decorations too soon!

Even though it has been a difficult year for me, there have also been so many blessings for which I thank God. Most especially I thank God for the prayers, support, genuine love and concern of so many faithful parishioners especially during my difficult times. May God bless you for your goodness!

I try to live by a philosophy and truly believe that God is ultimately in charge of every situation. I pray constantly that His will be done. I do not claim that I know each and every detail of His plan and what lies ahead. But, in imitation of the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I attempt imperfectly to echo her profound trust and consent to the will of God: "May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

I thank all who work so hard in the parish and continue to strengthen our Christian community. Christianity is never a "spectator sport" in which we simply sit back, watch and cheer. Rather, it involves active participation and a life-commitment. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. Thanks to all who were involved in decorating

our churches and setting up for the different liturgies, this season and throughout the liturgical year. And a special thank you to the devoted members of the various ministry's in our parish and especially to those who work quietly, behind the scenes.

As we adore the Christ Child in the manger at Christmas, may we be moved by the great love and humility that God showed to us in the birth of His Son! God emptied Himself and became one of us. Our faith also professes that He will come again. O come let us adore Him!

Be assured of my daily prayers and a remembrance in my Masses for all of you. May I ask a small remembrance in your prayers and Masses as well? My only prayer is that you, your family and homes be filled with the Blessings of Peace, Joy and Love. At the same time, I thank you all sincerely for your thoughtful prayers, Christmas greetings and gifts.

On behalf of all our parish staff, have a blessed and peace-filled Christmas and a holy New Year! I do not know what will be in store for us in 2023, but I trust that God knows what is truly best for us all.

Peace and Joy,

Fr. Thomas Varghese



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

Saint Michael— Saturday, December 31, 5:00 pm

Ambassadors	Gerry Williams
	Paul Makulinski
Server	Mary Ann Myerholtz
Lector	Jeff Schumaker
EMOHC	Dee Jones

Saint Mary— Saturday, January 1, 9:00 am

Rosary	Jim and Betty Hoffman
Servers	Chloe Foos
	Aiden Foos
Lector	Jessica Scherger
Communion	Eileen Foos
	Harold Foos
Ambassadors	Amber Hoffman
	Neil Hoffman
Count	Roger and Barb Wasserman
Clean	Mary Gutschalk

Saint Michael— Sunday, January 1, 11:00 am

Ambassadors	Dave Estep Family
Servers	Evie Estep
	Scarlett Hunker
Lector	Chris Lau
EMOHC	Petra Hernandez

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 6:30pm, @ GB and after Friday Mass until 9:45am (or later, if penitents remain past those times) @ MV. Saturdays at 4-4:45pm in GB, and Sundays at 8:15-8:45am in MV.

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.



Please remember in prayer: Nikki Parks, Mike Reineck, June Berger, Dave Gutschalk, Lola Reinhart, Stephanie Foos, Bernard Lehmann, Jean Obenauer, Deanna Wagner, Ron Davis, Mary Reineck, Rosie Neeb, Michelle Schaser, Sister Maria Miguel, Christi Holman, 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.

2023 Pennies from Heaven Raffle Tickets

are a great idea for gifts!

Tickets are only \$20 each or 3 for \$50
\$200 prize Drawings are on the 15th Day
of the Month
(January-December)

There are 3 bonus Drawings
with a \$500 prize

on March 17th, September 29th and December 6th
Seller of the winning tickets get 10% on the prize
(\$20 monthly, \$50 bonus)

Tickets are available in the back of either church, and at the parish offices. Make checks payable to St. Michael Church



What a blessing to have Bishop Daniel Thomas here for supper and a reflection on Advent, Wednesday, December 14th. May we keep in mind Jesus' Presence among us always in the Eucharist, and how we can

share the love Jesus has given us to others. As Christmas comes, help us to not "put Jesus away" with the decorations or gifts that get set aside after the Christmas season. We can, and should, be a living presence (of Christ) to others by sharing the love that we receive through Jesus.

Saint Mary and Saint Michael parish offices will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's.

From the desk of Patti Wasserman...

Family Catechesis



Faith Formation Classes for Pre K-6th Grade

Saint Michael: Class
Wednesday-January 4th

Saint Mary: Class
Sunday-January 15th

Confirmation Prep: Class
January 8th @ Saint Michael
Class 9:30-10:45am
Followed by Mass @ 11:00am



What a blessing to have our adopted seminarian from the Diocese of Toledo, Evan Sekerak and his mom, Heather, visit us while he is home on Christmas break. Evan served at Mass, then shared with us a little bit about himself and his call

to the priesthood. If you would like to stay in contact with Evan, supporting and encouraging him with cards and letters throughout the year as he continues his theological studies send mail to:

Evan Sekerak
6616 Beechmont Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45230

If you'd like to add a surprise to your correspondence, Evan likes McDonalds coffee, dark-dark chocolate, and gift cards for gas, restaurants or Walmart!

If you REALLY knew me... **SAVE THE DATE!!**
Overnight Confirmation Retreat
Sunday January 15th-Monday 16th
This is for all 8th grade students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 15, 2023. We will begin Sunday evening at 8:00pm and end on Monday morning at 9:00am. More info to come!



Interested in attending the 2023 National March for Life in Washington, D.C.? Join the Diocese of Toledo pilgrimage to the first ever nation-wide celebration of preborn lives in a post-Roe world! The trip is only \$275 per person, and partial scholarships are available upon request!

Our pilgrimage includes two nights in the Residence Inn by Marriott in Downtown Washington, D.C. as well as free time to tour the city. We depart from St. Thomas More University Parish in Bowling Green on Thursday, January 19th, at 11a.m. and will stop in Norwalk to allow those from the eastern region of the Diocese to hop on our five charter buses. We will attend Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. David Kidd in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Friday morning, then attend the Rally and March for Life! This would have been the 50th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision making abortion the law of the land, so it will be an even more exciting experience knowing that Roe has been reversed and each state now has the chance to protect preborn lives at a more local level! On Saturday morning, we will attend the National Pro-Life Summit hosted by Students for Life of America. This is the largest pro-life conference in the world, and for the first time, the Diocese of Toledo has been awarded a national grant to allow everyone in our pilgrimage to attend Completely Free (\$150 value per person). To learn more about the summit, go to www.prolifesummit.com

To register, go to www.tinyurl.com/DCMarch2023 or email Students for Life Coordinator, Allison Stump, at astump@toledodiocese.org. Registration is now open to anyone in the Diocese-students, young adults, and the young at heart! All minors must be accompanied at all times by a parent or legal guardian. For questions, call Allison Stump at 419-214-4973.



Look at her glow! Miss Kaitlin Dazley and her friend Claire with their short veils on, right where God needs them, at the Abbey of Saint Walburga! If you would like to send Kaitlin a card of support and encouragement or a care package (stamps, stationary or monetary donation) her address is:

Kaitlin Dazley
1029 Benedictine Way
Virginia Dale, CO 80536



The Nativity of the Lord –Christmas Mass During the Day

Entrance Antiphon

-Cf. Isaiah 9:5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Collect

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature
and still more wonderfully restored it,
grant, we pray,
that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen