

WEEKLY CALENDAR MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint Michael**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

MONDAY, September 22

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

TUESDAY, September 23

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

5:00pm- Mass *Ed Herman+*
@ GB Church

WEDNESDAY, September 24

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

8:30 am- Mass *Rita Willman+* @ MV Church

6:30pm- Faith Formation @ GB Parish Center

7:00pm- Young Adult volleyball @ MV yard

THURSDAY, September 25

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

8:30am- Mass *Sr. Roseria Helmkamp+* @ GB Church

FRIDAY, September 26

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

8:30am - Mass *Walter Haubert+*
@ MV Church

SATURDAY, September 27

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

4:00pm- Reconciliation @ GB Church

5:00pm- Mass *Paul Hammer+*
@ GB Church

SUNDAY, September 28

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church

9:00 am- Mass *Scott Otermat+, William Ellis+, Andy Wonderly+*@ MV Church*

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

11:00 am Saint Michael Chicken BBQ

* = 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)

Or connect with us online at:

mvstmaryandgbstmichael.flocknote.com

Saint Mary and Saint Michael Parish Offices will be closed on Tuesday September 23 as staff will be attending the yearly Diocesan Pastoral Conference.

Financial StewardshipSaint Mary Sept. 14, 2025

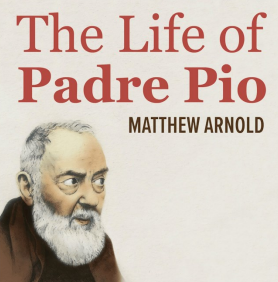
Sunday	\$3440.00
Loose	\$144.00
Catholic Univ.	\$90.00

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

Saint Michael Sept. 13-14, 2025

Sunday	\$2272.00
Loose	\$154.00
Food Pantry	\$135.00
Special Improve.	\$300.00
Catholic Univ.	\$5.00
Cemetery	\$25.00
Assumption	\$5.00

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



FORMED

The Life of Padre Pio With Matthew Arnold

Matthew Arnold recounts the life story of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, a twentieth century saint and mystic who is known around the world as Padre Pio.

This presentation includes fascinating details about St. Pio's ministry of hearing confessions, his ability to read souls, the multitude of miracles attributed to his intercession, and how he bore the stigmata, that is, the wounds of Christ. All are wise to learn from the advice

of this holy man to "pray, hope, and don't worry."

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)

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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 21, 2025
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in
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,

What a gift is the beauty of our Catholic Faith. I have been reflecting on that a lot in recent days with great gratitude. There is a consistent ethic of life in all of our teachings. Beginning with the child in the womb and ending with sparing our condemned prisoners the death penalty. There is also a lot in between in Catholic teaching about ethics and morality.

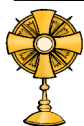
Bishop Thomas recently issued a Pastoral letter about gender and human sexuality entitled "The Body Reveals the Person." It speaks about our inherent dignity as sexual beings, created male and female. The teachings of the Catholic Faith give us a worldview that is biblical, that is formed by God and Divine Revelation, and is not secular or worldly, but Godly.

New statistics are showing that young people are attracted to the Catholic Faith because of its truth, beauty and Tradition. Young people today who join our OCIA programs are grateful that the Catholic Church exercises a unified teaching authority known as the Magisterium. The younger people do not see the teachings of the Catholic Faith, including in areas of human sexuality as negative, but actually positive - because they are true, and so the Holy Spirit is working in their hearts and drawing them towards truth.

This gives me hope for the future of our Catholic Faith as we continue to go forward together. The more the world moves away from the Gospel, the more people will be drawn to hear what the Gospel actually teaches, because it is the only light in a world of increasing self-referentiality - with the absence of God. Jesus we trust in you and thank you for the gift of our Catholic Faith.

In His Hope and Mercy,

Rev. Msgr. Walter Tad R. Oxley



Times for Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday, September 23, 4:00 pm
before the 5:00pm Mass at Saint Michael's Church



Saint Michael Annual Chicken BBQ.
September 28th
Serving 11 am-until sold out,
Price: \$13. Eat in or drive thru.

Many hands make the workload light! Kindly help if you are able, Needs include:

The Thursday evening set up has been postponed to Saturday morning September 27th at 9:00am

If you signed up to bring pies, please bring them in on **Saturday, to be cut between 11 and 2.** If delivering on **Sunday** please have pies in the hall by **10 am.**

The Gift card, lottery ticket tree pictured will be raffled off at BBQ!

Tickets are \$5 each and the tree will be worth at least \$500! Tickets for Lottery/gift card tree will be sold after all Masses this weekend.

If you would like to donate a card or ticket, put in the collection basket marked BBQ, drop off in the office or thru the mail slot in Saint Michael's office door. Any questions call 419-355-2894 or 419-307-1723.



Walk for Vocations • Sept. 28-Oct. 1

Join Msgr. Tad Oxley, Fr. David Kidd, and Fr. Joseph Mominee for a 65+ mile Walk for Vocations to pray for an increase in Diocesan priestly vocations. The walk will take place over four days, from Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Bono to Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. All are welcome to walk part of the route or to join in prayer and fasting. Details and daily schedules can be found at toledopriesthood.org.



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. 27, 5:00pm

Ambassador	Jerry Wasserman
Servers	Volunteer
Lector	Deb Dazley
EMOHC	Sue Kaemming, Hank Reineck Deb Kirwen

Saint Mary– Sunday, Sept. 28, 9:00 am

Rosary	Bill Ochs
Servers	Macey Kohler, Madelyn Cox
Lector	Harold Foos
Communion	Lucas Hammer Angie Smith, June Rich Harold and Eileen Foos
Ambassadors	Amber Hoffman and Neil Hoffman
Count	Roger and Barb Wasserman
Clean	Volunteer

Saint Michael– Sunday, Sept. 28, 11:00 am

Ambassadors	Dave Estep Family
Servers	Anna Estep Evie Estep
Lector	Erin Estep
EMOHC	Petra Hernandez, Maria Porteous Verna Konesky

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:

Terri Reihart, Elane Reiter, Greg Miller, 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



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 III

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!



The family of Al Reiter would like to thank Father Ted, the memorial choir, and everyone who served and/or provided food for the funeral luncheon. Everyone's prayers and support through this difficult time has been greatly appreciated.

St. Boniface School is seeking a dedicated, friendly, school secretary to support our students, families, and staff. The ideal candidate is organized, welcoming, and values our Catholic mission. Office experience, ability to multitask, and strong communication skills are key. To apply or learn more, please contact Principal Millie Greggila at mgreggila@sb-oh.org or 419-898-1340



Congratulations to the winner of the \$200 September Pennies From Heaven drawing, **Nancy Balduf**. The next drawing will be on September 29th for \$500. **Tickets for the 2026 drawings are on sale now, pick up in the back of either church or parish office.**

Family Catechesis



It's not too late to register your family please use this QR Code, or follow the link below.
<https://form.jotform.com/252191315441045>



HiS, High School Ministry starts with a special event! Gather at Saint Mary at 4:45pm Sunday September 28th and wear your walking shoes! More details soon.
 We are so excited to kick-off the new year!



Come show off your classic car, hot rod or Jeep (and pass out candy!)! One BIG chance for our kids to have some fun! Church Groups, Youth Groups and other Community Organizations can reserve a 10x10 spot in The Logyard to pass out candy and other goodies! To register for the Car Show or for a spot email m.glotzbecker@gibsonburgohio.org or (419) 637-2634!

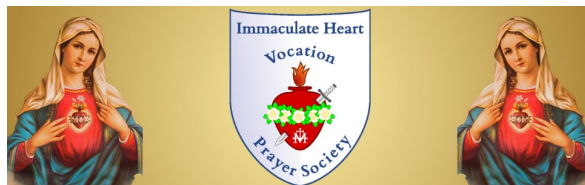
If there is any interest in securing a spot to hand out candy and info about our Church, please contact Patti ASAP.



Join us Tuesday, September 23 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.



From Rhonda Gruenewald, founder of Vocation Ministry and member of the Liguori Society which sends us the prayer for vocations each month. "We are deeply grateful for your commitment to praying for vocations alongside us. Below, you'll find a new prayer to encourage and enrich your time with the Lord. May your prayers bear fruit in the hearts of those discerning God's call. Thank you for being a vital part of this mission. God bless you!"

SEPTEMBER PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving God,

You speak to us and nourish us through the life of this Church community.

In the name of Jesus, we ask you to send your Spirit to us so that men and women among us, young and old, will respond to your call to service and leadership in the Church. We pray especially, in our day, for those who hear your invitation to be a priest, sister, or brother.

May those who are opening their hearts and minds to your call be encouraged and strengthened through our enthusiasm in your service.

AMEN

Prayer credit: usccb.org



Saturday, September 27 1pm-11:30pm

Presale tickets are \$10 at the door \$15

Children under 5 are free

Gibsonburg Students are free with a School ID

Cash Bar/ Vendors/ Car Show/Family Fun

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/lfmanent/HHFest25>

For info call 419-309-5976 or 419-559-7911



Operation Christmas Child IDEAS FOR SEPTEMBER

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