

WEEKLY CALENDAR MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint MichaelSATURDAY, Feb. 22

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

4:00 pm- Reconciliation @ GB Church

5:00pm- Mass *Sharon Miller+, John Bricker+*
@ GB Church

6:00—9:00pm- Twin Parish Event @ Saint Michael Parish Center. Bring finger foods to share and your own drinks. *A night of fellowship and fun.*

SUNDAY, Feb. 23

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church

9:00 am- Mass *In Thanksgiving for 60th Wedding Anniversary of Mark and Ann Foos*
@ MV Church

11:00 am- Mass *The People of Our Parishes*
@ GB Church*

5:00pm- Grieving with Great Hope Class
@ MV Parish Office Building

MONDAY, Feb. 24

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

TUESDAY, Feb. 25

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

5:00pm- Mass *Leonard Reino+, Tony Ruggerio+*
@ GB Church

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

8:30 am- Mass *Increased Reverence for Life*
@ MV Church

6:30pm- Faith Formation @ GB Parish Center

7:00pm- Young Adults @ MV Office Building

THURSDAY, Feb. 27

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

8:30 am- Mass *Judy Girand+* @ GB Church

FRIDAY, Feb. 28

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

8:30 am- Mass *Deceased Members of the Al and Mary Wonderly Family+* @ MV Church

SATURDAY, March 1

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

1:00 pm- Ayers/Lau wedding @ GB Church

4:00 pm- Reconciliation @ GB Church

5:00pm- Mass *James and Ester Irmen+, Don Kirwen+*
@ GB Church

SUNDAY, March 2

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church

9:00 am- Mass *Shirley Miller+*
@ MV Church*

11:00 am- Mass *The People of Our Parishes*
@ GB Church

5:00pm- Grieving with Great Hope Class
@ MV Parish Office Building

* = when on Facebook live

Financial StewardshipSaint Mary Feb. 16, 2025

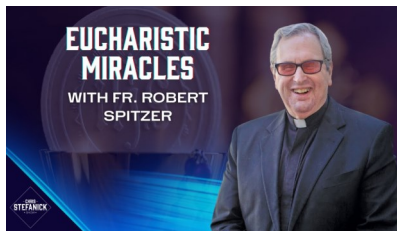
Sunday	\$3813.00
Loose	\$122.00
Repair	\$150.00

Saint Michael Feb. 15-16, 2024

Sunday	\$1810.00
Loose	\$206.00
Cemetery	\$80.00
Eastern Europe	\$25.00
Special Improve.	\$175.00

ACA goal \$14,519.86

ACA goal \$12,575.53



FORMED Pick for the Week

Eucharistic Miracles with Fr. Robert Spitzer on the Chris Stefanick Show

The Eucharist is one of the greatest signs of Christ's love for us; not only did he want to be with us for 33 years and save us from our sins, but he also wanted to be united with us after his ascension in a radical way. Did you know there are miracles that back

up the true presence of the Eucharist? It's true! And I brought Fr. Robert Spitzer back to tell us about the incredible science behind them. Hearing Fr. Spitzer talk about these topics was incredibly helpful for my Faith, and I hope it will be so for you, as well. Some people are having trouble getting back into Formed. If that is the case, get out of formed, do not use your app, just go to formed.org look for sign in, and sign in, through a parish. Put in your email and zip code 43431 to find St. Mary/St. Michael and a code will get sent to your email and then you can get back into Formed. Haven't subscribed to FORMED yet? There is no cost to you! Visit formed.org/signup, sign in through a parish, 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: March. 16, at Saint Mary's.*

Adoramus Ecumenical Choir All singers from the area are invited to join the *Adoramus Ecumenical Choir* which is forming to present its 11th annual Good Friday Music Reflection at the Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation. This year, the choir will be singing a program centered around a piece titled "Crown of Thorns". The music reflection will take place on Friday, April 18 at noon in the basilica. Rehearsals are on Sunday from 1:00-2:30 in the choir loft at the basilica with the first rehearsal taking place on March 2. Due to space limitations in the loft, there is a maximum of 44 singers. All singers are encouraged to register by contacting the basilica's Director of Music Ministries, Anthony Gallina (music@olcshrine.com).

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

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

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MV Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:30am-2:30pm 419-638-3042

GB Office Hours: Tues.10:00am-2:00pm, Wed.1-2:30pm, Fri. 10:00am- 2:00pm
419-637-2255

Saint *Mary* Saint *Michael*
MILLERSVILLE GIBSONBURG

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stMaryandStMichael.org
Facebook: Saint Mary and Saint Michael Catholic Parishes

February 23, 2025
**Seventh 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 Saturday evening, which is either today or yesterday, depending upon your reading, we will have another Twin Parish Event in the form of a night of fellowship with the great Nick Foos, our local musician, and director of the folk choir at Saint Mary.

It will be event of our two parishes joining together so as to build fellowship, and grow in unity among our two parish communities. Our last event of this kind was our Twin Parish Bonanza last May which was a great success!!!

Remember these lines from our parishes mission statement: "We are connected as the Body of Christ" and we "Reverence the presence of God in each person."

To be connected and to know each other, we need to continually work on extending those with whom we associate so that we may, know them and love them more personally. This work takes place in fellowship outside of the Sunday Mass as we get to know each other in a social setting and grow together as disciples in Christ.

We priests, had a study day a few months back on parish renewal and the speaker from a group called "Divine Renovation!" (I like their name because of God's initiative in bringing life to a parish.) Interesting here are the stages of parish renewal that they used for examples: 1. Those who just look from afar (onlookers); 2. Those who look but stay on the shore; 3. those who cast off; 4. those who raise the sails; 5. those who sail the waves; and 6. those parishes who become an actual beacon of light!

This helps us think about where each of us may be, and can we move more to the next level as a parishioner, if so what would that look like? Coming to a fellowship event just may be your way of casting off!!

Blessings,
Rev. Msgr. Walter Tad R Oxley



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

The next Eucharistic Revival Night, will be Tuesday, February 25 at Saint Michael's Parish Center 6-7:30 pm. Watch a video from the Eucharistic Congress and then have discussion and prayer, with fellow parishioners. All are welcome to come to this. Come and grow in love of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Annual Catholic Appeal Countless lives are touched by the ministries of the Diocese funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal. Seminary education and formation, children, the sick, the aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Thank you to all that have pledged to help meet our parish goal and assure the continuation of these efforts. Our Parish Goals are: Saint Mary \$14,519.86, Saint Michael \$12,575.53, the more parishioners we get to donate, the faster and easier it will be to make our goals. Please prayerfully consider giving. For more information on ministries funded by the appeal, visit acatoledo.org. Thank you!



Carey Ecumenical Choir

The Carey Ecumenical Choir is forming for a special Spring Concert on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 4:00pm. Under the direction of Mr. Anthony Gallina, the choir will present a concert of sacred music at the Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Singers high school age and older from all over northwest Ohio are invited and encouraged to join the volunteer ensemble. The first rehearsal is on Thursday, March 13 from 7:00-9:00pm (location TBA). Singers are asked to attend a majority of rehearsals which alternate between Tuesdays and Thursdays leading up to the concert. Contact Anthony Gallina (music@olcshrine.com) to register, for more information, or with any questions.

Women's Retreat, March 7-9. Our Lord Jesus Christ-The Path to the Father at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. Retreat Master Fr. Jan Maturkanic. Contact Joan Washburn 1-865-696-7809 or stmarybhdwomensretreat@gmail.com

Up Coming Time for Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 7, 9:00 am @ 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, March 1, 5:00 pm

Ambassadors	Gerry Williams Paul Makulinski
Servers	Lynne Eisenman
Lector	Deb Dazley
EMOHC	Gerry Williams, Norma Vela Sue Kaemming

Saint Mary– Sunday, March 2, 9:00 am

Rosary	Terri Parks and Dave Wonderly
Servers	Wilson Scherger Lucas Moffett
Lector	Rae Lyn Hoepf
Commun.	Lucas Hammer Angie Smith, June Rich Harold and Eileen Foos
Ambassadors	Amber and Neil Hoffman
Count	Greg and Barb Lehman
Clean	Volunteers

Saint Michael– Sunday, March 2, 11:00 am

Ambassadors	Chris and Sarah Lau
Servers	Andrew Spieldenner Mazie Millerschone
Lector	Cindy Hammer
EMOHC	Chris Lau, 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.

Sick & Shut-in



Please remember in prayer:

Pete Norton, Carol Miller, Lara Wooten, John Brindley, Melinda Sandwisch, Rene and Mary Lou Gonzales, Mary Reineck, Mary Smith, Patti Wasserman, Emma Holman, Patti Kreilick, Verna Konesky, Nate Liskai, Rene Gonzales Jr.,

Dee Herman, Maverick Campbell, Rae Lyn Hoepf, Theresa Aldrich, Kaleb Williamson, Diane Schuh, Andy Rich, Eileen Foos, Diane Goebel, 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.

Join us for the monthly Parish potluck Sunday

March 2nd following 11:00 am Mass at Saint Michael's Parish Center. All are welcome!

- There will be a potluck committee meeting Sunday February 23rd Following 11:00 am Mass at Saint Michael's in the Parish Center.



That Man is You: Fremont Area Men's Group meets Saturday Mornings from 7-8am in Saint Joseph's Parish Hall, Fremont. Upcoming topics: 3/1 The Paradise of God

**Area Wide Mission
With Paul George**

February 25-27

6:30-8:00pm

St. Joseph Church

709 Croghan St. Fremont

419-334-2638

Let's enter this Lent with a renewed sense of joy and hope in our faith in Christ! *This event is free and open to the public.*

Chris Lau and Sarah Ayers

cordially invite parishioners
who have been part of our faith journey
to attend our nuptial Mass on

March 1, 2025

*1 o'clock in the afternoon,
at Saint Michael's, church*

fellowship (appetizers and refreshments)
in the parish center immediately following Mass.

The February Pennies from Heaven winner was
Brenda Norton. *Congratulations Brenda!*

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent, alternating between Saint Mary's and Saint Michael's, starting at 7:00 pm. Volunteer sign up sheets are in the back of both churches. Please prayerfully consider leading the stations. Booklets are available to use. Other stations of the cross can be used, and booklets, for those can be prepared by the parishes, if desired.

Family Catechesis



Saint Michael Parish
Preschool–8th Grade
Wednesday, February 26th
6:30–7:45pm

Saint Mary Parish
Preschool–8th Grade
Sunday, March 2nd
10:00–11:15am

VACATION
MOOD: ON

Reminder, the Faith Formation office will be closed until March 4th.



Next High School Youth Gathering
March 2, 2025
General Session 5
Distractions in Prayer
at Saint Mary

Voices in the Hall
The Compassion of Christ:
A Journey of Justice, Hope and Peace



On February 16th, Patti Wasserman and her adult children had the pleasure of attending this concert at Carnegie Hall NYC. The Voices of the Hall choir included 170 gifted singers and musicians representing more than 20 choirs from across the US, including our own Father Ted Miller! They were led by renowned Catholic liturgical artists Jesse Manibusan, Janet Sullivan, and Curtis Stephan. Their hope was to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ, his transforming compassion for all people, and our call to live lives of justice and love, a message that united us all. From the opening song, Listen to the Music to All Are Welcome (All Belong), Tend the Ground, Hold on to Love, The Least of These, Open My Eyes, Give Us Your Peace, plus many more songs ending with Go Out, Go Out, we were able to experience just a glimpse of God's Kingdom right there in the heart of New York City.



Patti and family meet up with Father Ted afterwards to catch up, share food, and lots of laughs! The top photo on the right (if you can find him) is Father Ted in the choir. Bottom right is Jesse, Janet and Curtis leading us all in song. A fun time was had by all!



A Prayer for Pope Francis

By James Martin, S.J.

Loving God, We ask you to look with favor on your servant Francis, who has served you as a Jesuit, a priest, an archbishop, a cardinal and now as pope. Most of all, he has served you as a faithful Christian, sharing the love mercy and compassion that your son showed to all he encountered, especially those who were poor or struggling. As Francis faces this new illness, help the doctors and nurses who care for him, help him to bear any pain with grace, and help him to heal quickly.

We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

We have join the Lake Erie Blue Star Mothers and local businesses as a drop off site for their 2025 Winter Care Package Drive! **Donations can be dropped off at Saint Michael Parish Center in the red tote, on the pew near the main office door, before February 28th.** There is a competition going on in all Faith Formation classes, with the class bringing in the most items receiving an ice cream party! We're looking for travel-sized items that fit into 12x12 care boxes, such as:



Soldier Care Package

Shopping List

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| ☆ ChapStick | ☆ Shampoo/Conditioner |
| ☆ Shaving Cream | ☆ Hand Sanitizer |
| ☆ Sunscreen | ☆ Body Wash |
| ☆ Gatorade Powdered Drink | ☆ Tampons/Pads |
| ☆ Flavored Coffee Creamer | ☆ Deodorant |
| ☆ Hard Candy | ☆ Toothpaste |
| ☆ Granola Bar | ☆ Toothbrush |
| ☆ Instant Oatmeal | ☆ Gum |
| ☆ Protein Bars | ☆ Disposable Razors |
| ☆ Ramen Noodles | ☆ Hand Lotion |
| ☆ Beef Jerky (no pork) | ☆ Bar Soap |
| ☆ Cereal | ☆ Baby Wipes |
| ☆ Chips/Pretzels | ☆ Floss |
| ☆ Tuna to-go Package | ☆ Foot/Body Powder |
| ☆ Mac & Cheese Cups | ☆ Kleenex |
| ☆ Peanuts/Other Nuts | ☆ Microwaveable |
| Popcorn | |
| ☆ Small Bouncy Balls | ☆ Playing Cards |
| ☆ Stationary | ☆ Puzzle Books |
| ☆ Hand Warmers | ☆ Soldier Bibles |

Know a deployed service member who would love a care package? Submit their name and address here:

<https://forms.gle/RNaTposzLJ61tLK57>

Operation Christmas Child Year Round Collection IDEAS FOR FEBRUARY



- wash cloths (NO SOAP)
- hairbrushes, ponytail holders, hair clips, other hair fasteners, plastic mirror, combs
- Off-season clothes, watch for clearance items!