

WEEKLY CALENDAR MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint MichaelSATURDAY, 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

MONDAY, March 16

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

TUESDAY, March 17

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 2:00 pm- Mass at Windsor Lane
 5:00 pm- Mass *For those that do not know the Lord*
 @ GB Church
 5:45pm- Millions of Monicas @ GB Church

WEDNESDAY, March 18

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 8:30 am- Mass *Rita Willman+* @ MV Church
 6:30 pm- Faith Formation Class @ GB Parish Center
 7:00 pm- Young Adult Gospel Study
 @ MV Parish Office Building

THURSDAY, March 19

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

FRIDAY, March 20

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 8:30 am - Mass *Increased Reverence for Life*
 @ MV Church
 7:00 pm- Stations of the Cross @ MV Church

SATURDAY, March 21

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 4:00pm-Reconciliation @ GB Church
 5:00pm- Mass *Mary Rose Herman+*
 @ GB Church

SUNDAY, March 22

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church
 9:00 am- Mass *For the People of Our Parishes*
 @ MV Church
 11:00am- 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.

Financial StewardshipSaint Mary March 8, 2026

Sunday \$3455.00
 Loose \$163.00
 Youth Env. \$1.00

ACA pledges \$5995.51
 ACA MV Goal \$13960.48

Saint Michael March 7-8, 2026

Sunday \$2763.00
 Loose \$240.00
 Ash Wed. \$30.00
 Special Improv. \$105.00
 Food Pantry \$111.00
 Eastern Europe \$40.00
 CSR \$20.00
 Black & Native Am. \$45.00

ACA pledges \$5768.56
 ACA GB Goal \$12345.24

**FORMED pick of the week:
Saint Joseph**

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to reflect on the earthly father chosen by the heavenly Father for his Son, Jesus Christ. This four-part series compares the Joseph of the New Testament to the Joseph of the Old

Testament, examines St. Joseph's title as the "Guardian of the Redeemer," and considers why he is the patron of the universal Church and the domestic church.

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!

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 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 20, 27, 11am-7pm. \$15. Dine in or carry out. 5 piece fish/20 piece shrimp with choice of cole slaw or applesauce.

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

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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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March 15, 2026
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.

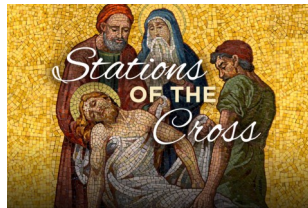
Dear Friends,

How delighted I was at sharing our parish mission together! Andrew Reinhart provided us with a great reflection on our Catholic Faith as he reminded us by recalling Eucharistic Miracles on the first night to highlight the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, Body Blood Soul and Divinity. On the Second Night he spoke about the importance of the Sacrament of Penance (Confession and Reconciliation) in the life of the Catholic and how we are forgiven by Jesus in the person of the priest when we confess grave sins (which are necessary to confess before receiving holy communion) and for daily (venial sins). I then made a General Examination of Conscience available in a small pamphlet called "How to Make a Good Confession" which I will place in the back of both churches this weekend so that you may see the full teaching of the Church in preparation for your next confession. Finally, on the third evening he began by speaking about the North American Martyrs who were Jesuits priests brutally martyred in upstate New York, and then continued by speaking about the importance of the responsibility of the laity to speak about their faith in public and to encourage persons toward the Church so that we are always growing !!!!

Blessed Lent,

Rev. Msgr. Walter Tad R. Oxley
Pastor

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament,
Tuesday, March 20, 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



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.

The 14-Day Rescue Challenge, led by Fr. John Riccardo of ACTS XXIX, is a series of 14 short podcast episodes launched to foster hope through prayer, reflection, and the Gospel focusing on God's "Rescue" narrative—Created, Captured, Rescued, Response—designed to renew minds and help participants see God's love in all circumstances. He's easy to listen to. **You can still jump on as part of your Lenten preparation!** <https://mobilizingformission.actsxxix.org> call Joanne if want help in accessing. 419-355-9169



Dyngus Day is a Polish-American tradition held on Easter Monday marking the end of Lent and welcoming the Easter season of feasting and celebrations.

DYNGUS DAY \$20

Rosary Altar Society's Ladies Night Out!
MONDAY, APRIL 6TH
RUTHERFORD B. HAYES PRESIDENTIAL
LIBRARY & MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM | ENTER THROUGH MAIN DOOR AND GO TO THE RIGHT
DOORS OPEN 5:30PM | EAT 6:00PM

- Heavy Polish hors d'oeuvres
- Dice game of hearts
- Brief presentation about First Lady, Lucy Hayes
- Wear Red and White to get in the Polish Spirit!

Early Bird Special!

Sign up early for a small, private group tour of the house with our own Andy Rich! Tickets are at a discounted price of \$10. Maximum 15 people. Tour begins promptly at 4:30pm. Contact June Rich to reserve your spot!



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 21, 5:00pm

Ambassador	Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer
Lector	Deb Dazley
EMOHC	Gerry Williams, Norma Vela Deb Kirwen

Saint Mary– Sunday, March 22, 9:00 am

Rosary	Terri Parks and Dave Wonderly
Servers	8th Grade Confirmandi
Lector	8th Grade Confirmandi
Communion	Lucas Hammer, Patrick Hoepf Mark Foes, Terri Reinhart Mary Gutschalk
Ambassadors	8th Grade Confirmandi
Count	Neil and Wanda Hoffman
Clean	Anita Moffett and Connie Hiser

Saint Michael– Sunday, March 22, 11:00 am

Ambassadors	Volunteer
Servers	Andrew Spieldenner, Colton Knight
Lector	Chris Lau
EMOHC	Pam Mendoza, Natalie Liskai, Petra Hernandez

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.

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:

Alice Reineck, Reynaldo Garcia, Elizabeth Oberhaus, Ruth Esker, Harold Foes, 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 Foes, 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. 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.



Thank you to all who attended and helped with the March potluck. Fellowship is so important to our parishes. Our next potluck will be held on April 12, following 11 o'clock Mass at Saint Michael.

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*

Rosary Altar Society members: Thank you all for another year of your involvement and service to our parishes! As another year comes to an end, we are looking forward to the next year. Please prayerfully consider coming forward and becoming an officer for Rosary Altar Society. We have had wonderful ladies give their time in these roles and are happy to coach the next officer(s) that take over. contact me at liviast4@gmail.com if they are interested in becoming an officer.

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. 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.

ADVENTURES IN MARRIAGE

ST. BERNARD
CATHOLIC CHURCH

422 WEST MANSFIELD STREET
NEW WASHINGTON, OH 44854

MARCH 20	MARCH 21	MARCH 22
5:30-8:30 PM	5:30 PM-8:30 PM	1:00-3:00 PM

LIVE THE LIFE
STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES

CHILD CARE
PROVIDED

Family Catechesis



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

Saint Michael Parish
Preschool–8th Grade
Wednesday, March 18th
From 6:30–7:45pm
Reconciliation for students
in grades 3-8

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.



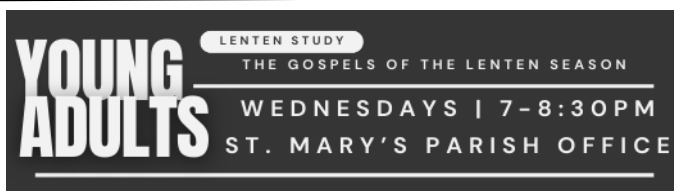
Saint Mary
MILLERSVILLE
Saint Michael
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FOR ALL
7th-8th
GRADE YOUTH

**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



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD March Items

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

Dear St. Michael's Parishioners,
Thank you for the generous donations to the Gibsonburg Area Food Pantry. Through your generosity we will be able to help many people in our area who are in need.

Gratefully yours,
Gibsonburg Area Ministerial Assn.



SEEK 2026: 7 ways to discern your vocation

Hundreds of young women filled a ballroom on Jan. 4 at the 2026 SEEK Conference in Denver to hear Sister Virginia Joy Cotter, SV, discuss how to follow God's call and determine one's vocation.

"When we think about vocation, it's ultimately a call to love and be loved," Sister Virginia Joy said during her talk, titled "The Adventure of the Yes: Following God's Call."

"Growing up, or even now, you're probably asked, 'What are you going to do when you grow up? What's your major? What do you want to do with your life?'" she said. "I would guess no one has probably asked you, 'What are you going to do with your love? How do you plan to make a gift of yourself?' But these are the questions that sit behind a vocation."

"For some, the word vocation might be completely foreign to you. For others, maybe it provokes a stream of emotions from wonder to anticipation to anxiety. Whatever it means to you, it's good to take stock of where it sits with you right now and open your heart to whatever God wants to give you this morning."

Sister Virginia Joy shared that "ultimately, our vocation is not a problem to be fixed or a riddle to be solved ... Vocation is deeply relational, personal, and distinct. It comes from the Latin 'vocare,' meaning to call, to name, to summon. There's one who calls and there's one who responds. It's a relationship between each individual and God."

Here are seven ways a person can discern his or her vocation based on Sister Virginia Joy's talk:

- *Pay attention to where and how you are called to love
 - *Receive God's love first
 - *Develop a real prayer life and speak honestly to God
 - *Stay close to the sacraments, especially confession and the Eucharist
 - *Live your call to love daily, even before knowing your definitive vocation
 - *Recognize your unique gifts
 - *Observe where your heart becomes undivided and free
- "Your love story is going to be perfectly unique to you," Sister Virginia Joy added. "God has been preparing something far beyond your expectations and he desires your freedom to respond with an undivided heart. Whether it be marriage, religious life, lay life, there is no doubt he wants you and your unique love. God loves you."

These excerpts from an article written by
[Francesca Pollio Fenton](#) a writer for EWTN News

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.