




WEEKLY CALENDAR


SATURDAY, May 20

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


SUNDAY, May 21

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
 8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church
 9:00 am- Mass *Floyd Bouillon+, Freddy & Anna Elchert+* @ MV Church 
 Graduate Recognition at Mass
 11:00 am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*
 @ GB Church
 Graduate Recognition at Mass

MONDAY, May 22

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 


TUESDAY, May 23

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
 5:00 pm- Mass *Emil Knoesky+*
 @ GB Church
 5:45 pm- Reconciliation @ GB Church


WEDNESDAY, May 24

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
 6:30 pm- Rosary Altar Society Meeting
 @ MV Hall


THURSDAY, May 25

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 



FRIDAY, May 26

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

SATURDAY, May 27

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
 4:00 pm- Reconciliation @ GB Church
 5:00pm Mass *For the People of our Parishes+*
 @ GB Church

SUNDAY, May 28

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike 
 8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church
 9:00 am- Mass *Tom Hoffman+, Elaine Ruggerio+*
 @ MV Church
 11:00 am- Mass *Florence Bechtel+*
 @ GB Church 

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Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary May 14, 2023

Sunday	\$3675.00
Loose	\$49.00
Ascension	\$20.00
Catholic Commun.	\$25.00

ACA goal \$12,430 10,800.00

Saint Michael May 13-14, 2023

Sunday	\$2260.00
Loose	\$75.00
Food Pantry	\$85.00
Easter	\$75.00
Special Impro.	\$60.00
Ascension	\$5.00

ACA goal \$12,910 \$8334.37



FORMED Pick for the Week Our Lady of Fatima

This moving documentary inspires viewers to heed Our Lady of Fatima's plea for prayer, penance, and conversion—a message a message as necessary today as it was in 1917. From the initial apparitions of the angel who prepared the children of Our Lady's coming, to the Miracle of the Sun, including moving film footage from The 13th Day, this illuminating and inspiring film will impact all those who see it to take heed of the critical messages of Our Lady of Fatima. Haven't subscribed to FORMED yet? There is no cost to you! Visit 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!



Thank you to everyone who donated goods, those who volunteered to set up, display, and sell all the merchandise, those who worked in the kitchen, and those who helped tear down and clean up Saint Michael's Parish Center afterward. A special thank You to Julie Piccuito and Petra Hernandez for chairing this event. The Rummage Sale raised \$1,228 which covers the cost of shipping for 128 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!



project rachel

Peace starts here

Are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion? Contact Project Rachel for confidential help in starting your healing journey. God's mercy is abundant and waiting for you. 419-260-5811 - kpakka@toledodiocese.org - www.hopeafterabortion.com

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MILLERSVILLE



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GIBSONBURG

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May 21, 2023

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.

The Good News: Scott Hahn reflects on the Ascension of the Lord



Readings:

Acts 1:1–11

Psalms 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9

Ephesians 1:17–23

Matthew 28:16–20

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation.

He is the great high priest, and He

has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see Hebrews 4:14–15).

Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace (see, for example, Hebrews 10:32). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.

<https://stpaulcenter.com/audio/sunday-bible-reflections/the-good-news-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-ascension-of-the-lord-3/>



Baptismal Prep Baptismal Prep classes will be held monthly 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. This class is required for those parents asking the Church to Baptize their child. Please call either Parish office and register for this class. The next class will be: June 18, at Saint Mary, in the Parish Center.



Saint Michael Parish is looking for a volunteer to trim bushes, pull weeds and making the church grounds look marvelous. If interested please call the parish office or speak with Deacon Mike.

Coffee & Conversation Thursday, May 25 | 11am-12pm
"Coffee & Conversation" is a time to learn about a new topic or organization. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided. This month's speaker will be Annie Chozinski who currently serves as the Volunteer Coordinator at SouthernCare Hospice (Milan). This is a FREE event (pre-registration is appreciated but not required). Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, www.pinesretreat.org

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

Saint Michael— Saturday, May 27, 5:00 pm

Ambassadors	Gerry Williams Paul Makulinski
Servers	Lynne Eisenman
Lector	Robert Valle
EMOHC	Dee Jones

Saint Mary— Sunday, May 28, 9:00 am

Rosary	Harold and Eileen Foos
Servers	Grant Scherger Wilson Scherger
Lector	Andy Rich
Communion	Jeanine Van Der Laar Connie Hiser
Ambassadors	Roger Wasserman Barb Wasserman
Count	Harold and Eileen Foos
Clean	Mary Gutschalk

Saint Michael— Sunday, May 28, 11:00 am

Ambassadors	Tom Marsh, Tom Liskai
Servers	Andrew Spieldenner

Lector	Cindy Hammer
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 - A priest is available after Tuesday Mass @ GB and after Friday Mass @ MV. Saturdays at 4:00pm in GB, and Sundays at 8:00am in MV.

Anointing of the Sick - Please contact either parish office if you or a family member are critically ill, preparing for surgery, or are of advanced age and in need of this Sacrament. We will try to contact a local priest for you, or ask the visiting priest after Mass. 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 Dcn. Mike. Annulments, when necessary, may require 18-24 months to resolve.

Holy Orders - Please contact 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: John Bricker, Claranne (Gabel) Bohn, Mariella Shearn, Eileen Foos, Leonard Wells, Ed Herman, Pat Miller, John Castner, Cody Nofzt, Ellie Marks, Jean Obenauer, Deanna Wagner, Rosie Neeb, Sister Maria Miguel, Christi Holman, and all our

loved ones in care facilities, 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.

There will be in a Rosary Altar Society meeting on Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30 at Saint Mary's. All ladies are encouraged to attend.



**Area Wide Catholic VBS (held at Sacred Heart)
will be June 11-15, 6:00—8:30pm**

Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. STELLAR VBS rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. VBS online registration will open May 1! VBS is June 11-15 from 6:00-8:30 PM and is offered to children entering grades PK (potty-trained) through 6th in the fall. There is no cost to attend! Also, there will be a FREE dinner for families the first night, Sunday, June 11. Register to attend by scanning the QR code or by going to <https://vbspro.events/p/events/fremontareavbs>. We hope to see you there!



The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and to contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or to write to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604

**St. Boniface-Oak Harbor Festival
June 4, 2023 11:00am—5:00pm**

Free Bounce House, Putt-Putt and Barrel Train Rides available, Kids' Games and Free Kids' Activities, Hay Rides 3-5pm
Face Painting 11am-4pm, Bingo 1-4pm
Live Music, Adult Games, 50/50 Raffle
Life Music and Festival Food,
Silent Auction and Bake Sale
Chicken Dinner 11am-2pm, Tickets \$13 go through sb-oh.org or Parish Office Dinner to purchase dinner tickets. Dinner includes BBQ rubbed baked chicken, 2 sides, roll and dessert.





May Crowning 2023 @ Saint Mary's

Two newly confirmed young people, Parker And Chloe, all smiles for Mother Mary!



Operation Christmas Child: The month of May we will be collecting for boys and girls ages 10-14 years old. Suggested are sewing kits and squares of material, stainless steel tweezers, nail clippers and nail file, tool kits (dollar tree has what seemed like sturdy tools), fill a prescription bottle with nails or screws, solar powered calculator, band-aids, and reusable menstrual products.



SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School

Sunday - Thursday
July 23-27

Starting with supper for the whole family @5:30pm
The VBS program runs from 6:00- 8:15pm

This Catholic VBS is an Olympic/Sports-themed program where kids will be inspired to set **GOALS** and **AIM** for a commitment to excellence in their Catholic faith. Cathletics VBS will focus on **TRAINING** kids in the Word of God! I'm calling on all high/middle school athletes to come on board and be a part of this VBS. Our young people look up to you as they attend your sporting events and what better way for them to see how our Catholic faith and our love of sports go together. Contact Patti for more info or to give her your YES! I want to be part this summers VBS!



The May Pennies From Heaven winning ticket belongs to Scott Pertner. The seller was his wife, Paula Pertner. Congratulations!! The next drawing for \$200 is June 15th.



Saint Mary and Saint Michael parishes are in need of more altar servers. All of our recent First Communicants are now invited to be trained as Altar Servers along with all youth in grades 3 and above, plus all interested adults! Please contact Deacon Mike, Kathy Otermat or Patti Wasserman if you are interested in joining this ministry.



*Madison Balsizer
Austyn Bowe
Carlie Foos
McKenna Freeborn
Daniel Frost
Shane Groweg
Karley Mendoza
Martin Myerholtz
Alex Porteous
Gavyn Rapp
Cole Roush
Allie Sentle
Connor Smith
Kaiden Snyder
Jenna Spanfellner
Ellie Stout
Emma Wasserman
Logan Weisenauer
Morgan Widmer
Tyler Williamson*

May you remember that God is above you,
watching over you as a good shepherd,
That God is below you,
ready to lift you up in your weakest moments,
That God is behind you
to give you encouragement when you want to give up.
God is in front of you,
calling you forward in faith,
even when you can't see how it's going to work out.
God is beside you holding your hand
no matter what you are going through.
But most of all, God is within you,
as close as every breath you take,
transforming you into the person he created you to be.