



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**

July 30, 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.

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Liturgies & Calendar



The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30, 2023

H B	Sat	July 29	4:00pm 6:00pm	<i>Carmen Lanum</i> Frank Muehlfeld
E H	Sun	July 30	8:30am 10:30am	Rozella Cape **People of the Parish
B	Mon	July 31	8:30am	NO MASS
E	Tues	Aug 1	6:00pm	Maxine Sanders
H	Wed	Aug 2	8:30am	Bob Delbecq
E	Thurs	Aug 3	8:30am	Dorothy Bigger
H	Fri	Aug 4	8:30am	Alice Vetter
E B	Sat	Aug 5	4:00pm 6:00pm	Clair Goebel Eugene Muehlfeld
E H	Sun	Aug 6	8:30am 10:30am	Ellen Herman, Holy Souls of Purgatory Wilford Osborn

H = Hicksville; E = Edgerton; B = Blakeslee
**Prayers for the living

INCOME:

Sunday (mailed and Online)	\$ 2,607.40
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 15.00
Restroom Renovation Fund	\$ 25.00
Landscaping Fund	\$ 5.00
Parish Assistance	\$ 10.00
Students For Life	\$ 200.00

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, August 6, 2023 @ 10:30am

Servers: Luke Eicher, Dale Gallup
Ushers: Leif Kurtz, Brian Amstutz
Lector: Jim Siler
Offertory: Bob & Polly Meyer
Ordinary Minister: Deacon John Kromer
Extraordinary Ministers: Steph Mazur,
Dale & Carolyn Gallup
Greeter: Marlin & Tasha Eicher

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

JULY MONEY COUNTERS:

Carolyn Gallup, Deb Harris
Jim Siler, Shelia Bassett

JULY MONEY COLLECTOR:

Sundays ~ Bob Crites
Saturdays ~ Janet Langham

Weekly Calendar – July 30 – August 6, 2023

SUN	July 30	8:00am	Templar Retreat
		10:30am	Mass
		After Mass	Challenge Girls Club Bake Sale
		After Mass	5 th Sunday Collection for Parish Assistance
MON	July 31	6:00pm	Walk For Life
		7:00pm	Prayer Group before the Tabernacle
TUES	Aug 1	6:00pm	Franciscan Council Mtg
WED	Aug 2	8:30am	Mass
		5:00pm	RCIA
THUR	Aug 3	8:00am	Adoration
FRI	Aug 4	8:30am	Mass
		After Mass	1 st Friday Donuts
SUN	Aug 6	10:30am	Mass

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

SUNDAY, JULY 30, (SAT JULY 29) IS PARISH ASSISTANCE SUNDAY

**You can donate with
an envelope marked
Parish Assistance in
the boxes or 2nd
Collection**



Thank you for your generosity!



From the Pastor's Desk

The Sound System
is being installed
next week.
Please note the
following:

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MASSES WILL BE
HELD IN THE GYM.

ADORATION WILL BE CANCELLED FOR
ONE WEEK, THURSDAY, AUGUST 3.

We need volunteers to help with
Livestreaming with the new system.
Training will be provided. Anyone interested,
please contact Fr. Dan, ASAP. Thank you!

No Confessions this week.

➤ **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 2nd 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. **ALL are Welcomed to attend & learn more about Christ's love for EVERYONE!**



And its all free!
Please come and join us!

Please join us every
First Friday!
We will be having coffee, milk,
juice and Harlen donuts &
rolls after Mass,
Each First Friday of the
month!
What a great way to start the
month with a First Friday
Mass to feed the soul,
and then goodies to feed your
body with fellow
parishioners!

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

July 25th

Keith Schliesser	Ryan Cass
Ray Schliesser	Deb Rogers
Martha Sweet	Father Tom Oedy
Raegan Wonderly	Santo Brothers
Roseann Meyer	Michael Bell
Kristi Phillips & Family	Bob Luderman
Carl Sabo	

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.

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 **Brian Kraft**

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	Ralph Art
Floyd Esquivel	Dale Gallup
Ed Hesselschwardt	Devon Werder
Joseph Meyer	Kenneth Reinhart
Bill Welly	Jason Wermer

➤ **Do you want to enrich your Christian walk with Jesus and enlighten your relationship with God?** Come join us every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm for Holy Hour with Exposition, Adoration, Benediction, the Holy Rosary, & Benediction. This hour is dedicated to honor the true presence of Jesus Christ. If you cannot make it in person, you may view it on livestream. **This is a great way to ready yourselves for the coming of the Lord.**

➤ **Right-to-Life Prayer Group** I hear babies crying in the wombs, "Come save me. Come pray for me." Let us all unite in the fight against abortion & contraception & pray the Rosary for the fight against abortion with a few added prayers after the Rosary. Bring any prayers you may want God to hear. We will meet the first Monday of every month at 6:30pm in the Church. Families are welcome: education is a key to prevention.

A Family Perspective ~ July 30th ~ 17TH Sunday in Ordinary Time -- The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.

VOTE CATHOLIC OHIO

LOOKING FOR PRO-LIFE VOLUNTEERS

To help combat the radical abortion
amendment coming to Ohio

TO SIGN UP, CONTACT NAOMI DEL GUIDICE,
STATE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC OUTREACH:
VOLUNTEER@VOTECATHOLICOHIO.ORG

We are looking for
volunteers who can donate
their time engaging in
parish outreach, call-a-
thons, and literature drops
Paid for by Save Our Constitution

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Huge Thank You to “M” for paying for our lunch Wednesday! You’ll never know how much we all appreciate it! St. Michael Office Staff

Special Thanks to the anonymous donor of \$200 to the Students for Life of NW Ohio!

This week’s Ministry Spotlight ~

Vacation Bible School– We encourage kids to find the talents God has given them. Contact Kayla Vetter at 419-518-0201 or e-mail stmikehiCCD@gmail.com

If you’d like to help any year!

All volunteers working with our Youth are required to be fingerprinted and have a background check and are listed with our staff in the VIRTUS Program. The safety of our Youth is essential.

~~ DAILY READINGS ~~

MON, JULY 31, 2023:

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34
Mt 13:31-35

TUES, AUG 1, 2023:

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28
Mt 13:36-43

WED, AUG 2, 2023:

Ex 34:29-35
Mt 13:44-46

THURS, AUG 3, 2023:

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38
Mt 13:47-53

FRI, AUG 4, 2023:

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37
Mt 13:54-58

SAT, AUG 5, 2023:

Lv 25:1, 8-17
Mt 14:1-12

SUN, AUG 6, 2023:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Pt 1:16-19
Mt 17:1-9

make it in person, you may view it on livestream. **This is a great way to ready yourselves for the coming of the Lord.**

➤ **Bake Sale!** ~ Catholic girls ages 10 and up are invited to join a brand-new **Challenge club** starting at St. Michael's this fall. Challenge club meetings are a mixture of faith and fun. They are student-led to help girls grow in their relationship with Christ and each other. Meetings will be once or twice a month, and the first official meeting will be **Monday, September 11, 2023 from 6-8 p.m.** We will be holding a bake sale after St Michael's Masses on the weekend of **July 29-30.** We would love to have your daughter(s) join us!

➤ **PROJECT RESPECT ANNUAL GOLF**

OUTING. Project Respect is an abstinence education program that is part of the CPC Women's Health Resource. This Golf Outing serves as our only annual fundraiser for the program. Proceeds from the golf outing help enable us to serve students in schools in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam & Williams Counties. Last year we presented our 5-day abstinence program to more than 3500 students in these counties! **We are still in need of more golfers for this year's outing, on August 19, at Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance.** The cost is \$80 per golfer (\$320 per team). We would love to have a team from your church join us! For more information please visit our website at cpcnwo.org/events/13th-annual-project-respect-golf-outing/, OR contact brenda@projectrespectnwo.org.

Join us at the Parish Family Fun Day!

Sunday, July 30

Family Fun Day

2:00 - 4:00 OR Until the
Kickball Games Are Done

Location: St. Mary School, Edgerton—Backyard

Family Kickball Games

Teams of parents, children, grandparents, family
& friends - Everyone can have fun!

Come Play and Cheer Your Team On!

To Register Your Team Contact Pat Bowersher
by July 22 at 419-212-0352

Ice Cream Social - K of C Hall

Enjoy Hamburgers, Hot Dogs
& Ice Cream

Prepared & Provided by the
Knights of Columbus Edgerton Council #1494

Activities for Children

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages:

Potty Trained from
3 years & Up

Questions: Contact
Stephanie Bonnell at
419-212-5752

Bounce House
Face Painting
Golf, Bowling, Ring Toss
Cornhole
Sidewalk Chalk
Drink & Snack Station



UNRESTRICTED ABORTION IS COMING TO OHIO... HOW CAN I HELP STOP IT?

"All the evils of the world are due to lukewarm Catholics" - St. Pius V

PRAYER & FASTING

- Start a prayer group at your church, or join the Defenders of God's Precious Infants sodality at mariaforlife.org
- Join the Rosary campaign: ohioneedsoyourprayers.com
- Ask for the Intercession of Our Lady of Victory; St. Pius V; Pope Leo XIII
- Do a holy hour for pro-life intentions (Email adornersforlife@gmail.com for details)

VOTE IN THE AUGUST ELECTION

VOTE ON ISSUE 1 ON AUGUST 8

A 'YES' ON ISSUE 1 CAN HELP
PROTECT 30,000 BABIES EACH
YEAR IN OHIO

DOOR TO DOOR CANVASSING

Ages 16+ full/part/flexible time \$15/hr

- Work for SBA Pro-Life America and get paid to help the pro-life movement
- Apply to Michelle Ashley at: michelle@sba prolife.org | 513-204-9015

REMIND FRIENDS TO VOTE & DISTRIBUTE PRO-LIFE FLIERS

- If they need resources, encourage them to email Vote Catholic Ohio at info@votecatholicohio.org
- Call everyone in your church directory and remind them to vote the August 8th election. **If Issue 1 passes on August 8th, it helps protect Ohio's Constitution from the abortion amendment.**

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

To volunteer, email:

volunteer@votecatholicohio.org

To learn more about the pro-life effort, visit:

protectwomenohio.com

pledge.ccv.org

VISIT VOTE CATHOLIC OHIO'S
WEBSITE TO LEARN ABOUT
MORE VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES



WHY ARE WE VOTING ON ISSUE 1 ON AUGUST 8TH?

Issue 1 Helps Protect 30,000 children every year.

Abortion advocates are trying to put painful, late-term abortion up to birth, without parental consent, in our Ohio Constitution. Issue 1 makes it more difficult for this dangerous and deadly proposal to be inserted into our Constitution by:

- Requiring 60% of voters to approve changes to the state constitution.
- Ensuring that all 88 counties have representation in the constitutional amendment process instead of the current 44.
- Ensuring that signatures to change the constitution are submitted on and not after the deadline.

If Issue 1 fails, an estimated 30,000 children will lose their lives at the hands of the abortion industry in Ohio every year.

Issue 1 is crucial in protecting the children whose lives are at risk. **Issue 1 will save 30,000 children each year if it passes.**



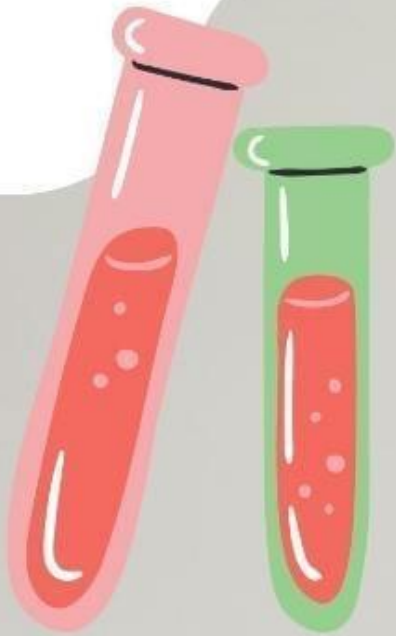
**BE A VOTE FOR THE VOICELESS
VOTE ON AUGUST 8TH**



VBS GOD'S LAB



PreK-4th Grade



Registration

**Forms available
at the Church or
sent via email**

Location

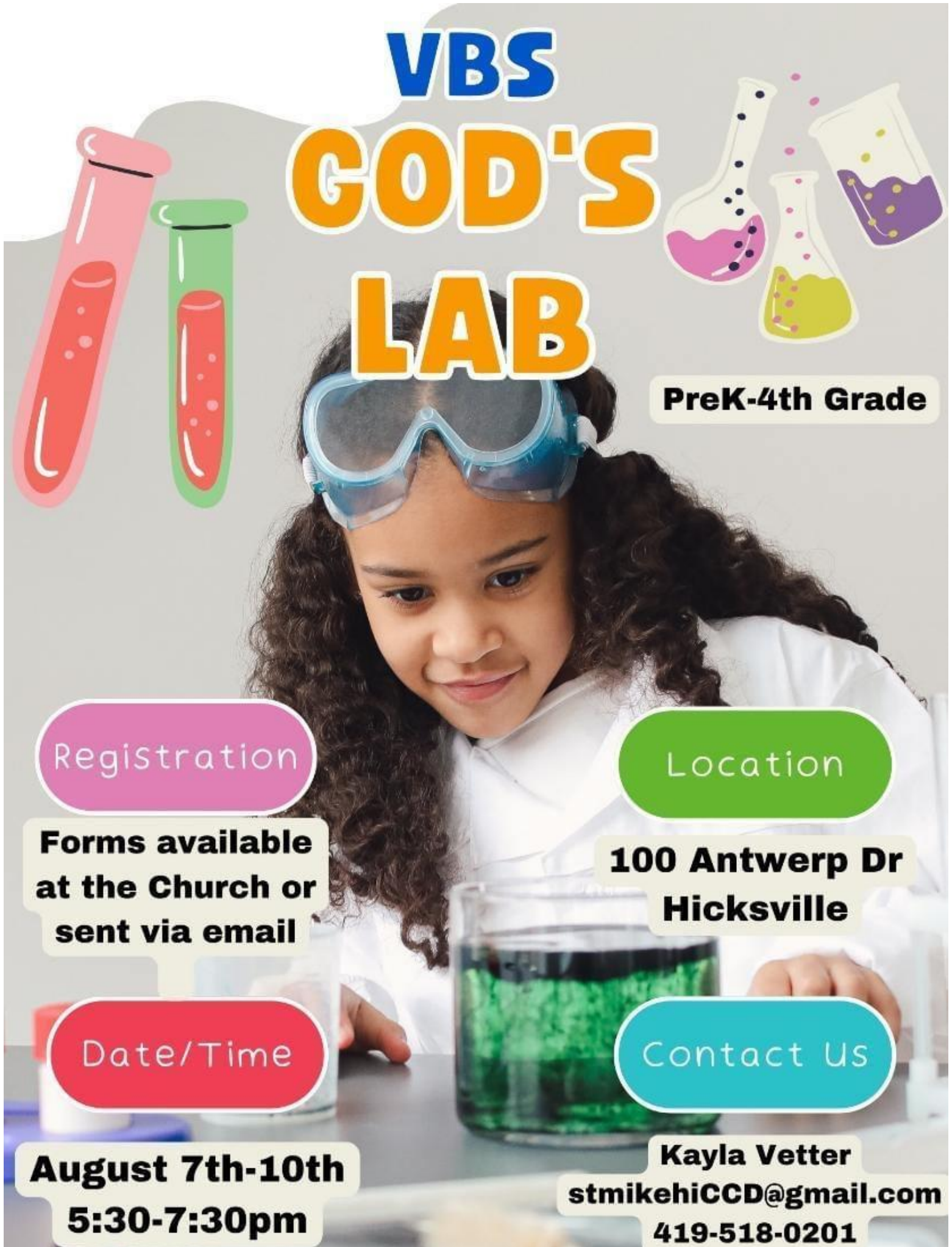
**100 Antwerp Dr
Hicksville**

Date/Time

**August 7th-10th
5:30-7:30pm**

Contact Us

**Kayla Vetter
stmikehiCCD@gmail.com
419-518-0201**



Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



The Eucharist and the Priesthood

*"There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood,
just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist."*¹

These words of Pope Saint John Paul II have echoed over and over again in my daily prayer during this season of Eucharistic Revival. It has been clear to me since becoming your bishop that here in the diocese of Toledo, there is a deep and evident love for the Eucharist, and a deep and evident love for the priesthood! Yet many of our faithful may not be aware that the number of priests in our diocese has been declining for several years; that many priests are now serving multiple parishes, some to the point of exhaustion; and that, in the past few years, the number of diocesan seminarians has also declined.

In some ways, these trends should be no surprise. The past two decades have seen a sharp decline in Catholic parish participation throughout North America and Europe. In our diocese, Mass attendance declined 47% from 2005 to 2022. During that period, 37% fewer children were baptized and 45% fewer people received Confirmation. These numbers clearly indicate that there are not as many people practicing the faith in our diocese, which means there is a smaller pool of possible candidates for the priesthood and subsequently a lower number of seminarians.

The reality of our diocese mirrors national trends. From 2014 to 2021, the total number of seminarians in the USA decreased 22%.² Vocation directors cite many contributing factors that go beyond the obvious rise in secularization and the priority shifts of a generation

averse to lifelong commitment and riddled by "fear of missing out" (FOMO). The tense and confusing ecclesial climate seems to be discouraging young men from answering the priestly call. The scandal of priestly sexual abuse has also caused hesitation about entering seminary. Certainly, the COVID-19 pandemic had a negative impact: the inability of the vocations office to host typical in person events, and the rise in anxiety for young adults, were obstacles to healthy discernment.

So what should we do? With the tide rushing forcefully in the wrong direction, should we just give up? St. Paul's words come to mind: "where sin increased, grace abounded all the more" (Romans 5:20). Do we believe that He can and will curb the tide? Do we believe that He can make the difference? Do we believe and hope in Him to draw men to the priestly vocation? We believe!

Salvation history teaches us that whenever humanity moves away from God, an abundance of divine grace is available to the faithful who are open to it. The Lord uses the service of his prayerful people to lead humanity back to God. Here and now, we are the people the Lord is depending on to open the eyes of hearts and minds to see the reality of our situation and to address head on our need for priests. It takes the joyful, faithful witness of priests themselves coupled with the support and encouragement of all the lay faithful.

Jesus encouraged his disciples not to give into despair when faced with small numbers of ministers and a culture greatly in need of His message. "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:36-38). Jesus taught His disciples that sometimes, the only solution is prayer and fasting! Thus, I invite every Catholic in the Diocese of Toledo to do two things to implore the Lord of the harvest for more laborers to be ordained to shepherd the Church in our diocese: these are simple, practical, and doable!



First, I ask every Catholic to pray one Hail Mary per day for an increase of priestly vocations. I especially encourage families to add this Hail Mary to their prayer before meals, regular daily prayers or family rosary, as a way of encouraging their children to seek God's call for their life. Mother Mary will intercede for us with her Son for an increase of priests in the Person of her Son!

Second, I ask all who are able to offer some form of intentional fasting or penance each Friday for this same intention. The fasting or penance might be foregoing a meal, abstaining from meat, avoiding snacks between meals, or some other small sacrifice that can be united with Jesus' loving offering of his life for the salvation of the world on Good Friday, the very sacrifice we encounter in the Eucharist.

At a diocesan level, I kindly request that every parish offer some time of Eucharistic Adoration each week for the intention of an increase in priestly vocations. This might be a new addition to the parish calendar, or it might mean encouraging prayers for vocations during an already scheduled period of weekly Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Many of our recent seminarians have come from parishes where Eucharistic Adoration for vocations is regularly offered. I also ask every parish in the diocese to pray specifically

for an increase of priestly vocations each week at Mass during the Universal Prayer.

Without an increase of priestly vocations, we risk not having enough priests to celebrate the Eucharist. In challenging times like ours, faithful Catholics need the Eucharist more than ever to sustain them in their mission of sharing the faith with the large number of

people in northwest Ohio who are distant from Christ and his Church. The Eucharist and the priesthood are inseparable.

While the challenges we face may seem daunting, I ask that you approach your prayer and fasting/penance for priestly vocations with **hope**. Just think, if every parish in our diocese sent just one man to the seminary every ten years, we

would have 122 seminarians over a ten-year period. If just half of them were ordained priests, we would be ordaining an average of over 6 men per year! This would be a huge shift from our current 20-year average of less than 2 ordinations per year. Dare we hope?

The word "revival" comes from the Latin verb *re-vivere*, meaning "to live again" and "to restore to life." During this parish year of the Eucharistic Revival, please join me in praying that enthusiasm for priestly vocations might be born anew in the hearts, minds and souls of young men throughout our diocese, leading to a generous response to Christ. We pray that their future ministry, especially their celebration of the Eucharist, will empower many people in Northwest Ohio to live out their Catholic faith with renewed zeal. "There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood, just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist."

Many resources to promote priestly vocations are available at: <https://toledopriesthood.org>

+ Daniel E. Thomas

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
July 21, 2023