

WEEKLY CALENDAR MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint MichaelSATURDAY, September 13

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

4:00pm- Reconciliation @ GB Church

5:00pm- Mass *Jim and Loyola Zeller+, Mary Herman+@ GB Church*

SUNDAY, September 14

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church

9:00 am- Mass *Anthony Volpe+, Mary Herman+ @ MV Church**

10:00 am- Faith Formation @ MV Class rooms

11:00 am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes, Mary Herman+@ GB Church**

MONDAY, September 15

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

TUESDAY, September 16

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

5:00pm- Mass *Pete Norton+, Living and Deceased of the Ed and Dee Herman Family @ GB Church*

7:00 pm- Rosary to ask Mary, The Immaculate Conception, Patroness of America for her intercession for our nation @ MV Church

WEDNESDAY, September 17

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

8:30 am- Mass *Living an Deceased of the Kistner and Hoepf Families @ MV Church*

6:30pm- Faith Formation @ GB Parish Center

7:00pm- Young Adult volleyball @ MV yard

THURSDAY, September 18

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

8:30am- Mass *Jesus A. Rodriguez+ @ GB Church*

FRIDAY, September 19

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

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

SATURDAY, September 20

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

4:00pm- Reconciliation @ GB Church

5:00pm- Mass *For the People of our Parishes @ GB Church*

SUNDAY, September 21

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church

9:00 am- Mass *Shirley Miller+, Ray and Todd Wilhelm+@ MV Church**

11:00 am- Mass *David and Patricia Magrum+ @ GB Church*

* = when on Facebook live

Facebook: Saint Mary and Saint Michael Catholic Parishes

Help keep in touch with us.

Text MVGB to 84576 (to get on Flocknote)

Financial StewardshipSaint Mary Sept. 7, 2025

Sunday	\$4210.00
Loose	\$158.00
Catholic Univ.	\$105.00
Assumption	\$50.00

ACA goal	\$14,519.86
Pledged so far	\$19,241.84

Saint Michael Sept. 6-7, 2025

Sunday	\$5152.96
Loose	\$169.02
Food Pantry	\$255.00
Special Improve.	\$820.00
Catholic Univ.	\$65.00
Christmas	\$20.00

ACA goal	\$12, 575.53
Pledged so far	\$14,242.05

**FORMED****Pier Giorgio Frassati
If I Didn't Have Love**

A classic Italian movie re-mastered and re-released to celebrate the canonization in 2025 of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925). Frassati was a handsome, athletic

and fun-loving young man from a rich, aristocratic Italian family who turned from a life of privilege to one devoted to working with the poor, suffering and homeless, and was a courageous witness of Christian faith and charity to many others. An avid mountain climber, Frassati exemplified a great love for life, nature and humanity. He was a leader of youth in Italy in Catholic social justice and charitable organizations, and is the patron saint of World Youth Days. He died of the polio virus at the age of 24.

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 12:15 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: September 21, at Saint Michael's.*

2025 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries
Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
October 26, 2025 | 3:00 p.m.

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2025 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register visit: www.toledoanniversarymass.org

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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September 14, 2025 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

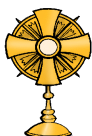
Connected as the Body of Christ,
we reverence the presence of God in each person
and nurture disciples at every age,
to live the Gospel with Christian charity and zeal.

Dear Friends,

This past weekend I had the great joy of spending three days in faith sharing during a Cursillo weekend in Tiffin. I was the spiritual director for the weekend, which was an incredible spiritual experience. I was joined by two of our parishioners who gave witness talks and I gave many talks and meditations and some homilies, and of course celebrated daily Mass. Cursillo has been a true disciple maker over the decades for our parishes and we pray that it continues to bear fruit in helping these men and women to know how much Jesus loves them, and that they are capable of receiving his love, the love of His Holy Face who gazes upon them and wants to draw them into his loving friendship ever more deeply, during their long days of working and family life.

This week (Sept. 8-12) I am making a silent five-day retreat with brother priests and deacons at Maria Stein. Each day we have Mass and today (Wednesday) I was the main celebrant. I am praying for all of you here. Maria Stein is in Mercer County. It has been beautiful weather. I pray four meditation periods each day with Jesus and Mary so that I may receive life and healing from them, so as to be a better priest for you. I need this time in solitude and prayer very much to sustain me in priesthood. I left my phone in my car but snuck out to my car, today, Wednesday to write to you. Now I look forward to turning my phone back off and leaving it in the car!!!! Such a gift to be away from the phone for five straight days!!

In prayer,
Rev. Msgr Walter Tad R. Oxley



Times for Eucharistic Adoration

Weds. Sept. 17, 6pm at GB Church Foundation for the Prayers for Priests
Friday, Sept. 19, after the 8:30am Mass at MV Church



Saint Michael Annual Chicken BBQ. September 28, Dinners are being served from 11 AM until sold out, Price: \$13. Eat in or

drive thru, remember increased amount to 850 chicken halves. Please help get the word out and invite people to come to the BBQ. Volunteer sheets are in the back of church.

Please sign up for a variety of tasks on Thursday, Sept 25, Saturday, Sept 27 and Sunday, Sept 28. Thanks to those that have and also those that will.

Gift card, lottery ticket tree to be raffled off. Tickets \$5, worth at least \$500! If you would like to donate a card or ticket, put in collection basket, drop off in the office or thru the mail slot in the office door. Any questions call Deb 419-355-2894 or Sue 419-307-1723. Tree that gift cards will go on is pictured here.



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Immaculate Conception Port Clinton is hosting a new women's ministry called "Millions of Monicas". It is a nation-wide Catholic movement led by women. It is for women that would like to gather and

pray for their children who have become disconnected from their faith. Like St. Monica, we gather as mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, sisters, Baptism and Confirmation sponsors and neighbors, to simply pray. This is not a support group, but a prayer group. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 9:15a.m., after the 8:30 Mass. Any questions call Carol Fox at 419-341-2578.

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, Sept. 20, 5:00pm

Ambassador Jerry Wasserman
Servers
Lector Jeff Schumaker
EMOHC Dee Jones, Gerry Williams
Norma Vela

Saint Mary– Sunday, Sept. 21, 9:00 am

Rosary Kathy Otermat and Liz Leathhead
Servers Wilson Scherger, Charlie Shearn
Lector Jessica Scherger
Communion Lucas Hammer
Mary Gutschalk, Patrick Hoepf
Mark Foos, Terri Reinhart
Ambassadors Jeff and Erin Foos
Count Harold and Eileen Foos
Clean Mary Gutschalk

Saint Michael– Sunday, Sept. 21, 11:00 am

Ambassadors Tom Marsh, Tom Liskai
Servers Jack Skinner,
Ezra Millerschone
Lector Chris Lau
EMOHC Marla Marsh, Verna Konesky
Pam Mendoza

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism - Please contact Dcn. Mike for information and to schedule. 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.

Home Eucharistic Ministry Do you know of home bound parishioners who would appreciate a Eucharistic visit? Would you be interested in being part of our home Eucharistic Ministry? Please contact Terri Reinhart for Saint Mary's or Cindy Hammer for Saint Michael's.

Please remember in prayer:

Elane Reiter, Sally Wilhelm, Jim Balsizer, Phil Harris, Carol Miller, John Brindley, Melinda Sandwisch, Rene and Mary Lou Gonzalez, Mary Reineck, Mary Smith, Patti Kreilick, Nate Liskai, Rene Gonzalez Jr., Dee Herman, 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 two months. If you would like your name or the name of your loved one listed longer, kindly message the Saint Mary Parish Office to leave on or take off.



Saint Mary and Saint Michael golf outing Saturday, October 11, at the Front 9. We can have up to 10, 4 person teams. Registration at 8:30 am, Shotgun start at 9:00 am Lunch provided Hot dog, baked beans, pasta salad, lemonade/water. \$30 per person. Registration forms are in the back of each church.

Wedding Banns II

Matthew Hasenfratz and Maria Berondo
Peter Statham and Allison Crofts

Ohio March for Life

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 3rd**

We are excited to host a bus trip to the Ohio March for Life in Columbus, Ohio this year. We will begin and end the march at the Ohio Statehouse, bringing awareness to the beauty and dignity of every human life.

8:30 am Mass @ Saint Mary. 9:15 am Depart for Columbus.
12:00 pm March for Life. 5:30 pm Return to Saint Mary

Cost: \$35 per Person

Contact Amber Hoffman or Marlene Mason
to secure your spot on the bus!



Thirteen men will be **ordained to the Order of Permanent Deacon** through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by the Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Please pray for these men, and all the ordained, that they may stay close to God and grow in their service.

The Diocese of Toledo's Jubilee Pilgrimage:

September 14 In this Jubilee Year, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas has designated four locations in the Diocese of Toledo as Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites Join Bishop Thomas, September 14th, for this one-day pilgrimage to visit three of the designated sites. **First Stop:** The Sorrowful Mother Shrine, 4106 State Route 269 Bellevue. 11:00 am Mass (Pieta Outdoor Chapel) 12:30pm Picnic lunch, enjoy grounds, gift shop, 2:00pm Depart for Attica **Second Stop:** Our Lay of Hope Catholic Church, 320 Stump Pike Road Attica, 2:30pm Holy Hour, 3:30pm Depart for Carey **Third Stop:** The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, 315 Clay Street Carey, 4:30 pm Enjoy the grounds, Lower Basilica, Original Church, gift shop. 5:00pm Solemn Vespers (Upper Basilica)

Family Catechesis



WELCOME BACK!!
Parents are asked to join us
for our first Family Day!

Saint Mary Parish
Preschool – 8th Grade
Sunday, September 14th
Class from 10:15 -11:30am

Saint Michael Parish
Preschool–8th Grade
Wednesday, September 17th
Class from 6:30 -7:45pm



To register your family please use this QR
Code, or follow the link below.

<https://form.jotform.com/252191315441045>

14 SEPTEMBER - FEAST

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



For God did not send his Son into the world to
condemn the world, but that the world might be
saved through him. John 3:17

Today, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we
pause to remember the depth of God's love revealed through
the Cross. It is a love that calls us to gratitude and moves us to
conversion. As we honor the Cross, we are reminded to seek
the grace to love more fully, the humility to change, and the
courage to amend our lives...always out of love and with love.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.



Join us Tuesday, September 16 at 10am in the
Conference Room at Saint Michael's Parish Center as
we dig into next Sundays readings.



If you or someone you know is interested in
learning more about the Catholic Faith, possibly
joining the church, or would like to complete the
sacraments of initiation (First Communion and
Confirmation). Please prayerfully consider
joining the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
(OCIA, formerly RCIA). Classes are held with

other parishes in our Deanery on Sunday afternoons, and start
September 7th. Contact Terri Reinhart or Fr. Tad if you have
questions or would like to sign up.

**PIZZA AND
PRAYER**



**CELEBRATING POPE LEO XIV'S
70TH BIRTHDAY**

Pope Leo XIV turns 70 years old this Sunday September
14. In celebration of his first birthday as pope, Our
Sunday Visitor (OSV News) and other Catholic
organizations across the globe are gathering prayers for
the pontiff to offer him a "spiritual bouquet."

In partnership with Pray More Novenas; Relevant Radio;
the Daughters of St. Paul; the U.S. Conference of
Catholic Bishops; The Pontifical Mission Societies, USA;
Sing the Hours and more, OSV News is encouraging an
outpouring of prayer for Pope Leo and his intentions
leading up to his milestone birthday.

Everyone can participate!

Called "Pizza and Prayer," the spiritual bouquet will be
made up of a variety of prayer options from a full novena
to a holy hour to a rosary. Each prayer effort will be
noted, collated and sent to the pope.

OSV News is also encouraging participants, when
possible, to pray together and then grab a slice of pizza
in honor of one of Pope Leo's favorite treats.

The name of every person and organization who
participates in this spiritual bouquet will be included on
the card OSV News will send to the Vatican.

Add your prayer intentions for Pope Leo through this link:
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8428585/479bd477a4b7>

Nothing says birthday quite like a pizza party in the U.S.A.!
So we're encouraging you to organize one to celebrate Pope
Leo's 70th! Whether it's from your favorite local pizzeria or
you make your own, get some pizza and be sure to help
grow the spiritual bouquet by adding prayer to your
celebration!



**Operation Christmas Child
IDEAS FOR SEPTEMBER**

- Summer clearance items
- Balls any shape or size
- Hot Wheels/Matchbox Cars
- Baby Dolls
- Water Bottles