



## ***St. Michael Catholic Church***

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A member of the Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Deanery

Facebook Page: **St. Michael Catholic Church-Hicksville** YouTube Channel: **St. Michael Hicksville**

# **April 16, 2023**

### **Office Hours:**

9:30-12 noon, Wed & Fri

**Parish Office/House** - 419-542-8202

**Office Fax** - 419-542-9513

**Church/Hall** - 419-542-8714

### ***St. Michael's Mass Times:***

Sunday	10:30am
Saturday	4:00pm (Odd)
Wednesday	8:30am
Friday	8:30am

### ***St. Mary's Mass Times :***

Sunday	8:30am
Saturday	4:00pm (Even)
Tuesday	6:00pm
Thursday	8:30am

### ***St. Joseph's Mass Times:***

Saturday	6:00pm
Monday	8:30am

**Reconciliation:** 7:30am Wednesdays & Fridays.

(Sun. & Thurs. 7:30am & Tues. 5:30pm at St. Mary's. Monday 7:30am at St. Joseph's.)

**Hospitalizations:** Due to federal confidentiality laws, hospitals will no longer share patient information. Families must contact Fr. Borgelt or the office to inform him if someone is hospitalized.

**Baptisms:** Call Office at 419-542-8202.

**Weddings:** All weddings must be arranged through the pastor at least six months before the planned wedding in order to allow time for marriage preparation.

**R.C.I.A.** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Those interested in learning about the church or joining the church contact the office.

### **Church Directory:**

**Very Reverend Daniel E. Borgelt**  
**Edgerton Office**

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Custodian/ Bob Meyer

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[Jmmec2007@yahoo.com](mailto:Jmmec2007@yahoo.com) (Deadline: Tuesday @ 5pm)

Altar Rosary Society Pres / Diane Collins

419-487-1297

Knights of Columbus Grand Knight / Ed Mendez

419-309-6518

Music Director / Joy Martin

419-438-2516

## Liturgies & Calendar



### Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16, 2023

E B	Sat	Apr 15	4:00pm 6:00pm	Ginnie Brenner Frank Muehlfeld
E H	Sun	Apr 16	8:30am 10:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory; Marjoe Gineman <i>Alice Vetter</i>
B	Mon	Apr 17	8:30am	NO MASS
E	Tues	Apr 18	6:00pm	Charlene & Duane Miller
H	Wed	Apr 19	8:30am	<i>Bill Hablawetz</i>
E	Thurs	Apr 20	8:30am	Marjoe Gineman
H	Fri	Apr 21	8:30am	<i>David Grimes</i>
E B	Sat	Apr 22	4:00pm 6:00pm	Janice Wygant ** The Parish
E H	Sun	Apr 23	8:30am 10:30am	Steve Bowling <i>Randy Sweet</i>

H = Hicksville; E = Edgerton; B = Blakeslee

\*\*Prayers for the living

### INCOME:

Sunday (mailed and Online)	\$ 5,861.00
Easter	\$ 5,045.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Landscaping Fund	\$ 25.00
Restroom Reno	\$ 200.00
Candles	\$ 8.00
Good Friday-Holy Land	\$ 625.00
Pro-Life Youth Group Donation	\$ 500.00

**Thank you to those who are mailing in their donations and/or using ONLINE GIVING. Please consider making a donation to our St. Michael ONLINE GIVING. It's easy! If you need help, we'll be glad to help you get your account set up. <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/St9999438>.**

### Ministries Schedule for Sunday,

April 23, 2023 @ 10:30am

**Servers:** Luke Eicher, Dominic Laker

**Ushers:** Brian Amstutz, Duane Bassett

**Lector:** Steph Mazur

**Offertory:** Ted & Donna Laker

**Ordinary Minister:** Deacon John Kromer

**Extraordinary Minister:** Dale & Carolyn Gallup, Eric Art

**Greeters:** Bob & Roxie Timbrook

**If you cannot fulfill your scheduled ministry,  
It is YOUR responsibility to get a replacement!  
Call or Text Lisa Firestine for scheduling changes  
at 260-715-0439**

### **APRIL MONEY COUNTERS:**

Joan Linder, Diane Collins

Leesa Battershell, Jim Siler

### **APRIL MONEY COLLECTORS:**

Sundays ~ Judy McCalla

### Weekly Calendar – April 16 – Apr 23, 2023

SUN	Apr 16	10:30am	Mass
		After Mass	~ <b>FREE</b> Soup & Sandwich Meal
MON	Apr 17	7:00pm	Prayer Group before the Tabernacle
WED	Apr 19	8:30am	Mass
		5:00pm	RCIA
		6:00pm	CCD
THUR	Apr 20	8:00am	Adoration
		7:00pm	Holy Hour
FRI	Apr 21	8:30am	Mass
SAT	Apr 22	10:00am	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation – At Rosary Cathedral
		6:00pm	Parish Square Dance
SUN	Apr 23	10:30am	Mass

**\*\*We will be livestreaming Mass from our  
Facebook Page and up on YouTube**

**St. Michael Youth Group is  
hosting the Soup & Sandwich  
Dinner, after Mass  
April 16.**



**Join us for good  
food, fun and  
fellowship!**



## Divine Mercy Sunday

the Sunday after Easter is observed as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Some parishes offer a special service for people to celebrate the gracious mercy of God.

Divine Mercy Parish in Paulding will observe the day by offering Exposition & confessions beginning at 1:30 pm, Vespers at 2:30 pm and the Chaplet at 3:00 pm.

St. Mary, Edgerton will observe Divine Mercy Sunday by offering Exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction starting at 3:00 pm.

## ALL ARE WELCOME!

➤ **CARD SHOWER:** Basil Meyer, a parishioner of St. Michael in Hicksville from his childhood until 1970, will be celebrating his 90th birthday on **April 17, 2023**. His children invite anyone from the parish who remembers Basil and the family to send a card to help him celebrate this milestone birthday. Please contact his daughter at [becky.ann139@gmail.com](mailto:becky.ann139@gmail.com) for the address.

➤ **Last Youth Group Meeting for this School Year ~** will be this **Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** from **7pm-9pm** at the church.

➤ **Huge Thank You** from St. Michael Altar Rosary Society to everyone for the generous outpouring of baked goods & donations for the Annual Easter Bake Sale. \$2000 was earned!!

➤ **FREE Community Meals offered to St Michael Parishioners as well as those in our Community ~** these meals are for anyone who would like a night off of cooking and some lively socializing! These are offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. If you are unable to come to St. Michael a meal can be delivered to your home. **There is no charge;** simply say a prayer for those who are homeless, hungry, shut-in, or need someone to talk to. **Call the office at 419-542-8202 or Dale Gallup at 419-670-5035 to sign up for monthly meals.**

➤ **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** – RCIA classes are alive & active in our parish! If you or someone you know is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith & possibly joining the Church, please contact the office at 419-542-8202 or [saintmichaelhicksville@gmail.com](mailto:saintmichaelhicksville@gmail.com). **ALL are Welcomed to attend & learn more about Christ's love for EVERYONE!**

Please keep those who are sick or those in need in our prayers:

Mar 19<sup>th</sup>

**Keith Schliesser**

**Ray Schliesser**

**Martha Sweet**

**Raegan Wonderly**

**Ryan Cass**

**Deb Rogers**

**Father Tom Oedy**

If you would like a loved one added to this list, a family member must contact the office (419-542-8202) or you may contact Mary directly at 419-769-6750 or [jmmec2007@yahoo.com](mailto:jmmec2007@yahoo.com).

Those added will remain on the list for one month, at which time the family can contact us to add them again as many times as needed.

Please keep all military personnel in your Prayers

**Levi Guilford**

If your family has a member in the military please contact the office and we will add their name as well.

### *A Note From The Knights Of Columbus~*

The following Knights from our parish are in need of extra prayers as they go through some difficult circumstances in their lives:

Brian Amstutz

Floyd Esquivel

Ed Hesselschardt

Joseph Meyer

Bill Welly

Ralph Art

Dale Gallup

Devon Werder

Kenneth Reinhart

Jason Wermer

### ***Make no mistake, the upcoming ballot initiative regarding abortion is extreme:***

- 1. Eliminate Parental Consent**
- 2. Eliminate the 24-hour waiting period**
- 3. Eliminate the Down Syndrome Nondiscrimination Act**
- 4. Allow late-term abortions on demand**
- 5. Allow chemical abortions on-demand and over-the counter purchases**
- 6. Eliminate health and safety standards for abortion clinics**

**For more information go to [ohiolife.org](http://ohiolife.org)**

### **A Family Perspective ~ April 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Divine Mercy Sunday --**

*"Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven"* means the grudges we carry only make us miserable. The Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace promised in today's gospel through merciful & forgiving demonstrated by their parents.



~~ DAILY READINGS ~~

**MON, APR 17, 2023:**

Acts 4:23-31

Jn 3:1-8

**TUES, APR 18, 2023:**

Acts 4:32-37

Jn 3:7b-15

**WED, APR 19 2023:**

Acts 5:17-26

Jn 3:16-21

**THURS, APR 20, 2023:**

Acts 5:27-33

Jn 3:31-36

**FRI, APR 21, 2023:**

Acts 5:34-42

Jn 6:1-15

**SAT, APR 22, 2023:**

Acts 6:1-7

Jn 6:16-21

**SUN, APR 23, 2023:**

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Pt 1:17-21

Lk 24:13-35

### *Extra Parish Directories*

If you did not get one of these beautiful compilations of our parish family there are copies available at the main entrance.

**What a fabulous way to learn new faces & see the ministry groups that you can become a part of!**

If you're so inclined there are envelopes available for a free will donation to St. Michael Parish.

*Back by popular demand!*

# ROUND AND SQUARE DANCE



**Sat., April 22**

**7 till 10 pm**

**Doors open at 6 pm**

Sponsored by St. Michael Catholic Church

100 Antwerp Drive, Hicksville, Ohio

\*\*\*\*\* Public Invited \*\*\*\*\*

*Caller for the Night: Doug Michaelis*

**\$10/person \$20/family**

Free will offering for food.

Water, soda, beer and wine will be sold.

Raffles throughout the night!



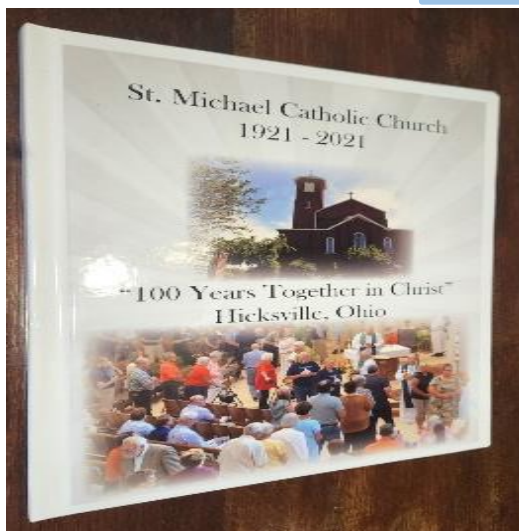
**YEE HAW**



Bring you sweetheart or the whole family to the

**SQUARE DANCING**

**For Everyone!**



ministries what is your calling?

Thank you to those who minister to our Parish community in all sorts of ways!



Thank you to those who are still discerning!

Thank you to the people who recently signed up to volunteer during our ministry weekend!

Let us know when you hear the calling to help. You are all so valuable to our Parish!



BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS

## “Prudent Intentional Planning for the Future”

*“Straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:14).*

Do you remember the first time you had to make an important decision? Maybe it was whether or where to attend college. Perhaps it was discerning if you should get married, move to another state, or buy a house. When faced with an important decision, it is always prudent to be intentional: to look at the issue from every angle, study any data available, listen to trusted advisors, spend plenty of time in prayer asking the Lord for guidance, and then making a decision that is right for you and your family. And every person knows that every important decision always requires sacrifice.

Every day, we work together with our 122 parishes to make prudent intentional decisions that are best for the Catholics across the Diocese of Toledo. We want every parish to flourish and build a community of faith and love centered around the Eucharist. As a result of our 2019 Diocesan Strategic Plan, we started an Intentional Planning Ministry, which is part of our Department of Discipleship and Family Life. The ministry helps support parishes through an Intentional Planning Process that focuses on the future, on the pastoral and spiritual health and development of the parish. For every parish "is envisioned as a response to a precise pastoral need, namely that of bringing the Gospel to the People

through the proclamation of the faith and the celebration of the Sacraments."

Many of our parishes have already engaged in this process with significant results, becoming healthier parishes that will maintain vibrancy into the future.

Some parishes have changed their Mass schedules, others have developed collaborations with nearby parishes to maximize use of personnel and resources, and some have built strong strategic plans to focus efforts for growth into the future. Still others have “twinned” or become “tri-parish



groupings” by establishing a collaboration of two or three separate parishes that share a pastor, parish priests and deacons. These collaborative groups of parishes can explore creative ways to maximize resources. The purpose of prudent intentional planning is not, as some would like to think, focused on closing parishes, but instead on assisting parishes, through the process, to become more vibrant, more evangelical, more missionary.

As in making any important decision, we consider carefully both diocese and parish data points when working through the Intentional Planning Process. On the diocesan side, we have fewer men being



ordained to the priesthood each year than we have reaching retirement age. In the last ten years, the total number of active Toledo Diocesan priests has dropped from 92 to 76. Therefore, we are not only concerned about having a sufficient number of priests to serve our parishes, but conscious that many younger priests are asked to become pastors sooner than in the past; we are grateful to senior status (retired) priests who generously continue actively to exercise their priestly ministry; we realize that for our pastors the balance of time spent on administrative tasks versus ministry is a constant struggle. We continue to strive to involve our generous laity who exercise their vocation in close collaboration with their pastor and in valuable service to the parish. We also analyze data regarding demographics like population, now and with projections into the future; the proximity of parishes/churches to one another (drive time); and the communities in which the parishes are located.

On the parish side, we consider data on the engagement of parishioners, Sunday Mass attendance, number of sacraments performed (baptisms, funerals, weddings), the structural integrity of buildings, financial health, etc. While some dioceses have used this data to make a unilateral decision to close a significant percentage of their parishes or assign a pastor to up to even eight parishes or more, with the support and counsel of our consultative groups, I am convinced this is not the right approach for our diocese. Together, we want the parish and the community to provide feedback to help make the decision of what is right for them using the information and resources available and to look at ways to engage and grow the Catholic faith in their area. Not all the decisions reached will be popular with every member of the parish community, but those decisions are not lightly taken, and they are based on current diocesan data, current parish data, listening to the parishioners, and a desire to have vibrant, faithful and joy-filled parish communities.

So deeply grateful for all the parish communities that have already engaged in the Intentional Planning Process, I would ask that if your parish goes through this process that you would proactively and productively participate with an open mind and heart, by thoughtfully considering the information that is published about the process and providing feedback in the manner that it is requested.



The parish “should put into action that ‘outgoing dynamism’ that, through collaboration among different parish communities, and a reinforced communion among clergy and laity, will orient it effectively toward an evangelizing mission, the task of the entire People of God, that walks through history as the ‘family of God’ and that, in the synergy of its diverse members, labors for the growth of the entire ecclesial body.”

Prudent intentional planning for the future means that with important decisions come sacrifices for the common good. We can no longer operate as in bygone years when parishioners of one ethnic group were vehement in not relating to parishioners of another ethnic group in the parish just down the block. We can no longer place our convenience as the highest good, as echoed in comments like “how dare they change my Mass time!” We can no longer operate in silos when parish ministries and catholic education programs will suffer unless parishes collaborate to offer the best possible pastoral service to the faithful. We can no longer presume that we’ll have enough parish priests, but instead must be actively praying for and encouraging vocations to the priesthood. What we **can do** is embrace the present with lively faith and deep hope, trusting in the Lord and praying with Saint Paul: “Straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:14).

For more information about Intentional Planning, go to [toledodiocese.org/intentional-planning](https://toledodiocese.org/intentional-planning).

*+ Daniel E. Thomas*

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo  
March 20, 2023