



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**

December 17, 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:

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260-466-9741

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419-542-6473

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Custodian/ Bob Meyer

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Knights of Columbus Grand Knight /

Music Director / Joy Martin

419-438-2516



Liturgies & Calendar



December 17, 2023

E B	Sat	Dec 16	4:00pm 6:00pm	Judy Souhan Victoria Mays
E H	Sun	Dec 17	8:30am 10:30am	Tom Wickerham <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Victor & Margaret Siler Family</i>
B	Mon	Dec 18	8:30am	NO MASS
E	Tues	Dec 19	6:00pm	Robert Lehman
H	Wed	Dec 20	8:30am	Diana Hartman
E	Thurs	Dec 21	8:30am	Marilyn Whitman
H	Fri	Dec 22	8:30am	** People of the Parish
E B	Sat	Dec 23	4:00pm 6:00pm	Denver Davis Barbara Denny
H H B E E	Sun	Dec 24	9:00am 4:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm 10:00pm	Arlene Billman Donna Wonderly (Mary Wermer's Mom) Derek Livensparger ** Perry and Kennerk Families Carlton Dietsch

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



Ministries Schedule for Sunday, **December 24, 2023 @ 9:00am**

Servers: Kendra & Raelyn Vetter
Ushers: Russ & Paul Pierce
Lector: Steph Mazur
Ordinary Minister: Deacon John Kromer
Extraordinary Ministers: Bob & Polly Meyer, Ed Mendez
Offertory: Ted & Donna Laker
Greeters: Bob & Roxie Timbrook

Ministries Schedule for Christmas Eve, **December 24, 2023 @ 4:00pm**

Servers: Seth Firestine, Alex Harris
Ushers: Mike Firestine, Duane Bassett
Lector: Alora Stevenson
Ordinary Minister: Deacon John Kromer
Extraordinary Ministers: Leif Kurtz, Dan Vetter, Andrew Baumgartner
Offertory: Duane & Shelia Bassett
Greeters: Mel & Alora Stevenson

Ministries Schedule for Christmas Day, **December 25, 2023 @ 9:00am**

Servers: Luke Eicher, Dominic Laker
Ushers: Jim Siler, Mike Meyer
Lector: Christine Wonderly
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Rod Conkle
Extraordinary Ministers: Dale & Carolyn Gallup, Debbie Harris
Offertory: Kim White
Greeters: Marlin & Tasha Eicher

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

DECEMBER MONEY COUNTERS:
 Carolyn Gallup, Debbie Harris,
 Carol Art, Joan Linder

DECEMBER MONEY COLLECTORS:
 Sundays ~ Greg Balser

INCOME:

Sunday (mailed and Online)	\$ 2,844.10
Immaculate Conception	\$ 539.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 40.00
Funeral Stipend	\$ 100.00
Priest & Religious Retirement	\$ 80.00
Restroom Renovation Fund	\$ 25.00
Candles	\$ 5.00
Church Directory Donation	\$ 20.00
Hall Rental	\$ 300.00

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>.

Weekly Calendar – Dec 17 – Dec 24, 2023

SUN	Dec 17	10:30am	Bambinelli Sunday Mass
		1:30pm	Franciscan Frat Mtg
MON	Dec 18	7:00pm	Prayer Group before the Tabernacle
WED	Dec 20	8:30am	Mass
		10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm	~ Day of Grace
		5:00pm	NO RCIA
		6:00pm	Nativity Play Rehearsal
THUR	Dec 21	8:00am	Adoration
		7:00pm	Holy Hour
FRI	Dec 22	8:30am	Mass
SUN	Dec 24	9:00am	4 th Sunday of Advent Mass
		11:30am	NO Youth Group
		3:30pm	Children's Nativity Play
		4:00pm	Christmas Eve Children's Mass

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

A Family Perspective ~ December 17th –Third Sunday of Advent ~ Today's gospel reports "there is one among you whom you do not recognize." It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late & end too early, cars that don't start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks & stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at mass, "**The Lord is with you,**" are not a hope, they are a fact.

Angel Tree Ornaments:

Ornaments in memory or in honor of a loved one can be purchased at the south entrance for a donation. The money will go to our Youth Group. Angels will be hung here at church and may be taken home after the Christmas season. Please write their name and yours on the back of the angel and place on the tree.

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

November 14

Ray Schliesser

Martha Sweet

Raegan Wonderly

Michael Bell

Carl Sabo

Jeanette Sabo Rosenbury

Deb Rogers

Father Tom Oedy

Santo Brothers

Kiersten Vetter

Tanya Wonderly

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

Floyd Esquivel

Ed Hesselschwardt

Devon Werder

Joseph Meyer

Bill Welly

Ralph Art

Dale Gallup

Joe Kemerer

Rusty Campbell

Kenneth Reinhart

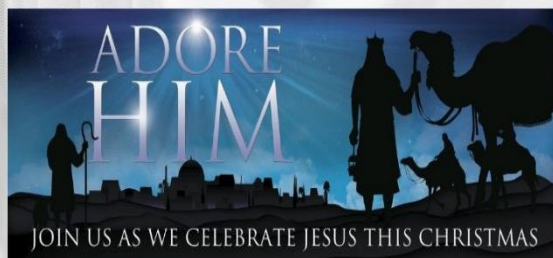
Jason Wermer

➤ **Christmas Mass Schedules:** Wherever you may be going to Mass for Christmas this year, we suggest that you check the current bulletin and/or website for that Parish. As Christmas Day falls on Monday and Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, many parishes are altering their 4th Sunday of Advent weekend schedules.

Final Chance for A Day Of Grace

Wednesday, December 20, St. Michael, Hicksville
10am, 12 noon, 4pm, 6pm





Christmas Masses

Sun., Dec. 24 - 4:00pm St. Michael, Hicksville

4:00pm St. Joseph, Blakeslee

6:00pm St. Mary, Edgerton

10:00pm St. Mary, Edgerton

Mon., Dec. 25 - 9:00am St. Michael, Hicksville

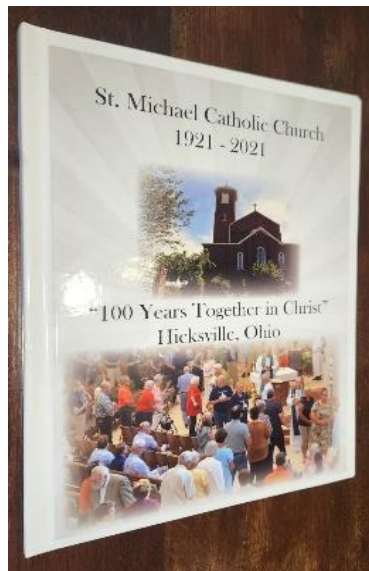
NEWS FROM ST MICHAEL

➤ **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.

➤ **TEMPLARS TODAY--CATHOLIC TEMPLARS OF THE UNITED STATES**--There are pamphlets on the table across from the elevator upstairs that give information about the Templars. Whether you're just curious or interested in more information, pick one up. This pamphlet gives great information, history, and current information, including a link to the AUTHENTIC website that gives even more info. Were you curious about their clothing? For the Men: The white mantel cloak of the ancient Knights of the Temple with the frieze of a red embroidered patent cross on the left shoulder is the one granted in the year 1128 by the Supreme Pontiff Honorius II to the first Knights Templar Grand Master, Hugo de Paganis. Following internal hierarchic level of chivalry, the cloak is worn over a white coat with a red patent cross on the chest and at the waist a leather belt. For the Women: A black cloak with hood and a red embroidered lozenge on the left shoulder, worn with a white scarf knotted at the neck.

This week's Ministry Spotlight ~

Community Meal – On the second Thursday of each month we serve a meal to the community at 5 p.m. in the basement. Meals are delivered to shut ins by calling Alice Breidenbaugh at 419-769-2237. This is a time to enjoy fellowship with each other and the community. Call Alice if you would like to volunteer to help with these meals.



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.

~~ DAILY READINGS ~~

MON, DEC 18, 2023:

Jer 23:5-8

Mt 1:18-25

TUES, DEC 19, 2023:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Lk 1:5-25

Wed, DEC 20, 2023:

Is 7:10-14

Lk 1:26-38

Thurs, DEC 21, 2023:

Sg 2:8-14

Lk 1:39-45

Fri, DEC 22, 2023:

1 Sm 1:24-28

Lk 1:46-56

Sat, DEC 23, 2023:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Lk 1:57-66

SUN, DEC 24, 2023:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Rom 16:25-27

Lk 1:26-38

➤ **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.**



Volunteer help needed!
St. Michael is in need of volunteers to help with snow removal and salt dispersal when needed!

The duties would include shoveling the sidewalks, and laying salt down when needed. This would be only when there is 2" or less of snowfall.

The volunteers would have to be available for any church events. Masses, CCD, meetings, funerals, etc, that occur during a slight snowfall.

Please contact Father Dan at 419-231-3628 if you have any questions!

**Bring the Baby
Jesus from your
home Nativity Scene
to Mass on Sun.,
Dec. 17th, to have
your Baby Jesus
blessed!**

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

*The third Sunday of Advent
is known as the Gaudete Sunday,
the Sunday of Joy.*

*On that day, every year in Rome,
the Pope blesses the Bambinelli
(figures of Baby Jesus)
that people bring to St. Peter's Square.*



*This tradition has been going on for over 30 years. It helps
"children and young people to prepare for Jesus." You bring the
Christ Child from your Nativity or **precepe** scene, and the Pope blesses it **during the
noon Angelus that day.***

*Although most of us will never make it to Vatican Square, especially on the third Sunday
of Advent, we can bring our own Baby Jesus along with us to Mass here at St. Michael,
and Father Dan will bless all the Christ Child figurines that the young children and
"not so young" people bring.*

*It's an examination of what we're really waiting for as we spend our Advent struggling
and wrangling. It's a look inside, at the place we're really clearing for Baby Jesus in our
hearts.*

Part of Pope Emeritus Benedict's text from 2009

*The blessing of the "Bambinelli" [Baby Jesus figurines] as they are called in Rome, reminds us that
the crib is a school of life where we can learn the secret of true joy. This does not consist in having
many things but in feeling loved by the Lord, in giving oneself as a gift for others and in loving one
another. Let us look at the crib. Our Lady and St Joseph do not seem to be a very fortunate family;
their first child was born in the midst of great hardship; yet they are full of deep joy, because they love
each other, they help each other and, especially, they are certain that God, Who made Himself present
in the little Jesus, is at work in their story. And the shepherds? What did they have to rejoice about?*

*That Newborn Infant was not to change their condition of poverty and marginalization. But Faith
helped them recognize the "Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" as a "sign" of
the fulfilment of God's promises for all human beings, "with whom He is pleased" (Lk 2: 12, 14).*

*This, dear friends, is what true joy consists in: it is feeling that our personal and
community existence has been visited and filled by a great mystery, the mystery of God's
love. In order to rejoice we do not need **things** alone, but love and truth: we need a close
God Who warms our hearts and responds to our deepest expectations. This God is
manifested in Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary. Therefore
that "Bambinello" which we place in a stable or
a grotto is the center of all things, the
Heart of the World. Let us pray that
every person, like the Virgin Mary,
may accept as the center of his or
her life the God Who made
Himself a Child, the source of true joy!*



There's great Programming on **FORMED**—

What can you do at home?

Check out FORMED.org. This year our Parish will be paying for part of the subscription for our parishioners to use FORMED. If you would like to donate for St. Michael Parish to continue having FORMED available, please mark your donation for "FORMED". Have you gotten on FORMED on your phone, computer or TV?

Over 4,000 titles to choose from to watch. What are you interested in?

--Catholic Studies --Movies --Great Talks --Kids' Programs

Do you need help with getting registered and finding what you want?

1. visit FORMED.org

[Use St. Michael, Hicksville/St. Mary, Edgerton to log in]

2. Click Sign In

3. Enter your email

4. Click the link in your email

5. You're in! No more passwords!

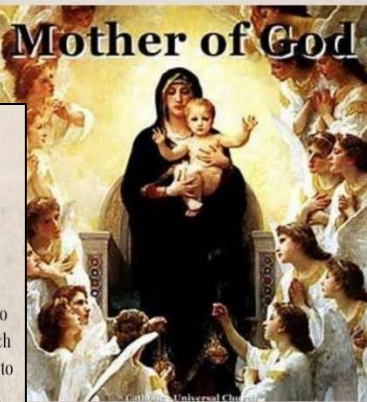
You can download the app. If you still have trouble, contact the Parish Office, & we can help.

Interested in attending The March For Life in Washington, DC? Please call or text Kristi Kille, as soon as possible, at 419-461-4834.

Holy Day of Obligation

December 31, 4:00pm, St. Mary

January 1, 9:00am, St. Michael



Have YOU Thought About BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Would you like to know more about what the church teaches?

Anyone is invited to attend. Come enrich your faith! Be able to defend your faith when people ask questions!

Contact the office if interested!

419 542 8202

Do you know of someone who would like to learn more & possibly join the Catholic Church?

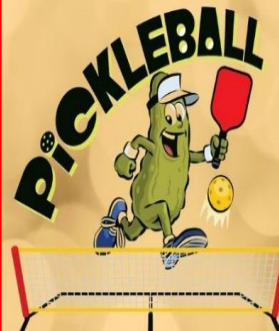
The RCIA program is ongoing. Next week we'll start the Bible Timeline, which is great for anyone who would like to learn about the Bible and the Church.



75% of women that have had an abortion regret having gotten one. These women lacked support, were coerced, were frightened etc, and did not know the help & choices that are available to them.

We need to pray for them, but we also need to help them be aware of their choices, and to spread this knowledge to others.

St. Michael
Catholic Church



**Mondays
Wednesdays
Fridays!
10am-12pm**

Open to anyone!

Standing Strong as a Catholic Man

presented by: Dr. Ray Guarendi

St. Mary Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio

300 S. Michigan Ave., Edgerton, OH

January 13, 2024 9am - 5pm

\$10 at the door

RSVP—Text: 419-575-6936 / Email: mark@gerschutz.com



Dr. Ray Guarendi is a Catholic father of ten adopted children, a clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. Dr. Ray has given over 3,000 talks around the country on topics including smart parenting; happier marriages; successful families; and a variety of motivational themes, for both personal and professional application. He captivates audiences with his humor laced presentations filled with practical advice and proven techniques.

Calling All Men!

Come spend a Saturday with Dr. Ray to strengthen your faith and your family.

Agenda

8:30—9:00	Registration
9:00—9:55	Men of Faith
9:55—10:05	Break
10:05—11:00	Men of Faith
11:00—12:00	Lunch
12:00—12:55	Men of Family
12:55—1:05	Break
1:05—2:00	Men of Family
2:00—3:30	Adoration and Confession
4:00—5:00	Mass