

WEEKLY CALENDAR MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint MichaelSATURDAY, March 29

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 9:00-11:00am Reconciliation @ GB Church
 4:00 pm- Reconciliation @ GB Church
 5:00pm- Mass *Judy Girand+* @ GB Church

SUNDAY, March 30

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church
 9:00 am- Mass *Gus Miller+* @ MV Church
 11:00 am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*
 @ GB Church*
 10:00am-Noon Confirmation Retreat
 @ MV Church
 6:00pm- His Youth Group @ MV Church

MONDAY, March 31

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

TUESDAY, April 1

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 5:00pm- Mass *Religious and Priest Vocations*
 @ GB Church
 7:00pm- Rosary asking the intercession of Mary
 Patroness of America to pray for
 our County @ MV Church

WEDNESDAY, April 2

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 8:30 am- Mass *Living and Deceased of the Kistner*
and Hoepf Families @ MV Church
 6:30pm- Faith Formation @ GB Parish Center
 7:00pm- Young Adults @ MV office building

THURSDAY, April 3

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

First FRIDAY, April 4

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 8:30 am- Mass *Michael Reineck+, Paul Naderer+*
 @ MV Church
 7:00 pm- Stations of the Cross @ GB Church

SATURDAY, April 5

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 10:00 am- Confirmation for 8th graders @ Queen of
 the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo
 4:00 pm- Reconciliation @ GB Church
 5:00pm- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*
 @ GB Church

SUNDAY, April 6

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church
 9:00 am- Mass *Richard, Ken and Danny Hammer+*
 @ MV Church*
 11:00 am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*
 @ GB Church

* = when on Facebook live

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Financial StewardshipSaint Mary March 23, 2025

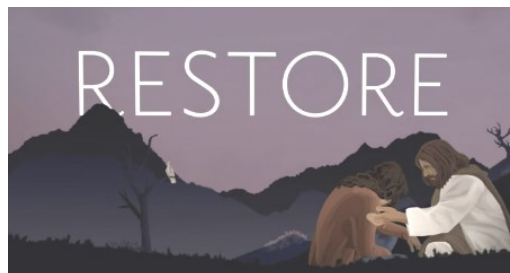
Sunday \$2475.00
 Loose \$93.00

ACA goal \$14,519.86
 Pledged so far \$5181.94

Saint Michael March 22-23, 2025

Sunday \$2111.00
 Loose \$440.00
 Special Improve. \$55.00
 Food Pantry \$80.00

ACA goal \$12,575.53
 Pledged so far \$6876.25

**FORMED Pick for the Week: Restore**

Take a healing journey with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, as she helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole. Each week, Sr. Miriam will lead you to meet the tenderness of

God's mercy, the power of his love, and the restoration of your heart and life as you practice prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and sacrifice. You can still enter into prayer with this, even this far into Lent. This is just a short video each for week. Some people are having trouble getting back into Formed. If that is the case, log 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: April, 13, at Saint Michael's.*

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.

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

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

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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

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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419-638-3042 treinhart@stmaryandstmichael.org

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March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday
Of Lent

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.

Hello Everyone!

Happy Fourth Week of Lent! Holy Week is approaching soon so we must be spiritually prepared. The best way to spiritually prepare for Easter is the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance or Confession). Some of us may have some unconfessed grave sin from our past that we have never confessed out of shame. God forgives every sin, even the participation and cooperation in the sin of abortion, every sin!! When we confess our sins to a priest and receive absolution, especially the big ones, we leave the confessional feeling so much lighter. Confession is not just for pious and holy people, it is for sinners like me in need of grace. I love hearing confessions of 30 years away from the sacrament, 35 years away, 10 years away, these celebrations of the sacrament are more and more frequent, and they are the grace of God working in our hearts.

Jesus the priest will be waiting for you in the confessional at the following times at both Gibsonburg and Millersville.

Saturday March 29, 9-11 am Gibsonburg
Thursday April 10th - Leave the light on- every hour on the hour, beginning at 12 noon and concluding at 6 pm in Gibsonburg
Saturday April 12, 9-11 am Millersville

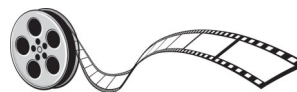
These above times are in addition to our regularly scheduled times of Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday confessions which are offered at one of the two parishes - with a grand total of four confession times being offered each week at our twin parishes!!

Come and encounter his mercy!!
Rev. Msgr Walter Tad R Oxley



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. April 4, at Saint Michael's church, April 11 at Saint Mary's church, April 18, at Saint Michael's



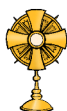
On March 29/30 and April 5/6, Joanne Kosta will be showing a short video after all masses -Blood of Christ: the Mystery Deepens. We as Catholics believe that the consecrated Host is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, under the appearances of bread and wine. The Eucharist is one of the greatest 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 such a radical way!

Eucharistic Miracles Our Parishes, are going to host a display of Eucharistic Miracles that have happened around the world and over the centuries, at Saint Michael's Parish Center, April 24-29th. Make plans to spend time seeing this display with family and friends, to help us have a better appreciation of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. Times that the Parish Center will be open will be posted in the next few weeks.

The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (Charter) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance.

Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth. The last 3-year audit was conducted in September 2024 and all audited Articles within the Charter were found to be compliant. The next on-site audit will be conducted in 2027.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.



Up Coming Times for Eucharistic Adoration
Friday April 4, 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, April 5, 5:00 pm

Ambassadors	Volunteer
Servers	Lynne Eisenman
Lector	Jeff Schumaker
EMOHC	Hank Reineck, Dee Jones Gerry Williams

Saint Mary– Sunday, April 6, 9:00 am

Rosary	Dave and Mary Gutschalk
Servers	Aiden Foos, Wyatt Cox
Lector	Jessica Scherger
Commun.	Amber Hoffman Patrick Hoepf, Mark Foos Terri Reinhart, Rebecca Rich
Ambassadors	Nick and Tracy Foos
Count	Harbod and Eileen Foos
Clean	Mary Gutchalk

Saint Michael– Sunday, April 6, 11:00 am

Ambassadors	Chris and Sarah Lau
Servers	Andrew Spieldenner, Colton Knight
Lector	Mary Kern
EMOHC	Verna Konesky Chris Lau

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.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 1105 Elliston Road, Martin Ohio (just off SR2-Bono) is hosting a Rummage Sale, Friday, March 28 9am-6pm, and Saturday, March 29, 9am-1pm \$2 bag Day!

Sick & Shut-in Please remember in prayer:



Jim Balsizer, Phil Harris, Sue Kaemming, Josh Meyer, Pope Francis, Pete Norton, Carol Miller, Lara Wooten, John Brindley, Melinda Sandwisch, Rene and Mary Lou Gonzales, Mary Reineck, Mary Smith, 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



Potluck Sunday, April 6th following the 11am Mass in the Saint Michael Parish Center the Gibsonburg Area Ministerial Association (GAMA) will be joining our Monthly Potluck Committee to serve a meal and lead an Ecumenical Prayer Service and Singalong with the theme "Anchored to

Christ, Jesus is my Rock" Please bring a dish to share. Next Potluck Committee meeting on Sunday March 30 following the 11am Mass



Rummage Sale May 9, and 10, at Saint Michael's Parish Center.

Please set aside donations for the rummage sale while you are doing your spring cleaning, clothes, small

appliances, dishes, toys... No large furniture. Donations will be collected the week prior of the sale. More times and details will be coming. Proceeds go to help pay for shipping for the Operation Shoe Boxes that our parishes collect.

The ECCE YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

presents **Do Not Be Afraid: A Concert of Sacred Music**. Free and open to the public; no tickets or reservations needed. For more information, contact Jessica Schuster, Director: jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com.



May 3, 7:00pm St. Rose Catholic Church, Perrysburg, OH

May 4, 4:30pm St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Bowling Green, OH

Tamale Sale



St. Michael & St. Mary Guadalupe Society is making & selling Tamales on Sunday, April 13th. This will take place in St. Michael's Parish Center. Contact Fran Castillo or Mary Lou

Gonzalez with orders.

BHCS/Heartbeat Flower Sale HURRY!

Orders must be placed by April 3! No late orders! Contact any BHCS student to get a link to place your order or call/text Tracy Foos at 419-680-2076 or Bekah Gutschalk at 419-569-0189. Flowers arrive Monday May 12th at Sacred Heart.



Thanks for your support of BHCS and Heartbeat Hope Medical!

Family Catechesis



Saint Michael Parish
Preschool–8th Grade
Wednesday, April 2nd
6:30-7:45pm

Saint Mary Parish
Preschool –8th Grade
Sunday, March 30th
10:00-11:15am

SACRAMENT SAVE THE DATES

March 30 – Confirmation Retreat for 7th and 8th Grade
Confirmandi with Sponsor or Parent @ Saint Mary

Begins with 9:00am Mass

Retreat from 10:00am -1:00pm

A dish to share for brunch is welcome.

April 5th – Confirmation Mass 10:00am

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral-Toledo

Heavenly Father, We lift up our people preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Fill them with the fire of Your Holy Spirit, strengthening their faith, guiding their hearts, and deepening their love for You. May they be courageous witnesses of Christ in the world. Amen

April 26th – First Communion Retreat and Reconciliation
For 2nd graders and parent(s)

10:00am-12:30pm @ Saint Michael Parish Center

April 27th—First Holy Communion Mass

11:00am Mass at Saint Michael



Next High School Youth Gathering
March 30th, 6pm
Praying the Mass Part 1 @ Saint Mary



Young Adults Meeting
Wednesday April 2nd
Passion of the Christ Part 2 @ MV



It's time to register for NCYC!! The National Catholic Youth Conference will take place November 20-22, 2025 at Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana. This is for youth entering high school next fall as freshman to this years outgoing seniors. We need a \$100 deposit (checks made out to Saint Mary's) to claim your spot and you'll have the opportunity to fundraise, plus a share of any donations/scholarship money we secure for the rest. Contact Patti Wasserman, Amber Hoffman or Marlene Mason by March 30th with any questions.



Lenten soup suppers will be served starting at 6:00pm every Friday before the Stations of the Cross at Saint Michael Parish Center on April 4th and Good Friday April 18th. All are welcome!



Below is the front of a beautiful prayer card for the Jubilee Year 2025 received from Vianney Vocations. It features Carl Bloch's famous painting "Christ Consolator" showing the poor clinging to Jesus, their one true hope. On the back is the "Prayer of Abandonment" by St. Charles de Foucauld.



*Father,
 I abandon myself into Your hands;
 do with me what You will.
 Whatever You may do, I thank You:
 I am ready for all, I accept all.
 Let only Your will be done in me,
 and in all Your creatures.
 I wish no more than this, O Lord.
 Into Your hands
 I commend my soul;
 I offer it to You
 with all the love of my heart,
 for I love You, Lord,
 and so need to give myself,
 to surrender myself
 into Your hands
 without reserve,
 and with boundless confidence,
 for You are my Father. Amen*

LENT + MADNESS

**At the end of the "Round of 32",
 the top three brackets are as follows:**

22 points-Reed Elchert and Jeanne Van Der Laar

20 points-Ruger Kelbley

Rounding out the rest of the field:

6 brackets with 18 points

8 brackets with 16 points

4 brackets with 14 points

2 brackets with 12 points

3 brackets with 10 points

"The Sainly 16" have been set with correct picks now worth 4 points a piece!

WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO?



Operation Christmas Child Year Round Collection IDEAS FOR MARCH



- Travel size games and playing cards
- Clearance items such as anything Valentine, stuffed animals, hearts
- Off-season items, children's clothing, hats, and gloves