

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, April 20

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

SUNDAY, April 21

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church
9:00 am- Mass *Francis & Betty Ochs+*
@ MV Church
10:00 am- Faith Formation @ MV class rooms
11:00 am- *For the People of our Parishes*
@ GB Church*
6:00 pm- High School Youth @ MV Hall

MONDAY, April 22

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

TUESDAY, April 23

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
5:00pm- Mass *Loyola Zeller+*
@ GB Church

WEDNESDAY, April 24

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
8:30 am- Mass *Increased Reverence for Life*
@ MV Church
6:30 pm- GB Faith Formation @ Parish Center
7:15 pm- Young Adult study @ MV office building

THURSDAY, April 25

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
8:30 am- Mass *Jean De Angelis +* @ GB Church

FRIDAY, April 26

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
8:30 am- Mass *Paul Naderer+*
@ MV Church
9:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church

SATURDAY, April 27

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

SUNDAY, April 28

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church
9:00 am- Mass *William Breau+* @ MV Church*
11:00 am- *Mary Ellen Kohler+*
@ GB Church

MONDAY, April 29

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint Michael

* = when on Facebook live

Facebook: Saint Mary and Saint Michael Catholic Parishes

*May God bless us with courage and zeal in bearing the
Good News of Jesus to the world, by the power of the
Holy spirit. Amen*

Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary April 14, 2024

Sunday \$3170.62
Loose \$65.00

ACA pledges \$10,120.00
ACA Goal \$12,409.76

Saint Michael April 13-14, 2024

Sunday \$3030.00
Loose \$174.00
Special Improv. \$477.00
Food Pantry \$25.00
Cemetery \$99.00
Religious Ed. \$180.00
ACA pledges \$8888.00
ACA Goal \$12,304.47



FORMED Pick for the Week The Ninth Day

Movie 1 hour 33 minutes
With *The Ninth Day*, acclaimed film director Volker Schlöndorff creates a moral thriller that "succeeds in illuminating an almost unimaginably dark story" (The New York Times). Inspired by the true story of a dissident priest's

temporary furlough from Dachau, *The Ninth Day* transforms an ethical crisis into a nail biting showdown and unspeakable horror into transcendent redemption. From inside the hell of the Dachau concentration camp "Priest Block," Father Henri Kremer clings to a fragile life and challenged faith. But Gestapo officer Gebhardt, a young and ruthless lapsed seminarian, arranges a nine day reprieve for the priest. If Kremer can persuade his staunchly anti-Nazi Bishop to capitulate to Nazi occupation, he'll go free. But if he fails or tries to escape, death awaits. Torn between duty, faith, fear for his own life and for the lives of his loved ones, in just nine days Kremer must find a way to ease his conscience, protect his family, hold on to his faith and uphold his vows. Haven't subscribed to FORMED yet? There is no cost to you! Visit 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: April 21, at Saint Michael's.*

If you or someone you know is facing a pregnancy and needs some help, please contact Heartbeat Hope Medical Fremont at 419-334-9079 or Tiffin 419-447-8681. Heartbeat provides physical, emotional, and spiritual assistance in a warm and caring environment that is judgment free. Please reach out and help support Heartbeat's good work, and to pray for all Pregnancy Centers.

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

Pastor: Monsignor Tad Oxley (MV,GB) woxley@toledodiocese.org

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Bookkeeper: Nancy Patterson (GB) npatterson@stmaryandstmichael.org

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

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419-638-3042 treinhart@stmaryandstmichael.org

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Mailing Address: 312 East Yeasting Street, Gibsonburg, Ohio 43431
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April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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,

This weekend we celebrate Easter for the 4th time! The Church wants to emphasize the great importance of Our Lord Jesus rising from the dead on the first day of the week - which is Sunday!!!! For the early Christians in the first centuries of the Church, that is before the Emperor Constantine made Christianity legal in 313 AD, Christians risked their lives by going to Sunday Mass, many were martyred for it.

Sunday was the day of the week that our Father God created the world, and Sunday was the day that he restored order to a new creation by raising his Son Jesus from the dead! The victory had been won! We are now part of that new creation. Everything we have that is good, all of our talents and abilities, are a gift from God- and so our fidelity to Sunday Mass manifests to God that we believe everything good in our lives comes from Him.

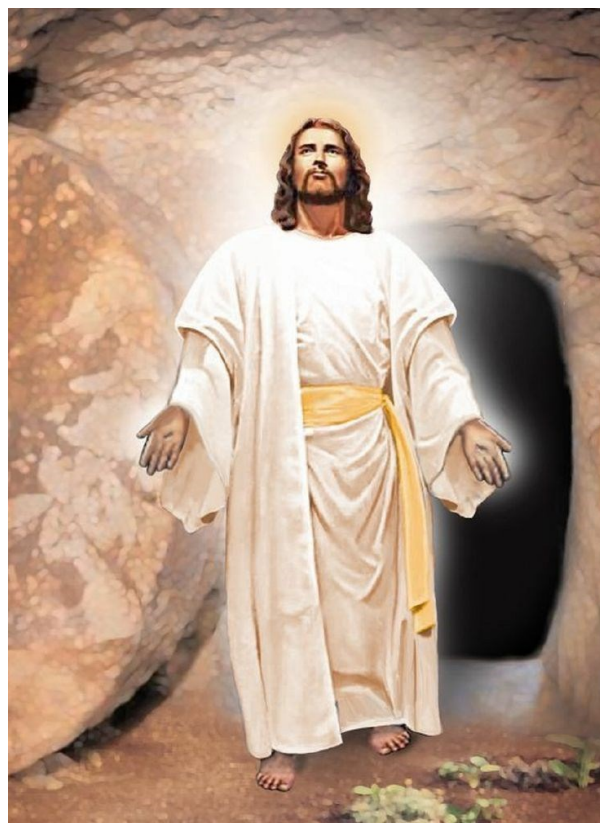
I love baseball, but I am a terrible baseball player. I really do not have the natural talent to hit a double and get on base in hardball - even if I spent two days a week in a batting cage. Some do have the capacity for baseball, some have this natural gift, they work on it to improve, but the gift and talent comes from God alone!!!

How sad it would be if a talented young Catholic baseball player skipped Sunday Mass for baseball practice. By doing so the young person would be saying with their action that their talent is not a gift from God, but they simply acquire it on their own. Any superior athlete will tell you their talent comes from outside of them.

One person asked me, not from our parishes, if they could go to Mass on a weekday instead of Sunday. This person obviously does not understand the importance of Jesus rising from the dead on Sunday, and how important it was for early Christians to gather and celebrate Eucharist on a Sunday, distinguishing them significantly from the Jewish Sabbath of Saturday.

While our anticipation of Sunday begins after 4 pm on Saturday for Catholics - this anticipation should not detract in any manner from the primacy of Sunday as a day of worship and of rest!

In the Risen Jesus,
Rev. Msgr Walter R Oxley (Fr Tad)



The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

-Communion Antiphon

Upcoming dates and times for Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, April 23, 4:00 pm @ GB Church
Friday, May 3, 9:00 am @ MV Church
Sunday, May 12, 8:00 am @ MV Church



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

Saint Michael– Saturday, April 27, 5:00 pm

Ambassadors Gerry Williams, Paul Makulinski
 Servers Lynne Eisenman
 Lector Dee Jones
 EMOHC Hank Reineck, Deb Kirwen
 Norma Vela

Saint Mary– Sunday, April 28, 9:00 am

Rosary Jim and Betty Hoffman
 Servers Garrett Moffett, Lucas Moffett
 Lector 2nd and 3rd graders
 Communion Patrick Hoepf, Mark Foos
 Terri Reinhart, Rebecca Rich
 Ambassadors Nick and Tracy Foos
 Count Neil and Wanda Hoffman
 Clean Mary Gutschalk

Saint Michael– Sunday, April 28, 11:00 am

Ambassadors Tom Marsh, Tom Liskai
 Servers Andrew Speildenner, Jack Skinner
 Lector Chris Lau
 EMOHC Maria Porteous
 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 - 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 18-36 months to resolve.

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: Fran Weigman, Dee Herman, Maverick Campbell, Rae Lyn Hoepf, Paul Makulinski, Theresa Aldrich, Kaleb Williamson, Diane Schuh, Andy Rich, Jody Younker, Marcella Kirwen, Eileen Foos, Bella Sakel, Caesar Mendoza, Mike Hoy, Diane Goebel, Jay Cook, Rene and Mary Lou Gonzales, Ed Herman, John Bricker, Cody Noftz, Jean Obenauer, Rosie Neeb, Christi Holman, and all our loved ones in care facilities, or staying at home. 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.



Looking forward to seeing you at our next monthly potluck on Sunday, May 5th; bring your favorite Sunday brunch dish to share if you are able. There will be a committee meeting on Sunday April 21st. after the 11 am Mass in Saint Michael's Parish Center. All are welcome to join in!

Burgoon Baseball is seeking volunteers: We're seeking volunteers to help with running the concession stand during baseball games. You would be helping prepare and serve snacks, beverages, and hot dogs to hungry fans. We also need baseball umpires. You would officiate baseball games for our youth teams. You must have a basic knowledge of baseball rules, training would be provided. Contact; Nancy Timmons 419-618-0298 or Bill Ochs 419-355-6968 for information.



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

Save the date!

Teresa Wright will be putting on a retirement concert on May 9th at 7:00pm. The concert will take place in the Ross High School PAC.

The Lutz School 4th and 5th grade choir will be performing as well as a select group of 5th grade boys. The Lutz students have graciously agreed to help Mrs. Wright say "goodbye." This concert will be a combination of the students performing as well as Mrs. Wright. This concert is free and open to the public.



Congratulations goes out to *Lea Wonderly* for winning the April, Pennies from Heaven drawing!



Classes for Preschool – 6th Grade

MV-Sunday April 21st 10:00-11:15am

GB-Weds. April 24th 6:30-7:45pm

Saturday April 27th 10am –12:30pm

First Eucharist Retreat

for all MV and GB 2nd graders and parent(s)

Confirmation



Classes for Confirmation Prep

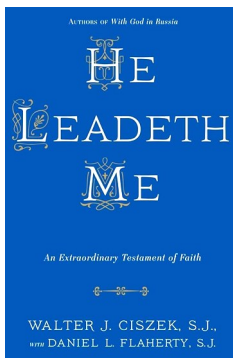
MV-Sunday April 21st 10:00-11:15am

GB-Weds. May 1st 6:30-7:45pm



High School Youth

April 21, 6pm at MV Hall



Did you enjoy the Lent #Pray40 Challenge on the Hallow app? We heard excerpts of Father Walter Ciszek's book, "He Leadeth Me". If you were touched by his story, are you interested in reading the whole book and discussing it in a book club? Father Walter wrote this book to inspire all Christians to greater faith and trust in God...even in the darkest hours.

We have people signing up! If you need a book ordered for you contact Patti. We will meet in Saint Michaels Parish Center in the Conference Room on Tuesday evenings beginning April 30th at 6:00pm following the 5:00pm Mass.

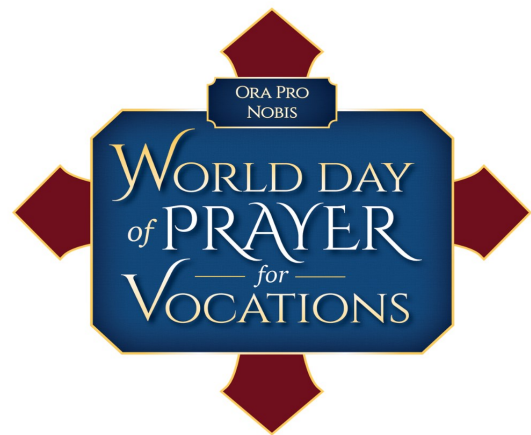


Doing your spring cleaning? Starting to downsize? Don't know what to do with your treasures??

Donate unwanted items to Saint Michael's Rummage Sale
Donated items may be dropped off at Saint Michael Parish Center
Monday, April 29-Thursday, May 9th
9:00am-4:00pm

Please do not drop off any furniture.
The Rummage sale is
Friday and Saturday May 10-11, 2024
8:00AM-4:00PM

\$2 a bag on Saturday from Noon-4:00PM
Food and Drinks will be available to purchase too!



World Day of Prayer for Vocations **4th Sunday in Easter**

Established in 1964 Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday to be World Day of Prayer for Vocations which is the day each year that all Catholics are asked to pray to God that he send more workers into the harvest.

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

The Toledo Diocese Council of Catholic Women recently hosted their 2024 Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at Camden Falls in Tiffin. Congratulations to our parishes recipients of the Mother Teresa Volunteer Award, Mark Foos and Gerry Williams! Thank you for your example of how to be disciples of Jesus Christ. To quote Saint Teresa of Calcutta,



"Love cannot remain by itself, it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service"

April Item of the Month

Easter Clearance items!!

Coloring books, crafts, toys, puzzles, stuffed animals, bendable rabbits, pencils, erasers, etc.

