

**WEEKLY CALENDAR** MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint MichaelSATURDAY, March 7

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
 9:00-11:00am-Reconciliation @ MV Church  
 4:00pm- Reconciliation @ GB Church  
 5:00pm- Mass *Margaret Schlinz*+ @ GB Church

SUNDAY, March 8

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
 8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church  
 9:00 am- Mass *Walter Haubert*+ @ MV Church  
 11:00am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*  
 @ GB Church\*  
 12:00 pm- Potluck @ GB Parish Center  
 6:00pm- Parish Mission "Behold I Make all Things  
 New" @ MV Church

MONDAY, March 9

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
 6:30 pm- Parish Mission "Behold I Make all Things  
 New" @ GB Church

TUESDAY, March 10

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
 5:00 pm- Mass *Fr. Nicholas Caccia*+ @ GB Church  
 6:30pm- Parish Mission "Behold I Make all Things  
 New" @ GB Church

WEDNESDAY, March 11

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
 8:30 am- Mass *Deceased Members of the Joseph and  
 Mary Naderer Family*+ @ MV Church  
 6:30 pm- Faith Formation Class @ GB Parish Center  
 7:00 pm- Young Adult Gospel Study  
 @ MV Parish Office Building

THURSDAY, March 12

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
 8:30 am- Mass *Al Reiter*+ @ GB Church  
 6:15 pm- Soup Supper @ GB Parish Center  
 7:00 pm- Stations of the Cross @ GB Church

FRIDAY, March 13

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
 8:30 am - Mass *Bill Gabel*+ @ MV Church  
 7:00 pm- Stations of the Cross @ MV Church

SATURDAY, March 14

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
 8:00 am- Men's Gospel Study, MV Hall  
 4:00pm-Reconciliation @ GB Church  
 5:00pm- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*  
 @ GB Church

SUNDAY, March 15

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike \*  
 8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church  
 9:00 am- Mass *For those that have left the Faith*  
 @ MV Church\*  
 10:00 am Faith Formation Classes @ MV classrooms  
 11:00am- Mass *Mansfield Men's Group* @ GB Church  
 3:00pm- Area Penance Service @ Sacred Heart,  
 Fremont

**Financial Stewardship**Saint Mary March 1, 2026

Sunday	\$5974.00
Loose	\$166.77
Repair	\$50.00
Ash Wed.	\$70.00
Home Mission	\$95.00
Sol. Of Mary	\$5.00

EG=Electronic Giving

February EG	\$1180.00
ACA MV Goal	\$13960.48

Saint Michael 2/28-3/1, 2026

Sunday	\$3975.00
Loose	\$243.00
Ash Wed.	\$95.00
Special Improv.	\$485.00
Food Pantry	\$360.00
Eastern Europe	\$20.00
Cemetery	\$120.00
Black & Native Am.	\$60.00
February EG	\$2845.00
ACA GB Goal	\$12345.24

**FORMED pick of the week:  
The Total Gift**

Saint Katharine Drexel, a canonized Catholic saint from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, who chose a life dedicated entirely to serving marginalized communities. Born into a wealthy Philadelphia family, Katharine Drexel used her fortune to challenge societal norms and dedicate her life to education and racial healing. Our documentary, hosted at the majestic Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, explores her transformative journey from a life of privilege to becoming a religious pioneer.

Haven't subscribed to FORMED yet? There is no cost to you! Visit [formed.org](http://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!

Reconciliation, starts with a good examination of conscience. We have pamphlets available to help you with a good examination of conscience, please pick one up, and pray with it, so you can make a good confession.

**Extra times for Reconciliation/Confession** Leave the Light on confession available on the hour 10am-7pm Thursday, March 26th at Saint Michael Church, and Friday, March 27th at Saint Mary Church.

*Area Penance Service March 15, 3:00pm at Sacred Heart, Fremont.*

**Fish Fries: St. Jerome**, 300 Warner Street Walbridge. March 13, 20, 27. 5-7:30pm Sit down or Drive thru. \$15-15.50. Lake Erie Perch dinner, Shrimp dinner or combo dinner, French Fries, Baked potato, and salad bar.

**St. Wendelin**, 445 W. Center Street, Fostoria. March 13, 20, 27, 11am-7pm. \$15. Dine in or carry out. 5 piece fish/20 piece shrimp with choice of cole slaw or applesauce.

**St. Joseph**, 709 Croghan Street, Fremont. March 13, 5:00pm-7:00pm. Sit Down and Carry Out. \$15 Adults: Fish, Steak Fries, Coleslaw, Cookie, \$12 Senior/Kid: Fish, Steak Fries, Coleslaw, Cookie, \$10 Pierogies, Steak Fries, Coleslaw, Cookie

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**Senior Status Deacons:** Deacon George Miller, Deacon Rene Gonzalez

**MV Office Hours:** Mon., Wed., Fri. 10:30am-2:30pm 419-638-3042

**GB Office Hours:** Tues.10.00am-2:00pm, Wed.10:30am-2:30pm, Fri. 10:00am- 2:00pm  
419-637-2255

Saint *Mary*  Saint *Michael*  
MILLERSVILLE GIBSONBURG

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Facebook: Saint Mary and Saint Michael Catholic Parishes

March 8, 2026  
Third Sunday of Lent

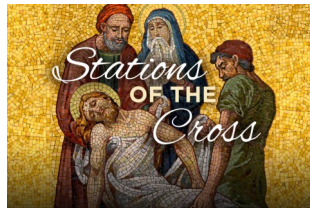
Connected as the Body of Christ,  
we reverence the presence of God in each person  
and nurture disciples at every age,  
to live the Gospel with Christian charity and zeal.

Dear Friends,

Sunday begins our three day twin parish mission! Andrew Reinhart will lead us in prayer and begin by sharing his story of “reversion” to the Catholic Faith after having received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) as a child. As a “cradle Catholic” Andrew did not know the personal love of Jesus for him and the call that he had towards becoming an intentional disciple later in his life. This happens frequently in the Catholic Faith, that we can receive the sacraments as children, like baptism and confirmation, but those sacraments can lie dormant, not really be alive, sort of deeply hidden in our souls, and they often need to be “revived.” A Parish Mission, which we have not had in our parishes for many years, is intended to be a revival and a renewal of our Catholic Faith, so that we may have a deeper experience of Jesus’s personal love for us, especially in the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our deeper experience of these sacraments is what we are intending in this parish mission, as we experience how these sacraments have effected and transformed the life of Andrew, who will present his “reversion” experience for us on Sunday evening at 6 pm at Saint Mary, Monday evening at 6:30 at Saint Michael and Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm Saint Michael. The Mission is entitled “Behold I Make All Things New.” The sessions will end each evening with Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please come as part of your Lenten Spiritual works, as we journey together as twin parishes toward Easter. Invite family and friends that have been away from church. If you cannot make all three evenings please come to as many as you can!! You will gain spiritual insights if you only come to one evening or all three evenings. Please come and bring a friend.

Prayers for our Parish Mission!!!

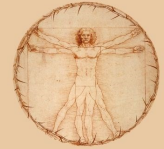
Rev Msgr. Walter R Oxley  
Pastor



During the Lenten season the Stations of the Cross will be prayed; at Saint Michael’s on Thursdays, 7pm, and Saint Mary’s on Fridays, 7pm. **Please come and pray the Stations of the Cross.**

Saint Michael’s will host a soup supper before the Stations of the Cross on Thursday evenings during Lent. Soup will be served at 6:15pm in the Parish Center, you are welcome to come and eat before prayer.

**We are hosting a Parish Mission:** Sun. **March 8**, 6pm at Saint Mary Church, Mon. **March 9**, 6:30pm at Saint Michael Church, Tues. **March 10**, 6:30pm at Saint Michael Church. All are welcome to come and grow in love of God and each other. *Childcare is available for ages 0-9 years old. Call your parish office to reserve a spot so we can plan accordingly.*



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## I Make All Things New

### PARISH MISSION

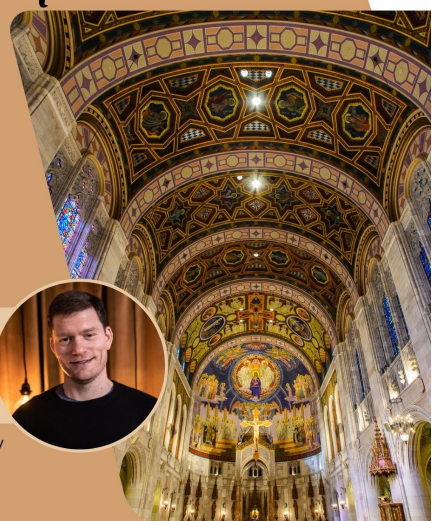
- Discover How Jesus Forms Disciples and Renews Parishes.
- Hear Andrew’s conversion story from agnosticism to Catholicism.
- Learn how God transforms us in friendship and community.
- Experience God’s life changing presence in Eucharistic Adoration

GUEST SPEAKER

ANDREW REINHART



- Parish Life Coordinator for Healthy Parishes for the Diocese of Toledo
- Host of the Physically Spiritual & Becoming Gift Podcasts



**Mass Assistants** If you would like to serve in any of these ministries, please contact Kathy Otermat at [kotermat@stmaryandstmichael.org](mailto:kotermat@stmaryandstmichael.org)

*Thank you to all that serve in these ministries!*

**Saint Michael– Saturday, March 14, 5:00pm**

Ambassador	Gerry Williams
Servers	Volunteer
Lector	Dee Jones
EMOHC	Norma Vela, Deb Kirwen Hank Reineck

**Saint Mary– Sunday, March 15, 9:00 am**

Rosary	Kathy Otermat and Liz Leathhead
Servers	Grant Scherger, Axel Gustchalk
Lector	Mary Gutschalk, Jeanine Van Der Laar
Communion	Lucas Hammer, Bill Ochs, Larry and Sue Kosakowski, Jeanine Van Der Laar
Ambassadors	Roger and Barb Wasserman
Count	Greg and Barb Lehmann
Clean	Mary Gutschalk

**Saint Michael– Sunday, March 15, 11:00 am**

Ambassadors	Chris and Sarah Lau
Servers	Jack Skinner, Ezra Millerschone
Lector	Cindy Hammer
EMOHC	Pam Mendoza, Maria Porteous

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**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

**Baptism** - Please contact Dcn. Mike for information and to schedule. Parents and Godparents, are required to attend this class, which includes an orientation to the Sacrament. **The next class is March 15 at Saint Michael Conference Room, 12:30pm.**

**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.

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**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  
Pray  
for...



**Please remember in prayer:**

Alice Reineck, Reynaldo Garcia, Elizabeth Oberhaus, Ruth Esker, Harold Foons, Jill Spieldenner, Phil Hammer, Diane Schuh, Rick Kaemming, Jean Obenauer, Elane Reiter, Phil Harris, Carol Miller, John Brindley, Melinda Sandwisch, Rene and Mary Lou Gonzalez, Mary Reineck, Patti Kreilick, Nate Liskai, Rene Gonzalez Jr., Rae Lyn Hoepf, Theresa Aldrich, Andy Rich, Eileen Foons, Diane Goebel, 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 [treinhart@stmaryandstmichael.org](mailto:treinhart@stmaryandstmichael.org). 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.



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**Potluck** March 8 is our Parish Potluck. Bring a dish to share after the 11am Mass at Saint Michael's. Potluck will be in the Parish Center.

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**Millions of Monicas** prayer group is the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 5:45pm at Saint Michael church. Like St. Monica, we pray for our children to return to the practice of their Catholic faith, and for our children to always stay close to their faith. We are a group of mothers, young and old, who believe in the mother's power of prayer. *Our mission is to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children; to grow in holiness and humility*

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**Diocese of Toledo 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal-Hope In Action**

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 pledged to help meet our parish goal and assure the continuation of these efforts. For more information on ministries funded by the appeal, visit [acatoledo.org](http://acatoledo.org). Thank you! Our Parish Goals are : Saint Mary \$13,960.48, Saint Michael \$12,345.24. Please prayerfully give and help us reach our goals.



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**Ladies Night Out:** Attention all ladies of Saint Mary and Saint Michael Parishes: Join us in celebrating the Polish tradition of Dyngus Day on the evening of April 6th at the Hayes Museum. More details to come.

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**Operation Family Love:**

This is a ministry offered by Rosary Altar Society that provides meals for families in need. Whether you or someone you know has had the joy of new babies, are in a time of suffering, or have other difficulties that make mealtimes hard, please contact our chairwoman, Jeanine Van Der Laar, at [vanderlaar@gmail.com](mailto:vanderlaar@gmail.com). Not a RAS member, but want to be involved in this ministry? Please contact Jeanine to be put on as a contact to call when times arise.

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**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament,**

Tuesday, March 10, 4:00 pm before the 5:00 pm Mass  
@ GB Church  
Friday, March 13, 6:00pm before Stations of the Cross  
@ MV Church Prayer for Priests



## Family Catechesis



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

Saint Michael Parish  
Preschool–8th Grade  
Wednesday, March 11th  
From 6:30–7:45pm

Family Night for parents and youth, March 11,  
Catholic Mass: Father Tad walks us through a “Dry  
Mass”, answering our questions about why do we do  
what we do at Mass?

The rescheduled Confirmation Retreat, with Hard as Nails Ministry for Confirmandi and their sponsor or parent is March 22nd (see info below). Please bring a brunch dish to share. Ham and drinks will be provided.



Saint Mary  
MILLERSVILLE  
Saint Michael  
GIBSONBURG

FOR ALL  
7th-8th  
GRADE YOUTH

**A CONFIRMATION RETREAT  
@ SAINT MARY PARISH  
MARCH 22, 2026  
MASS: 9:00 AM (SPONSORS JOIN US)  
FOLLOWED BY BRUNCH  
AND RETREAT: 10:30 AM-2:00 PM**



HARD AS NAILS MINISTRY

LENTEN STUDY  
THE GOSPELS OF THE LENTEN SEASON  
**YOUNG ADULTS**  
WEDNESDAYS | 7-8:30PM  
ST. MARY'S PARISH OFFICE



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD March Items

Washcloths/Shower poufs, combs, colorful  
band aids, Saint Patrick Day clearance items.

Welcome back, to Saint Michael Parish:  
Andrew Kirwen, we are very glad to have you with us.



What can we do right now to make the final weeks before Holy Week rich soil for vocation growth?

Offer steady prayers– Pray daily for anyone in your parish discerning God’s call, add a quick intention to your morning prayer, Rosary, or time before the Blessed Sacrament: “Lord, guide those You are calling in our community.”

Be a good listener– When someone shares thoughts about their future, faith, or God’s plan, listen with genuine interest and without rushing to advise. Your calm attention can create a safe space for them to hear God’s voice more clearly.

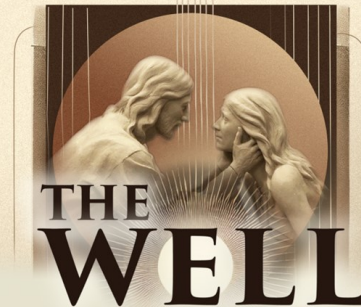
Give a simple word of encouragement– Notice someone showing generosity, kindness, or love for prayer and offer a brief, sincere word: “I see how joyfully you serve others, God may be using that gift in a special way.” or “You have such a thoughtful heart; keep listening to where He might be leading you.”

### Pope Leo’s prayer intention for March For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

AFTONTICKETS.COM/NORWALKWELL



PRESENTED BY CHRISTOPHER WEST MUSIC BY MIKE MANGIONE

MARCH 26, 2026  
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

ST. PAUL  
THE APOSTLE  
91 E. MAIN ST.  
NORWALK, OHIO 44857



World-renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award-winning musician, Mike Mangione, are coming to St. Paul the Apostle Parish with a beautiful multimedia event called THE WELL: AN EVENING OF BEAUTY, REFLECTION, AND EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL.

Thursday, March 26, 2026. 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Norwalk  
Limited tickets available, get yours early!

Bring family and friends. No one should miss this awesome and inspiring event! For more information about the event, or to purchase your tickets today, go to <https://aftontickets.com/NorwalkWell>

Brought to you St. Paul the Apostle and St. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, Norwalk; St. Anthony of Padua, Milan; St. Joseph, Monroeville; St. Alphonsus, Peru; Our Lady of Lourdes, New London; and St. Mary, Wakeman parishes and The Theology of The Body Institute.