



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 24, 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
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260-466-9741

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419-542-6473

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419-670-1855

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Pastoral Council Pres/Cody Sanders
Finance Council Chair/Gabe Inkrott

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Custodian/ Bob Meyer

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CCD Coordinator: Kayla Vetter

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Bulletin Editor/ Mary Wermer

419-769-6750

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

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419-542-6141

Knights of Columbus Acting Gr Knight /Marlin Eicher

419-487-0949

Music Director / Joy Martin

419-438-2516



Liturgies & Calendar



December 24, 2023

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	Mon	Dec 25	9:00am	Larry & Diana Hartman
E	Tues	Dec 26	6:00pm	NO MASS
H	Wed	Dec 27	8:30am	NO MASS
E	Thurs	Dec 28	8:30am	Benny Johnson
H	Fri	Dec 29	8:30am	Judy DeLong
E B	Sat	Dec 30	4:00pm 6:00pm	Robert & Jane Bowsher ** The Parish
H E E	Sun	Dec 31	10:30am 8:30am 4:00pm	Dee Bany Stark & Mesnard Families** Allen Radabaugh

H = Hicksville; E = Edgerton; B = Blakeslee

**Prayers for the living

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, December 31, 2023 @ 10:30am

Servers: Noah & Jacoby Campbell

Ushers: Russ & Paul Pierce

Lector: Ashlee Baumgartner

Extraordinary Ministers: Brian Amstutz, Eric Art, Andrew Baumgartner, Steph Mazur

Offertory: Bob & Roxie Timbrook

Greeters: Brenda Greer & Family

Ministries Schedule for Mary Mother of God, January 1, 2024 @ 9:00am

Servers: Audrey & Tasha Crites

Ushers: Brian Amstutz, Leif Kurtz

Lector: Dale Gallup

Ordinary Minister: Deacon Rod Conkle

Extraordinary Ministers: Bob & Tabitha Crites, Ted Laker

Greeter: Joe Adams

**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:

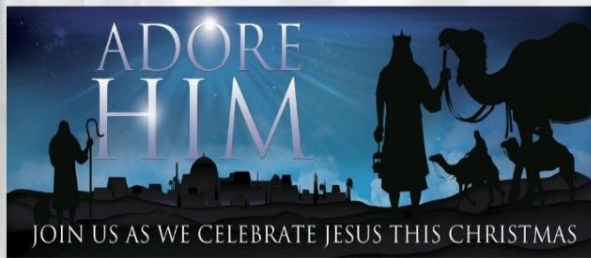
Carolyn Gallup, Debbie Harris,
Carol Art, Joan Linder

DECEMBER MONEY COLLECTORS:

Sundays ~ Greg Balser

INCOME:

Sunday (mailed and Online)	\$ 3,550.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Christmas	\$ 1,350.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 2,680.00
Priest & Religious Retirement	\$ 100.00
Restroom Renovation Fund	\$ 125.00
Parish Assistance	\$ 10.00
Community Meals	\$ 200.00



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

Weekly Calendar – Dec 24 – Dec 31, 2023

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
MON	Dec 25	9:00am	Christmas Mass
TUES	Dec 26	6:00pm	Franciscan Council Mtg
WED	Dec 27	8:30am	NO MASS
		5:00pm	NO RCIA
		6:00pm	NO CCD CLASSES
THUR	Dec 28	8:00am	Adoration
FRI	Dec 29	8:30am	Mass
SUN	Dec 31	10:30am	Sunday Mass

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

December 31, 4:00pm, St. Mary
January 1, 9:00am, St. Michael



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

December 19

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

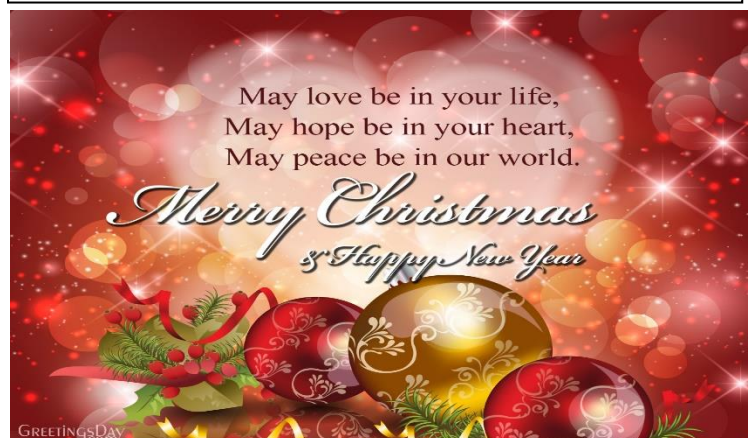
Brian Kraft

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



A Family Perspective ~ December 24th –Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ QUESTION: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve year old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal? **ANSWER: HOLY!** Two lessons in today's gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

Each week we will be highlighting a ministry available here at St Michael where you are welcome to participate within our parish family ~ Please prayerfully consider where you're being called to serve our Lord!

This week's Ministry Spotlight ~

Soup & Sandwich Meals— Following Masses on the weekend of the 2nd Sunday after both Masses (even if it's not the 2nd Saturday), join us for a meal and fun in the basement. Meals are provided by various groups of the Parish and are free. It's just a social time to get to know other parishioners. If you'd like to volunteer yourself or your group to cook a meal, please contact Diane Collins at 419-487-1297.



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.

~~ DAILY READINGS ~~

MON, DEC 25, 2023:

Is 62:11-12
Ti 3:4-7
Lk 2:15-20

TUES, DEC 26, 2023:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Mt 10:17-22

Wed, DEC 27, 2023:

1 Jn 1:1-4
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Thurs, DEC 28, 2023:

1 Jn 1:5—2:2
Mt 2:13-18

Fri, DEC 29, 2023:

1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35

Sat, DEC 30, 2023:

1 Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40

SUN, DEC 31, 2023:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
LK 2:22-40



Have YOU
Thought About
BECOMING
CATHOLIC?

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

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.



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

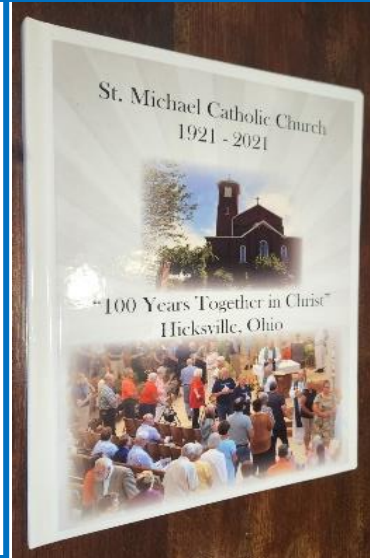
Contact the office if interested!

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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.



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.**

➤ **Come & visit Jesus**—The doors are open. Come and sit with Jesus on Thursdays. Adoration Thurs 8a m -7pm.

➤ **St. Michael's Library**~ includes many superior resources that can strengthen your faith journey! Please feel free to explore the titles at the bottom of the stairs at the south entrance of the church.

➤ **Do you watch or listen to The Bishop's Corner?** Don't miss the weekly show where Bishop Daniel E. Thomas answers questions from the Faithful, gives a gospel reflection and talks about the upcoming events on his calendar and around the diocese. Listen: Annunciation Radio, Thursdays at 4:30pm on 89.7FM Toledo/Bowling Green, 88.1FM Sandusky/Port Clinton, 89.9FM Bryan, 89.5FM Mansfield, 90.9FM Willard. Holy Family Radio, Thursdays at 3:30pm on 94.9FM Ada/Lima, 88.9FM Glandorf/Leipsic, 88.7FM Findlay. Watch: youtube.com/ToledoDiocese or facebook.com/bishopdethomas. Send your questions to the Catholic faith, diocesan news and events or anything you'd like to ask Bishop Thomas. Visit annunciation.com/bishops-corner.html or email bishop@annunciationradio.com.

In response to the priest shortage in the Diocese of Toledo,
Bishop Daniel E. Thomas is asking the faithful to

PRAY & FAST

for an increase in vocations to the priesthood

One Hail
Mary
every day

Fasting or
Abstinence
every Friday



toledopriesthood.org



**You formed my inmost being; you knit
me in my mother's womb.
I praise you, so wonderfully you made me.**
(Psalm 139: 13 & 14)

- Our hearts begin to beat 18-21 days after conception.
- 6 weeks after conception, our eyes form.
- 7 weeks after conception we feel pain.
- 10 weeks after conception we have a human face.
- 13 weeks after conception we have our fingernails & bones.

Protect Life!

Crisis Pregnancy Center 24-Hour Hotline

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

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

*Wise Men
Still Seek Him*



GIRL'S CHALLENGE CLUB



GIRLS AGES 10 AND
UP ARE INVITED TO
JOIN OUR BRAND-NEW
CHALLENGE CLUB.

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON
THE SECOND MONDAY OF
EACH MONTH FROM
6:00-8:00 P.M. MEETINGS
WILL BE A MIXTURE OF FUN
AND FAITH; GIRLS WILL
LEARN ABOUT SCRIPTURE,
SAINTS, VIRTUES, AND
SERVICE AS THEY ENJOY
PLAYING AND PRAYING
TOGETHER.



FOR MORE
INFORMATION
CONTACT
EARLEE HARRIS
(419-542-1800)
OR SARA BLALOCK
(419-298-2892).

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".

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

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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.

***A Family Perspective ~ December 25th –
Christmas Day*** ~ This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving **ACCEPTANCE** of our children.

How to Connect with Us:

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saintmichaelhicksville@gmail.com & we'll get you added to our weekly mailing list

St. Michael Parish Needs You!!!

A booklet for Mass Servers includes the following prayer:

Lord, thank you for calling me to serve you at the altar.

Help me to sense your presence at Mass.

Help me to grow in serving you and others.

I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Guide for Altar Servers, Liguori Publications



This prayer can hopefully be expressed by all people who assist with any ministries at Mass. God is so good to us to allow us the unique opportunity at Mass to come together and offer our praise to God, to be inspired by the Scripture Readings, and to be nourished by Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. What a privilege it is to be able to attend Mass and participate in any way.

In order for Mass to be celebrated well, we need many people to assist with the various ministries. Thank you to those who so generously and faithfully give of your time and talent to serve. I would like to **extend a special invitation to others to volunteer to help.**

___ Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (Communion Distributor)

___ Server

___ Usher / Greeter

___ Lector

___ Choir

___ Other ministry

Name: _____ Phone: _____