

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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*

MONDAY, August 19

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

TUESDAY, August 20

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
5:00pm- Mass, *Jim and Loyola Zeller+*
Increased Reverence for Life
@ GB Church

WEDNESDAY, August 21

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
8:30 am- Mass *Jean Wonderly+* @ MV Church
7:00 pm- Young Adult volleyball @ MV yard

THURSDAY, August 22

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
8:30 am- Mass *Connie Hohon+* @GB Church

FRIDAY, August 23

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
8:30 am- Mass *Al and Mary Wonderly+*
@ MV Church
9:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church

SATURDAY, August 24

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
4:00 pm- Reconciliation @ GB church
5:00pm- Mass *Living and Deceased of the Macey and Clara Hammer Family+*
@ GB Church

SUNDAY, August 25

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church
9:00 am- Mass *John Van der Laar+*
@ MV Church
11:00 am- Mass *The People of Our Parishes*
@ GB Church*

MONDAY, August 26

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint Michael

* = when on Facebook live

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Financial Stewardship

Saint Mary August 11, 2024

Sunday	\$4830.00
Loose	\$105.00
Festival Substitute	\$740.00
Repair	\$200.00
Assumption	\$20.00

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

Saint Michael August 10-11 2024

Sunday	\$2580.00
Loose	\$221.00
Special Improv.	\$345.00
Rel. Ed.	\$25.00
Assumption	\$75.00
Cemetery	\$140.00
ACA pledges	\$12,538.00
ACA Goal	\$12,304.47



FORMED Pick for the Week Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the great Doctor of the Church, St. Bernard of Clairvaux. St. Bernard had a great devotion to Sacred Scripture and love of God. 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.*

Night of Healing Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7:00-8:30pm at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, 320 N. Locust St., Ottawa, Ohio. Come for Adoration, Witness and Reconciliation, Fr. Scott Kramer, Fr. James Brown and Fr. Kevin Moebius will be there, also there will be group healing and personal prayer teams. For more info call the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal 734-888-8197 or visit website: www.mccrholyspirit.org



Congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. Anthony and Morgan (Mitchell) Hoffman* on their celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony this Past Weekend. We pray for them and married couples everywhere, that they will live in love and faithfulness, all the days of their lives.

Congratulations to *Archer Charles Krais* as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend at Saint Mary's. We pray that Archer may grow in grace, and love of God and others.



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

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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

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Saint *Mary*

MILLERSVILLE



Saint *Michael*

GIBSONBURG

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August 18, 2024 Twentieth 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,

This past week we have begun phase three of our window restoration initiative at Saint Michael's. There are three men from Window Creations Stained Glass Studios that were here last week, and will be here for some weeks to come. You will notice a nice electric lift on our property during these weeks. Phase three of this project involves all of the smaller stained-glass windows in the Church, as well as the Saint Cecilia window in the balcony facing north. Notice the old wood being taken out of the frames on the outside of these windows. These will be replaced with storm windows, just like the larger windows already have been given. It is a really nice upgrade and will sustain our beautiful windows for decades to come. I am so grateful to have this skilled company on site, as this level of skilled artistry and labor is so hard to find. We are blessed for their service to us. These small windows, which include the five in the back facing south above the chiller (sacristy windows), are receiving this re-working. Notice also that phase three includes the work on the sanctuary stained-glass (high and facing south) which includes the artistic depiction of the four evangelists. It was also discovered by the crew as they were working on site, that twelve stained glass ventilators (located on the bottom portion of the windows) need to be restored. This work has now been added to phase three of the work. To accomplish this work, bottom portions of these windows will need to return to the studio for the work to be done and the windows will be back before the completion of phase three in a few weeks. Therefore, you are able to see as you look at the exterior of the church that the bottom portions of the smaller windows have already been removed to complete this restorative work. Finally, you are to see the current work as you look primarily at all of the smaller windows surrounding the Church from the north to the south, including also the eastern and western sides.

Thank you for your generosity to the Living Christ Campaign as these are the fruits our parish is directly receiving from your giving to the Diocese!

In Christ Jesus

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

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



News from Heartbeat Hope Medical

"We are excited to announce a development in our mission to serve those in our community. As part of our ongoing commitment to serving with faith and compassion, Heartbeat Hope Medical and Caring Hands Pregnancy & Parenting Support have decided to unite our efforts. Effective August 1, 2024, Heartbeat Hope Medical will be taking over the operations of Caring Hands in Fostoria, OH. We will then have three locations; Fremont, Tiffin, and Fostoria. This decision has been made prayerfully and with a shared vision to expand our impact and strengthen our ability to serve those in need. By combining our resources, expertise, and dedication, we are confident that we will be able to fulfill our missions more effectively and reach even more individuals in our community.

We want to assure you that our commitment to our mission remains steadfast. This merger will allow us to:

- Expand our services and programs.
- Increase our capacity to serve more individuals in need.
- Foster innovation through shared knowledge and resources.

For the foreseeable future, you will see a seamless transition as we integrate our operations. Our dedicated staff/volunteer members from both organizations will continue their invaluable work, ensuring continuity and maintaining the high standards you have come to expect.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and belief in our mission. Together, we look forward to this new chapter and the positive impact it will bring to our community."

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tue., Aug. 27, 4:00pm @ Saint Michael Church

Fri., Sept. 6, 9:00am @ Saint Mary 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, Aug. 24, 5:00 pm

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

Saint Mary– Sunday, Aug. 25, 9:00 am

Rosary	Harold and Eileen Foos
Servers	Chole Foos Levi Reno
Lector	Jeanine Van Der Laar
Commun.	Angie Smith, Eileen Foos Harold Foos, Bill Ochs
Ambassadors	Nick and Tracy Foos
Count	Greg and Barb Lehman
Clean	Volunteer

Saint Michael– Sunday, Aug. 25, 11:00 am

Ambassadors	Dave Estep Family
Servers	Scarlett Hunker Andrew Spieldenner
Lector	Chris Lau
EMOHC	Natalie Liskai, Petra Hernandez, Verna Konesky

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 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.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

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, and get a schedule to you.

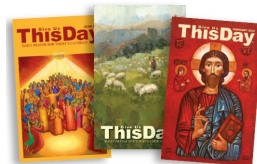


Save the Date! **September 22, 2024**

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.

Love and Life Programs: Program 1: I + YOU = WE

Happy relationships don't grow on trees, *Inspire your Marriage!* This weekend will be filled with lectures, dynamic workshops, and individual couple dialogue that leads you through 6 simple steps to real joy in your marriage. All married couples will benefit from this workshop. Program Leader: Fr. Jaroslaw "Jay" Szymczak from the Institute of the Holy Family. October 12-13, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fremont. Cost is \$250 per couple. \$300 after Sept. 30th. For more info contact Aaron & Stephanie Gonya 614-378-6975 or loveandlifeprograms.ohio@gmail.com

Faith Formation Schedule

Family Catechesis



Starting dates:
Saint Michael Parish
Wednesday, October 2nd
6:30-7:45pm
Saint Mary Parish
Sunday, October 6th.
10:00-11:15am

All students registered last year will be automatically registered and moved up a grade for the 2024-2025 Faith Formation year. If you are new to our parishes and would like to register your child/children please call or send Patti an email so we can plan accordingly when ordering our supplies. We will be using the "Word of Life" curriculum from Augustine Institute, which we started with last year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH



MSY (Middle School Youth) A youth group especially designed for 6-8th grade students to awaken their identity in Christ and empower them to participate in the community of faith. This is a

fun and safe place for students to enjoy time with friends and explore what it means to be a child of God. Each event will include games, snacks, Bible study and small group time. Confirmation students are highly encouraged to participate! **Dates TBA**

Blessing of the



Backpacks

Next weekend, August 24/25, Saint Mary and Saint Michael Parishes will be having their a blessing of the backpacks at the end of all Masses. All children, college students, and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks to the Mass and receive a special blessing before the start of the school year. Why do we bless backpacks? We carry our backpacks to and from school every day. Sometimes they can be heavy, sometimes they can be light., but the load will be easier when we strap on our Blessed backpacks and are reminded of the love, care, and protection Christ has for us at school, at home, and every day of the year.



BLESSING OF FALL ATHLETES August 24/25 at all Masses

This is for all ages and all fall sports whether you play for a school or with a club team. Please wear your uniform or jersey! We will join together to bless all of our fall teams: Soccer, Cross Country, Volleyball, Football, Golf, Band and Cheer to wish them luck and send them off with a positive spirit and support going into their respective competitive seasons.

The Shrine of Saint Thérèse Juneau, Alaska



One of the highlights of my recent cruise to Alaska, was visiting the Saint Thérèse Shrine in Juneau. The National Shrine of St. Thérèse began as the dream of Fr. William G. LeVasseur, S.J. (Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits). Fr. LeVasseur saw the need for a retreat center in Alaska. He approached Bishop Crimont, the first Bishop of Alaska, and asked for permission to build the retreat center. Bishop Crimont had a deep devotion to St. Therese and knew members of her family, so he wanted the retreat center to be dedicated to St. Thérèse.

A little over 46 acres of land was secured which included a beautiful coastline and mostly hilly forest ground. The cornerstone for a chapel was laid on the Feast of Christ the King, October 30, 1938 and the first Mass was celebrated on October 28, 1941. Today the Shrine includes small retreat cabins, three Mary gardens, a labyrinth, many walking trails, outdoor stations of the Cross, assorted statues through the waking trails and of course a gift shop!

I was not able to attend the late afternoon Mass due to time constraint, but I did spend time inside to pray and light a candle for all of us, asking Saint Thérèse to watch over our faith family, and to show us how her "Little Way" puts holiness within reach of ordinary people like us. It is called little way precisely by being simple and direct, yet calling for amazing fortitude and commitment. May Saint Thérèse help us to live our days with confidence in God's love for us, so we may share God's love in little ways with all those he puts on our path.

I was given the prayer card below while in the chapel.

Gracious God, in baptism you called us by name and made us members of your people, the Church.

We praise you for your goodness.

We thank you for your gifts.

Bless your Church with love.

Raise up in Alaska good and holy families, loving husbands and wives, devoted parents and children.

Raise up from our families and friends dedicated and generous leaders who will serve as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons and lay ministers.

Send your spirit to guide and strengthen us that we may serve your people following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer this prayer.

Amen.

Diocese of Juneau
Prayer for Vocations and Families