

WEEKLY CALENDAR MV=Saint Mary GB=Saint MichaelSATURDAY, April 11

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 8:00 am- Men's Gospel Study @ MV Hall
 5:00 pm- Mass *Living and Deceased of the Vernon and Helen Durst Family+* @ GB Church

SUNDAY, April 12

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+, Helen Reineck+* @ GB Church
 12:00pm- Parish Potluck @ GB Parish Center
 3:00pm- Divine Mercy Chaplet @ MV Church
 3:00pm- Confirmation Mass @ Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo
 6:30 pm- HiS High School Youth @ MV Hall

MONDAY, April 13

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *

TUESDAY, April 14

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 5:00 pm- Mass *Fr. Joseph Weigman+* @ GB Church
 7:00 pm- Rosary to ask Mary, The Immaculate Conception, Patroness of America for her intercession for our nation @ MV Church

WEDNESDAY, April 15

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 8:30 am- Mass *Sharon Reinhard+* @ MV Church
 7:00 pm- Young Adult Study on Acts of the Apostles @ MV Parish Office Building

THURSDAY, April 16

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 8:30 am- Mass *Fr. James Risacher+* @ MV Church

FRIDAY, April 17

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

SATURDAY, April 18

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 5:00 pm- Mass *Pete Norton+* @ GB Church

SUNDAY, April 19

7:00 am- Morning Prayer with Dcn Mike *
 8:00 am- Reconciliation @ MV Church
 9:00 am- Mass *William Breau+* @ MV Church*
 11:00am- Mass *People of Our Parishes* @ GB Church

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 mvstmaryandgbstmichael.flocknote.com.

Financial StewardshipSaint Mary April 4-5, 2026

Sunday	\$7197.16
Loose	\$592.02
Youth Env.	\$2.00
Holy Land	\$365.00
Easter	\$6010.00

Electronic Giving for March (EG)	
EG March	\$1355.00

ACA pledges	\$10135.73
ACA MV Goal	\$13960.48

Saint Michael April 4-5, 2026

Sunday	\$2995.00
Loose	\$443.12
Special Improv.	\$495.00
Food Pantry	\$25.00
Cemetery	\$125.00
Easter	\$3550.00
Holy Land	\$110.00
Rel. Ed.	\$20.00
CRS	\$50.00
EG March	\$4390.00

ACA pledges	\$9839.18
ACA GB Goal	\$12345.24

**FORMED pick of the week:
Fan or Follower?**

In this talk, Jeff Cavins shares how he has come to see that Jesus wants us to surrender every bit of our own comfort to follow Him. There are many fans of Jesus in this world, but we are also called to be His disciples. As a young adult, Jeff left the Catholic Church

and became a Protestant pastor for 12 years. After returning to the Catholic Church, he became a nationally known speaker who has helped thousands come to a clearer understanding of Scripture and our Faith.

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!

**NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

In honor of America's 250th year, the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will carry the theme One Nation Under God. One Nation Under God is not a slogan—it's an invitation to realign our lives, communities, and country under the sovereignty of Christ. It's a call to build unity through prayer, and to let Jesus, present in the Eucharist, renew and heal the heart of our country, one soul at a time. As pilgrims on this route, we walk with Christ so that His love might draw our nation back to Him. You're invited to join us, in person or in spirit, and offer prayers and sacrifices for the renewal of America. To find out the route and how you can participate please go to www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org



If you or someone you know is facing a pregnancy and needs some help, please contact Heartbeat Hope Medical Fremont, Tiffin or Fostoria at 419-334-9079. Heartbeat provides physical, emotional, and spiritual assistance in a warm and caring environment that is judgment free. Please reach out and help support Heartbeat's good work, and to pray for all Pregnancy Centers.

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April 12, 2026
Sunday of Divine Mercy

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,

Blessed Easter Divine Mercy Sunday!

1. Congratulations to our eighth graders from our parishes who are being confirmed at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo by Bishop Thomas. It will be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our youth through the power of the Risen Jesus working through his Sacrament.

2. Wow! -- How beautiful is our sanctuary renovation at Saint Mary's! So grateful that everyone seems very pleased and that this is progressing so well. We will wait to use our new altar and ambo until Sunday, May 31st at our Mass at 9am for the dedication/consecration. We are waiting for the return of our tabernacle, which is being restored as well.

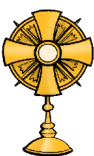
3. GB Roof Project -- We did take in a bit more water with a bit more damage in the same spot due to the very heavy rains this past week. Our roofing company is monitoring that and our new roof will be put on the Saint Michael's Church in mid to late Summer.

4. We welcome two new members on Team Pastoral Council: Sarah Lau and Nichole Mancha! They join Erin Foos, John Beck, Lucas Hammer, Deb Dazley, and Sue Kosakowski. Erin Foos is our Team Chair and Nichole Mancha is the Vice-Chair. We will soon be providing photos and short profiles for each member of Team Pastoral Council as we want them to be the face of the parishes -- the people you first approach with your ideas and suggestions for parish activities!

Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday,

Rev. Msgr. Walter R. Oxley (Fr Tad)

Pastor



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, April 14, 4:00pm at GB Church,
before the 5:00pm Mass
Friday, April 17, after the 8:30 am Mass
at MV Church

Thank you to all that donated toward flowers to decorate for Easter, these loved ones were missed on the insert of last week's bulletin. Flowers were donated in loving memory of the following:

Carolyn and Don Davidson
Walter & Lucile Kosta family
Herb and Mary Gabel family
Art and Mary Miller family
Dwight and JoAnn Holzwarth Family
Jane Buhro
Gunner Stone
Jack and Sara Rich
Red and Helen Gustchalk
Joe and Helen Schalk
Pete and John Schalk
Roman and Margaret Wasserman
Rudy and Helen Reineck



Ray and Vic Wilhelm
Norb and Lucille Darr
Todd and Bob Wilhelm
Paul Hammer

We apologize for the mistake.

May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.

Rummage Sale May 7, 8 & 9

You are welcome to drop off donations at Saint Michael's Parish Center starting Sunday, May 3rd - Tuesday, May 6th. (No large furniture will be accepted.) We will need help with: setting up; Kitchen help on Thursday & Friday May 7-8; cashiers, cleaning & packing up. If you are willing to help please contact Julie Picciuto or phone the office. All donations will go to help the Missions. Thank you



HEARTBEAT
HOPEMEDICAL
PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

5K RUN/ WALK FOR LIFE
May 9th Race Starts @ 9 am
(day of registration opens at 8 am)

Register Today! 

Prizes!
Fat Sgt.'s Smoken Q's
Food Truck for purchase

300 S. FRONT ST. FREMONT, OHIO
www.friendsofheartbeat.org/events

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 18, 5:00 pm

Ambassador	Volunteer
Server	Lynne Eisenman
Lector	Deb Dazley
EMOHC	Hank Reineck, Gerry Williams, Norma Vela

Saint Mary– Sunday, April 19, 9:00 am

Rosary	Jim and Betty Hoffman
Servers	Lucas Moffett, Wyatt Cox
Lector	Sue Kosakowski, Levi Reno
Communion	Anber Hoffman, Eileen Foos Harold Foos, Jeanine Van Der Laar, Angie Smith
Ambassadors	Roger and Barb Wasserman
Count	Dave and Mary Gutschalk
Clean	Mary Gutschalk

Saint Michael– Sunday, April 19, 11:00 am

Ambassadors	Dave Estep Family
Servers	Evie Estep, Anna Estep
Lector	Cindy Hammer
EMOHC	Maria Porteous, Mary Kern

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 April 19 at Saint Mary Office Building, 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
Pray
for...



Please remember in prayer:

Fran Weigman, Alice Reineck, Reynaldo Garcia, Elizabeth Oberhaus, Ruth Esker, Harold Foos, 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 Foos, 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.



Potluck Our next potluck will be held on April 12, following 11 o'clock Mass at Saint Michael. All are invited to come and share a dish, along with fellow ship, with fellow parishioners.

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 Meeting: Friday April 17, 5:30pm at Saint Mary Hall Please come and participate.

Welcome into full communion to the Catholic Church and our parish communities: *Jake and Stephanie Montgomery, Mark Statham, Clay and Cayla Stevens, Jodi Stone, and Michelle Wise*. They all completed the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Thank you for your willingness to learn more of the faith, and receive Christ more fully through the Sacraments. Below are a few pictures from Holy Saturday.



Family Catechesis



Saint Mary Parish
Preschool – 8th Grade
Sunday, April 19
From 10:15 -11:15am

Saint Michael Parish
Preschool–15th Grade
Wednesday, April 8
6:30–7:45pm

APRIL SAVE THE DATES:

April 12th Confirmation 3:00pm at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo.

April 22nd 1st Reconciliation 6:30pm at MV for all 2nd grade students and parents.

April 25th First Eucharist Retreat
10am-12:30pm at GB

April 26th First Eucharist
Saint Mary 9:00am Mass
Saint Michael 11:00am Mass

Please join us in praying for our candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament on April 12th at 3:00pm at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo.

Sydney "Saint Veronica" Aldrich
Chase "Saint Andrew" Allen
Avery "Saint Sebastian" Clouse
Emma "Saint Cecilia" Esker
Chloe "Saint Sebastian" Jividen
Ezra "Saint Michael the Archangel" Millerschone
Iliana "Saint Philomena" Ramirez
John Carlo "Saint Sebastian" Sandoval
Wilson "Saint Gregory" Scherger
Grayson "Saint George" Thatcher
Kenzley "Saint Catherine of Sienna" Walby

Heavenly Father, we lift up the young men and women of our parishes as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We thank You for the gifts of the Holy Spirit that will be strengthened in them. May they always know that they are deeply and personally loved by You. Help them to trust in Your perfect plan, especially when their own paths seem uncertain. As they gather at the Cathedral, may the Holy Spirit descend upon them, strengthening the gifts they first received at Baptism. Guide them, protect them, and keep them always close to You and the Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Our Parishes are invited to a reception after the 9:00 am Mass at Saint Mary's hall, April 19th to honor these Newly Confirmed Members of Our Parish Communities.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD April Items

Easter Clearance, for older children sewing kits, material, fishing kits, crank flashlights



Many children are drawn to the priesthood and religious life as they see it lived out so beautifully! To give your child and the Holy Spirit every opportunity to connect and grow their relationship which can be done a million different ways. Pick the ideas that work for your family, maybe it is as simple as encouraging your priest in front of your children each week or maybe it is time for your son or daughter to go on a retreat. At a minimum, I ask you to pray for your child and his or her vocation and focus on teaching your children to love God, to do his will through a happy childhood, and to know that true happiness comes from doing God's will. Let's create a vocation-friendly environment in our homes by living an authentic Catholic life. Here are some concrete ways to encourage vocations in your family:

1. **Prepare for Mass at home** by discussing the readings ahead of time at breakfast and discuss the reverence that is expected at Mass. If we want our children to act appropriately, we must convey to the youngest child that the church is Holy Ground, and those discussions happen before and after Mass.

2. **Go to Mass.** Children take their cues from you, so if this is important to you, then deep down, it will affect your child. Most Vocation Directors say that one of the ways you can tell that a person has a vocation is that they are DRAWN to the sacraments, especially the Holy Mass, which typically starts in the family.

3. **Attend an ordination or profession of vows as a family**, especially if you know the person receiving Holy Orders or professing vows. It is a powerful experience to see all of the priests of a diocese in one place, witnessing the bishop laying on of hands and singing the litany of the saints. This is usually a 2-3-hour Mass, so plan accordingly, but it is so worth it!

4. **Confession** – If you want your child to continue to receive grace from this sacrament long after he or she has spread their wings and left your home, make it a part of your family routine, whether that is monthly or every two months, or more frequent.

5. **Be a part of activities at the parish**, especially if they involve your priest or consecrated sisters or brothers or are vocation-related. Maybe it is a Sainly Costume Contest or the parish festival where your priest is in the dunking booth. Let them feel the love of being part of a parish.

6. **Attend retreats for families, men, women, or youth**, giving God time to speak to you and your children in the silence that normally can happen more easily on retreat.

7. **Allow your children to be altar servers** – 77% of newly ordained priests say they participated in the Mass by altar serving, giving them a glimpse of serving God in this special way. This is important. Encourage them to serve as long as possible, too.

BHCS-Heartbeat Flower Sale Time to order flowers to benefit Bishop Hoffman Catholic Schools and Heartbeat Hope Medical! Contact Anita Moffet, 419-309-8548 or Jeanine Van Der Laar, 567-280-1583 to get a link to the online site to place your order. Sale ends on April 16. Don't delay! Delivery will be on May 11 at Sacred Heart Church. Arrange delivery or pickup with Anita or Jeanine.



BISHOP HOFFMAN
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SACRED HEART CAMPUS - SICC CAMPUS

BHCS Early Childhood Development Center Open House will be April 20th 1:00—6:00pm 540 Smith Road, Fremont. All are welcome to come and see what we offer.