

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, August 10

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
1:30pm- MV Wedding Mitchell/Hoffman
4:00 pm- Reconciliation @ GB church
5:00pm- Mass *the People of our Parishes+*
@ GB Church

SUNDAY, August 11

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church
8:00 am- Exposition @ MV Church
9:00 am- Mass *Tom Hoffman+, the Deceased of the
Jim and Barbara Haubert Family+*
@ MV Church
11:00 am- Mass *Living and Deceased of the Vernon
and Helen Durst Family+*
@ GB Church*

MONDAY, August 12

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

TUESDAY, August 13

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
5:00pm- Mass, *Jean DeAngelis+*
@ GB Church

WEDNESDAY, August 14

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
8:30 am- Mass *Souls in Purgatory* @ MV Church
7:00 pm- Young Adult volleyball @ MV yard

THURSDAY, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
8:30 am- Mass *Edward Herman Jr.+* @GB Church
7:00 pm- Mass *Louis Smith+* @ MV Church

FRIDAY, August 16

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
8:30 am- Mass *Francis & Betty Ochs+*
@ MV Church
9:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church

SATURDAY, August 17

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
4:00 pm- Reconciliation @ GB church
5:00pm- Mass *Roque Munoz+, Marcella Kirwen+*
@ GB Church

SUNDAY, August 18

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church
9:00 am- Mass *The People of Our Parishes+*
@ MV Church
11:00 am- Mass *Jim Kerrigan+, David and Patricia
Magrum+* @ GB Church*

MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint Michael

* = when on Facebook live

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Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary August 4, 2024

Sunday	\$2595.00
Loose	\$106.00
Festival Substitute	\$150.00

ACA pledges \$12,795.00
ACA Goal \$12,409.76

Saint Michael August 3-4 2024

Sunday	\$2990.54
Loose	\$401.00
Special Improv.	\$450.00
Rel. Ed.	\$20.00
Assumption	\$15.00
Cemetery	\$90.00
ACA pledges	\$12,538.00
ACA Goal	\$12,304.47



FORMED Pick for the Week Chalk and Block: What Every Child Needs to Know About God

"Big Blocks to Describe a Big God"
That's the credo of the Chalk and Block Children, a troupe of young believers who want to tell their peers "what every child needs to know about God". With

chalk I hand and boxes at the ready, these fresh faced youngsters illuminate minds with beloved Scriptures winsome melodies. "Chalk and Block Children" will fill your home with Biblical truth that extols the love of our Creator. 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: August 18, at Saint Michael's.*

Thank you to all who contributed, came and worked for Potluck Committee's first cookie and drinks event last Sunday at Saint Michaels. We had a nice intimate gathering. The committee may try this and or similar events in the future. Thank you to Jamie Ruggerio for his past leadership. The committee now will be Co-Chaired by Chris Lau and Cindy Hammer. There will be no Potluck in September due to the holiday.

St Mary's 4-H club would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who generously supported us at the Car Wash Fundraiser. The funds raised help offset some of the cost of participation. We would also like to show our appreciation for all the support the Church family has provided our club for many years. THANK YOU from our Heads, Hearts, Hands and Health!



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MILLERSVILLE



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GIBSONBURG

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August 11, 2024

Nineteenth 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,

I was indeed able to have a blessed time with my sister Keri and her children, along with my brother Eric and four of his children. They all came to Sunday Mass last week, along with my parents and carried up the gifts at the 11 am Mass at Saint Michael. A 9am Mass would have been too early for all of them coming from the lake with all of those children! It was a blessing for me that my oldest niece Grace was able to carry up the gifts at that Mass, as she is my goddaughter and will be leaving home for the first time as a Freshman at the University of Denver in Colorado. I also gave them a tour of the rectory which they greatly enjoyed. Keri's second oldest, Will was asking if I had a ghost in my basement- because he saw an old door down there as an entryway to another room!

We were able to swim together and have some family meals together. They all went to Put-In Bay and went to the top of Perry's Monument and watched the historical film of the War of 1812, which my nephews liked very much. They spent all day on Monday at Cedar Point, I was not able to join them, and it was a very hot day. I arrived at the very end of the day on an evening pass and was able to ride my favorite coaster, the Millenium Force, with my niece Grace. She reminded me during the hour long wait for the ride, that when she was seven years old (now she is 18) she and I rode the Millenium Force together eleven years ago for her first coaster ride. All of the kids loved Cedar Point. The kids also loved tubing on the Sandusky Bay behind my Dad's boat. They were out on the water for hours at a time.

We had a nice family reunion with my Dad's sister and her husband, and my Mom's Brother and his wife, along with some first cousin's around the Fremont area that were eager to see Eric and Keri's children. Eric's fourth child, John, continues to express interest in being a priest when he gets older, so please pray for his potential vocation to the priesthood.

Before my brother left for the airport on Tuesday, we were able to enjoy Lake Erie Perch sandwiches at the Jolly Roger in Port Clinton. My sister Keri just texted me today (Wednesday) to let me know how grateful she was for the new memories that have been created, all by the grace of God and the blessings of family life.

In Christ Jesus,
Rev. Msgr. Walter Tad R. Oxley

Statewide Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Novena for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary

The Catholic Bishops of Ohio invite all the faithful to join in praying the Assumption Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Consolation from August 6 - 14 and to make a pilgrimage to celebrate the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption on August 14 in Carey Ohio. A candlelight rosary procession will begin at 9 p.m. with the Miraculous Statue of Our Lady of Consolation from the Basilica Shrine to the Shrine Park, followed by Holy Mass at the outdoor Altar in the Shrine Park. Find the daily novena prayers and reflections from Bishop Earl K. Fernandes of Columbus as well as details on the pilgrimage at www.ohiocathconf.org/pilgrimage.

First Ever- Saint Mary and Saint Michael Golf Scramble

August 31, 2024 8:30 am Sign in;
9:30 am Shot Gun start;



at Sugar Creek Golf Course Elmore. Cost is \$35 per golfer, payable with registration. Everyone is invited to play and enjoy the day. Skill level does not matter, this is a scramble format, meaning the team's best ball position will be used for every shot. Registration forms are in the back of each parish, Completed forms and fees can be dropped in the collection baskets at Masses, or turned into Larry Kosakowski. If you have questions contact Larry Kosakowski

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tues., Aug. 13, 4:00 pm @ Saint Michael Church
Fri., Aug. 16, 9:00 am @ Saint Mary Church
Tue., Aug. 27, 4:00pm @ Saint Michael 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 Mary– Thursday, Aug. 15, 7:00pm

Rosary	Jim and Betty Hoffman
Server	Macey Kohler
Lector	Betty Hammer
Communion	Mary Gutschalk, Mark Foos

Saint Michael– Saturday, Aug. 17, 5:00 pm

Ambassadors	Jerry Wasserman
Servers	Volunteer
Lector	Jeff Schumaker
EMOHC	Dee Jones, Deb Kirwen, Sue Kaemming

Saint Mary– Sunday, Aug. 18, 9:00 am

Rosary	Dave and Mary Gutschalk
Servers	Garrett and Lucas Moffett
Lector	Sue Kosakowski
Commun.	Patrick Hoepf, Terri Reinhart Rebecca Rich, June Rich
Ambassadors	Jeff and Erin Foos
Count	Neil and Wanda Hoffman
Clean	Mary Gutschalk

Saint Michael– Sunday, Aug. 18, 11:00 am

Ambassadors	Dave Estep Family
Servers	Evie Estep, Anna Estep
Lector	Erin Estep
EMOHC	Verna 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 at Saint Michael and after Friday Mass at Saint Mary. Saturdays at 4:00pm at Saint Michael, and Sundays at 8:00am at Saint Mary.

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
Pray
for...



Please remember in prayer:

Mary Groweg, Timothy Culver, Mike Reineck, Patti Kreilick, Verna Konesky, Nate Liskai, Kris Minch, Rene Gonzales Jr., Dave Sandwisch, Fran Weigman, Dee Herman, Maverick Campbell, Rae Lyn Hoepf, Theresa Aldrich, Kaleb Williamson, Diane Schuh, Andy Rich, Jody Younker, Eileen Foos, Bella Sakel, Mike Hoy, Diane Goebel, Jay Cook, Rene and Mary Lou Gonzales, John Bricker, 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.

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith or would like to join the Catholic Church please contact Father Tad, Terri Reinhart, or either parish office. OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes will begin in September, please contact us if of any interest, this will help us get the proper amount of materials for classes.

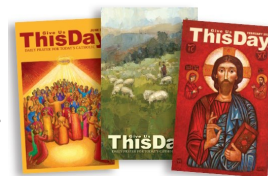


Save the Date! **September 22, 2024**

Saint Michael's Chicken BBQ will be held. Serving will begin at 11:00am with Dine In and Drive Thru dinners available. More details will be coming as the date gets closer. Keep the date open for a great meal and to help serve up many meals.

The Give Us This Day sign up.

Give Us This Day is a monthly publication with daily morning and evening prayer, the Mass readings for each day, and reflections on the readings and stories of saints and holy people. The parishes have been making it available for whoever wants to use this daily devotional. It is the time of year to sign up if you would like to continue receiving this or would like to start getting it. Sign-up sheets will be at the back of each church so you can sign up if you want to receive this book. If you have enjoyed this and want to help defray the cost to the parish, the yearly subscription is \$37.50.



If you wish to receive Give Us This Day, sign up by August 18th.

*Dear St. Michael and St. Mary Parishioners,
Fr. Tad, Deacon Mike, Patti, Nancy and Terri and all the hands that helped prepare for my wonderful party, all the cards and gifts, my heart is so overwhelmed and I couldn't be more thankful, grateful and blessed, especially for all the love and support for my next adventure, Working at St. Michael's has truly been the best years of my life, St. Michael's will always be home and all of YOU will always be family.*

*Love and blessing with a grateful heart,
Maria Porteous*

Faith Formation Summer Schedule



The Faith Formation Office will be closed from August 7th-15th. I will respond to all emails and messages upon my return!
Patti

VBS is over so it must be time to start planning the new Family Faith Formation year!



Tentative starting dates:
Saint Michael Parish
Wednesday, October 2nd
Saint Mary Parish
Sunday, October 6th.

We will be using the "Word of Life" curriculum from Augustine Institute, which we started with last year.

We are starting something new for our Middle School Students. A youth group all their own! We are in the planning stages and welcome any parents, young adults and high school students who would like to be a part of growing this new ministry. Contact Patti with questions or for more information.

We will be using "Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Youth Ministry" from the USCCB as a guide. The guidelines contain three goals for ministry with preteens/teens.

1. Empowering young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.
2. Drawing them into responsible participation in the Catholic Church.
3. Fostering their personal and spiritual growth.

"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you...to give you a future full of hope" Jer 29:11

The framework we envision for this middle school youth ministry must be:

- Developmentally appropriate,
- Family friendly,
- Intergenerational,
- Multicultural,
- Have community-wide collaboration,
- Have strong leadership, and
- Flexible programming for young people.

Following these guidelines, it is our hope that our middle school students will be committed to continue to grow their faith in high school, college, trade school, or upon entering the workforce. Watch for more details soon!

LADIES NIGHT OUT OPPORTUNITY!

Chonda Pierce
Friday, September 20th

We have reached a total of ten ladies that are looking forward to a night out with other members of our faith community to share a meal and some laughs. Doors open at 6:00pm and are on a first come first served basis. Reduced group rate tickets cost is \$26.75 plus the tax and fees makes the final cost \$35.52 per person. You can pay by cash or check (made out to Saint Michael Church) at either parish office or putting in an envelope in the collection basket marked Chonda Attn: Patti



Meet Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart



Those of us at the National Eucharistic Congress Revival were blessed to meet Mother Olga and hear her share stories.

One of her stories pertains to a mother and her small daughter. In her outreach to people in hospitals, Mother Olga met a woman who was in the last stages of her battle with cancer. As they talked, the woman shared that she was a mother of two. She also told Mother Olga that she had always dreamed of

watching her daughter, who was then 6, walk down the aisle of a church on her wedding day and that she knew she wouldn't live to see that dream become a reality.

After listening to the woman, Mother Olga set into motion a plan to give her a different version of her dream. She approached the Archdiocese of Boston for permission to allow the woman's 6-year-old daughter to receive her first Communion early. When the archdiocese approved the plan, Mother Olga asked the mother for her wedding veil, part of which Mother Olga turned into a veil that fit the girl. Then she asked hospital officials for a leave for the mother, so she could attend Mass on Easter morning. On that morning, the mother walked her daughter down the aisle toward her first Communion, toward the embrace of Jesus. It was a moment touched by tears, pure joy, peace and love. Several days later, the mother died.

Mother Olga told us, "In your own journey, in the journeys of your loved ones, whatever emptiness you have, go to the foot of the cross, go to Jesus, for he alone can fill every emptiness, every void in our lives. Our Lord is truly present, and he's here in our midst, wherever you go."

In researching the order of sisters that Mother Olga started, The Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, founded in 2011. I found they focus on the corporal works of mercy, serving in hospitals, nursing homes, and parishes. The community is guided by Blessed Charles de Foucauld's "spirituality of Nazareth." As the community's website explains: He lived his life imitating the example of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth, so are we called to live in a daily intimacy with Jesus. Starting our daily life with Jesus in prayer and adoration will transform us so that we may become little vessels of His presence wherever we serve. Our prayer life is nourished by daily Communion, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacred Scripture, and Marian Devotions.

Their motto is: Passion for God – Compassion for Humanity

"May our only treasure be God, may our heart belong totally to God, everything in God, everything for God... for Him alone." (Saint Charles de Foucauld)

Our Vocation is to be the leaven in the dough. It is a call to be the leaven in society, in the Church and in the world. Like Jesus during His life on earth, we make ourselves all things to all people: universal sisters among our brothers and sisters wherever we live and serve by immersing ourselves deeply among people and sharing their life. As Daughters of Mary, our ministry is focused on loving God and our neighbors through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.