

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, Nov. 18

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

### SUNDAY, Nov. 19

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church  
9:00 am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*  
@ MV Church \*  
11:00 am- Mass *Mary Ellen Kohler+*  
@ GB Church

### MONDAY, Nov. 20

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*

### TUESDAY, Nov. 21

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
4:00 pm- Exposition @ GB Church  
5:00pm- Mass *Fr. Herman Scherger+*  
@ GB Church

### WEDNESDAY, Nov. 22

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
8:30 am- Mass *Deceased members of the Joseph & Mary Naderer Family* @ MV Church  
6:30 pm- Faith Formation @ GB

### THURSDAY, Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving)

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
8:30 am- Mass *Helen Reineck+, Members of the Norbert Darr Family* @ MV Church

### FRIDAY, Nov. 24

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
8:30 am- NO Mass

### SATURDAY, Nov. 25

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
4:00 pm- Reconciliation @ GB Church  
5:00pm Mass *Fr. Norbert Howe+* @ GB Church

### SUNDAY, Nov. 26

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church  
9:00 am- Mass *Robert Aldrich+* @ MV Church \*  
11:00 am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*  
@ GB Church \*

MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint Michael

\* = when on Facebook live

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Flocknote: text MVGB to 84576

*May the Word of Christ dwell in us richly,  
as in all wisdom we teach and admonish one another,  
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.  
Amen*

## Financial Stewardship

### Saint Mary Nov. 12, 2023

Sunday	\$3631.00
Loose	\$138.00

### Saint Michael Nov. 11-12, 23

Sunday	\$2868.00
Loose	\$155.24
Special Improv.	\$130.00
Cemetery	\$5.00
Food Pantry	\$140.00
All Saints/Christmas	\$190.00
Human Development	\$55.00
Religious Retirement	\$100.00
ACA goal	\$12,910
ACA goal	\$10,891.87

ACA goal \$12,430 \$12,925.00



## FORMED Pick for the Week The Role of Art and Beauty in the New Evangelization: Ode to St. Cecilia

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Paul McCusker and the role of art and beauty in the New Evangelization. Saint Cecilia's feast day is Nov. 22. There is also a podcast, or an audio drama available on

Formed on Saint Cecilia. 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, find St. Mary and St. Michael, and register with your name and an email address, then check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED today!



**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: November 19 at Saint Michael's.*

A **BIG Thank You** to all that donated many wonderful items to the Holiday Auction, all those that were at the Auction generously bidding, our auctioneer for the day, Ken Bonningson, and all that worked to put on the auction. We brought in a total of \$3763.00. (Wow!) The 50/50 drawing was won by Tab Bickford, Congratulations Tab! A fun time was had by all! Thank You!



## Carey Ecumenical Choir presents the 49th Annual Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 10, 2023 4:00 pm

at the Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, 315 Clay St. Carey. A Free will offering will be taken during the concert.

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

**Pastor:** Monsignor Tad Oxley (MV,GB) [woxley@toledodiocese.org](mailto:woxley@toledodiocese.org)

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**Prayer Chain:** Eileen Foos 419-638-4244

**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

Saint Mary Catholic Church

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419-638-3042 [treinhart@stmaryandstmichael.org](mailto:treinhart@stmaryandstmichael.org)

Saint Michael Catholic Church

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[stMaryandStMichael.org](http://stMaryandStMichael.org)

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November 19, 2023  
**Thirty-Third Sunday  
of 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 Friends,

11.19.23

Our High School Youth Ministry, with the leadership of Amber Hoffman and Marlene Mason as Directors, is off to an excellent beginning. Amber will be leading a group of adults and youth to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. They departed on Thursday of this past week after Mass, and return on Sunday evening. There are sure to be some amazing experiences of both Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, music and fellowship- everything that the youth desire in the deepest part of their hearts!

Some of the highlights of our first encounters together have been each of the youth receiving a rosary from my recent pilgrimage to Medjugorje, and we began praying that Rosary together, and will continue to pray that Rosary. Also, we tackle some heavy theology as well such as in understanding that not believing in God is most unreasonable and believing in God is most reasonable! We even used the five proofs for the existence of God from nature as provided by Saint Thomas Aquinas, the great theologian of the Scholastic Period of the Church:

1. Motion; 2. Cause; 3. Gradation; 4. Perfection; and 5. Governance. All five prove the existence of God. During our next time together we will discuss the compatibility of science with the Catholic Faith.

We also enjoy a meal together and converse to build Catholic fellowship. This past week the youth made breakfast for dinner, and next session I will make the group one of my pasta recipes that I learned from Rome- Spaghetti Carbonara!

Blessing in Christ

Rev. Msgr. Walter R. Oxley (Fr. Tad)

Perpetuate the Gift (Diocese of Toledo Priest Retirement) envelopes are in the pews. Your donations that are sent into Toledo, before the end of December will help go toward what our Parishes need to pay in to fund the Priest's retirement. In other words your donations offset our parishes portion we send into the Diocese. Make sure you fill out the parish you belong to, so our parishes will be credited for your gift. Thank you for supporting our retired priests.

The yellow envelopes for the Propagation of the Faith have been in the pews, (there are still some in the back of the churches) if you have not donated yet and want to, do so, very soon as well, so they all get processed in a timely manner.



**Advent is coming soon!**  
(December 3rd) Rosary Altar Society will be hosting an **Advent Evening of Reflection. December 14, 2023**  
The evening will start with supper at 6:00pm in Saint Mary's Hall then from 7-8pm there will be Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament with guided meditation with Father

Tad. Exposition will conclude with Benediction. In Saint Mary's Church. *Take some time to quiet yourself before the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and ready your heart for the coming of the Lord.*

*Father all-powerful,  
your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite;  
as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day with gratitude  
for your kindness, open our hearts to have concern for every  
man, woman, and child, so that we may share your gifts in  
loving service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who  
lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,  
for ever and ever. Amen*

-The Collect for Thanksgiving Day

**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 Mary– Thurs., November 23,  
(Thanksgiving) 8:30 am**

Rosary	Harold and Eileen Foos
Servers	Chloe Foos, Aiden Foos
Lector	Andy Rich
Commun.	Alice Reineck, Rebecca Rich Angie Smith
Ambassadors	Jeff and Erin Foos

**Saint Michael— Saturday, Nov. 25, 5:00 pm**

Ambassadors	Jerry Wasserman
Server	Lynne Eisenman
Lector	Robert Valle
EMOHC	Dee Jones, Deb Kirwen Norma Vela

**Saint Mary– Sunday, November 26, 9:00 am**

Rosary	Jim and Betty Hoffman
Servers	Garrett and Lucas Moffett
Lector	Jeanine Van Der Laar
Commun.	Patrick Hoepf, Terri Reinhart Rebecca Rich, Angie Smith June Rich
Ambassadors	Amber Hoffman, Neil Hoffman
Count	Harold and Eileen Foos
Clean	Anita Moffett

**Saint Michael— Saturday, Nov. 26, 11:00 am**

Ambassadors	Chris Lau, Sarah Ayres
Server	Andrew Spieldenner, Jack Skinner
Lector	Mary Kern
EMOHC	Petra Hernandez, Vena Konesky 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** - 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 Fr. Tad 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. Tad or Dcn. Mike. Annulments, when necessary, may require 18-24 months to resolve.

**Sacramental Information continued-**

**Holy Orders** - Please contact Fr. Tad, 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:**

Jody Younker, Marcella Kirwen, Bella Sakel, Carol Morelock, Caesar Mendoza, Jay Cook, Mike Hoy, Jerry Fork, Diane Goebel, Jerry and Shirley Miller, Mary Lou Gonzales, Ed Herman, John Castnet, John Bricker, Claranne (Gabel) Bohn, Mariella Shearn, Eileen Foos, Cody Noftz, 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](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.



**2024 Pennies from Heaven** tickets are available in each parish office. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Drawings are held the 15th of each month for \$200. There are also 3 Bonus Drawings of \$500. Each ticket gets you 15 chances to win! Don't forget to purchase your 2024 raffle tickets! Tickets make a great gift all year long! Think stocking stuffers at Christmas time, a Birthday present, or a "just because" gift for someone. Proceeds help support Saint Michael's parish.

Our December potluck will be December 3rd following 11:00 Mass, in Saint Michael's Parish Center. Come share in fellowship. There is a potluck committee meeting on Sunday November 19 following 11 am Mass ...in the Parish Center...please join us to give your input... All are welcome to come.

**Shiloh Church, Helena is hosting the Gibsonburg Area  
Ministerial Association Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer  
Service November 19th @ 7:00pm**

Followed by a reception afterward. A community choir is being formed, and all voices are invited to participate!

If you will be sharing your voice, please arrive at 5:45 pm for a quick practice.

**\*Our own Father Tad Oxley will be delivering the message!  
We hope to see him well supported by his flock!**

Financial report from the Chicken BBQ  
Income from donations and sales \$10,994.00  
Expenses \$4,404.41  
Total profit of \$6,589.59  
Once again thanks to EVERYONE,  
what a great day!

*Thank  
you!*





## Faith Formation Schedule

**Classes for Preschool –6th Grade**  
**MV-Sunday Dec. 3rd @ 10:00-11:15am**

**GB-Wednesday November 22nd**  
**NO CLASS-HAPPY**  
**THANKSGIVING**

Next Class Nov. 29th @6:30-7:45pm

**Confirmation**



## Classes for Confirmation Prep

**MV –Sunday Dec. 3rd @ 10-11:15a**

We will meet in the Youth Room

**GB-Wednesday November 29th @ 6:30-7:45pm**

## Confirmation Service Opportunity

All are welcome! Tuesday, November 21st we will be walking to Luther Meadows Apartments to play bingo with the residents. Bring your smile and a couple bingo prizes. I hesar candy is their favorite prize! Other ideas include gummy snacks, chips, pretzels, lotions, stationary and stamps. This will fulfill one of your Works of Charity forms. Let Patti know if youre coming.

## High School Youth

Please keep our youth/chaperones in your prayers as they encounter Jesus this weekend, may their hearts become **FULLY ALIVE** with Jesus @ NCYC! We pray for safe travels as they make their way back home to us.



**Calling all youth** who would like to be part of skit about Saint Nicholas on Sunday December 3rd during the Community Potluck held at Saint Michael the first Sunday of every month.

Father Tad has given his blessing on bringing back re-enacting the Birth of Christ at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass at Saint Michael. This is open to youth from both parishes. Contact Patti if you would like to be part of either activity or both.



## Book Study

CONNECTING YOU...WITH JESUS

**BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST BOOK STUDY** The next session for our book study on Dynamic Catholic's "Beautiful Eucharist" is November 28th at 6:30pm. Come prepared by reading chapters 9, 10, and 11. We will meet in Saint Michael's Parish Center to share our thought



Eucharistic



## Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday Nov. 21, Saint Michael's, 4 PM



With Thanksgiving approaching, let us not forget to support and thank our adopted seminarian Evan Sekarek. Cards may be sent to:

**Evan Sekarek**  
**6616 Beechmont Ave.**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45230**



Did you bring a Operation Christmas Child Shoebox home? This is the week to bring it back filled with gifts for one of God's precious children! Have you ever considered volunteering during collection week? Stop by Saint Michael Parish Center any of the

following days/times to get involved and learn how the whole OCC process works! Contact Patti with questions!

Sun, Nov. 19: 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Mon, Nov. 20: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**It's a wrap!** The Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child was a huge success on Saturday November 11th! We packed 140 shoeboxes, which means the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be shared with 140 children! Thank you for all the donations!



**Above:** The 2023 packing crew! Brinley an Xyla praying for the child who will receive the shoeboxes they packed.



**Below:** Grandma Sue and Owen dropped a packed shoebox off and stayed to help pack some more! Sarah helping Anthony pack a shoebox for a 2-4 year old little boy.



**Above:** A photo of our youngest shoebox packer, Reyna, she had a little help from family and friends! On Tuesday, a crew from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Pemberville dropped off 305 packed boxes! Added to the boxes we received Monday we have a total of 609 boxes delivered and we still have until Monday November 20th to collect boxes yet!