

Lord

SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT,
AND RENEW THE FACE
OF THE EARTH.
PSALM 104

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Patrick Church of the Pastoral Region #6 in the Sidney Deanery with Transfiguration Church, West Milton, Ohio

Fr. Eric Bowman, *Pastor*
Fr. Michael Samala, *Associate Pastor*
Fr. Joseph Kozar, SM, *Sunday Associate*

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Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
and by appointment only
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www.stpattroy.org

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m.
	9:30 a.m.
	11:30 a.m.

SPANISH MASS

Every second Sunday of the month
6:00 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a community of
Faithful Disciples
who choose to seek the truth
passionately, to love the Lord
and others intensely, and to
give freely of our gifts, because
we believe that we are called
to make the Kingdom of God
visible in the world today.*

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BULLETIN DEADLINE:

3:00 p.m. Thursday for the following week; submit via email sanderson@stpattroy.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, May 22

5:00 p.m. Carolyn Scantlen

SUNDAY, May 23

7:30 a.m. Richard Smith

9:30 a.m. Paul & Jean Gruesenmeyer

11:30 a.m. Pearl Lahna

12:30 p.m. **Baptism** Thomas Carlock Tully

MONDAY, May 24

7:45 a.m. Dee Collins

TUESDAY, May 25

7:45 a.m. Robert & Marjorie Sink

WEDNESDAY, May 26

7:45 a.m. Paul Naas

THURSDAY, May 27

7:45 a.m. Janet Fox

FRIDAY, May 28

7:45 a.m. James Gillespie

SATURDAY, May 29

5:00 p.m. Residents & Employees of Koester Pavilion

SUNDAY, May 30

7:30 a.m. Irma Hoying

9:30 a.m. James & Agnes Voisard

11:30 a.m. **50th Wedding Anniversary-** Dan & Carol Synan3:30 p.m. **Wedding** Trey Roe & Charlotte Mix

For Mass times of churches throughout the United States, visit: www.masstimes.org.

FR. ERIC – RAMBLINGS

RETURN OF THE SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY OBLIGATION....

Here is a portion of the letter from the Ohio Bishops regarding the return of the Sunday Obligation on the weekend of June 5th and 6th:

“Together, the Bishops of Ohio have decided that the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the Saturday/Vigil Mass) is to be reinstated (CIC, can. 1247). This will take effect in each of the Dioceses of Ohio the weekend of June 5-6, 2021. *As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2181). This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immuno-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons.* Masses that are broadcast through various media are not intended as a substitute nor do they fulfill the obligation for the persons who are able to gather for a Sunday celebration and other Holy Days of Obligation. Instead, they are intended for the sick, home-bound, the imprisoned, etc., who are unable to attend Mass in person. Kindly consult your pastor with any specific questions regarding the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

“As we prepare for the reinstatement of the obligation to attend Mass, we are excited once again to gather together in person without restrictions in our parish churches, most fittingly on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. As we reflect on our Lord’s goodness and mercy in the midst of the sacrifices made during the coronavirus pandemic, we ask Saint Joseph to intercede for us, that through his fatherly protection and care, we may experience a renewal of faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.”

The following is the full letter which we will post on website and social media



FR. ERIC – RAMBLINGS CONTINUED...

The Bishops of Ohio Announce the Lifting of the Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation

May 13, 2021

As we move beyond the worst of the coronavirus pandemic and access to the COVID-19 vaccine has become more widespread, the time has arrived for the good of all the faithful when the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is no longer necessary.

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The book of Exodus reminds us to keep holy the Sabbath day (Exodus 20: 8-10). As Catholics, we are invited by God to gather together in community, and participate fully in the Sunday Eucharist, which is the "source and summit of the Christian life." "Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2182).

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days is not something God asks of us out of His own necessity to be worshipped, but rather a gift to the faithful for their spiritual well-being, eternal salvation and formation in our relationship with God and one another. To that end, Saint John Vianney rightly asserts, "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." The Eucharist is the greatest gift Christ left to the Church—the gift of Himself. There is no substitute for Mass celebrated in person.

We are profoundly grateful to our pastors and all of the faithful for their flexibility, fidelity and great generosity in support of the mission of the Church throughout this unprecedented time. As we prepare for the reinstatement of the obligation to attend Mass, we are excited once again to gather together in person without restrictions in our parish churches, most fittingly on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. As we reflect on our Lord's goodness and mercy in the midst of the sacrifices made during the coronavirus pandemic, we ask Saint Joseph to intercede for us, that through his fatherly protection and care, we may experience a renewal of faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

We welcome you back with great joy and eagerness!

CHURCH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
7:00-7:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. In Church
Tuesday: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

With Holy Hour In Church
Anytime by appointment
(In Parish Office)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month,
10:30 a.m. following Mass

2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month,
12:30 p.m. following Mass

Saturday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass
with permission only

Attendance at the Baptismal Program is required – held every other month on the second Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November at 7:00 p.m. Call the Parish Office to reserve a date for both program & sacrament reception.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

During Office Hours, call 937-335-2833. Anointing between Sunday Masses with prior notice. In Emergencies or After Hours, call 937-335-2833.

MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office at least 8 months in advance; must be a registered parishioner at least 9 months prior to marriage. Preparation program is required.

CARE OF THE SICK

Visitation Ministers visit homes and nursing facilities with Eucharist for those unable to worship on Sundays. Facilities no longer share this information with the Parish Office. Help identify those in need of Visitation by calling the Parish Office.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Please notify the Parish Office if you or a family member is hospitalized. Hospitals no longer share this information with the Parish Office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Registrations are taken at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Registration form is also available on our website to complete and mail in to the Parish Office. When leaving the parish, please notify the Parish Office.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Parish Office when you have a change of address or phone number.



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, May 23

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or

Gal 5:16-25

Jn 20:19-23 or

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday, May 24

*Memorial of The
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14

Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7

Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday, May 25

Easter Weekday

Sir 35:1-12

Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17

Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13

Mk 10:32-45

Thursday, May 27

Easter Weekday

Sir 42:15-25

Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Mk 10:46-52

Friday, May 28

Easter Weekday

Sir 44:1, 9-13

Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

Mk 11:11-26

Saturday, May 29

Easter Weekday

Sir 51:12cd-20

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Mk 11:27-33

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible, Revised Edition
(NABRE) online at <https://bible.usccb.org>

RENEWED BY HIS SPIRIT WITHIN US

Reflection on John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Advocate. Paraclete. Gift-bringer. Third Person of the Trinity. God's forever presence to us as promised by Jesus: "Know that I will be with you always, until the end of time." The Holy Spirit!

A great teacher and spiritual mentor, Sr. Margaret Ormond, OP, once described life in the Spirit as "being firmly planted in mid-air." Having reflected on this image for over 40 years, I am still learning to appreciate the depth of its invitation to encounter with our familiar yet elusive God.

Jesus is God incarnate, and the incarnation beckons us to see and recognize God in the ordinary, in fleshiness and physicality, in time and space. This is the Church – the Body of Christ – in its pilgrimage on this earth. This is our sacramental life, our rootedness, firmly, in the life, teachings, and authority of the Church.

The Holy Spirit of God, represented scripturally in tongues of flame, in a great rushing wind, blows where it will. In silence and contemplation, we attune ourselves to the movements and gifts of the Spirit, and so become poised, ready, and malleable to go where the Spirit leads. This is the "mid-air" stance of our spiritual lives.

How much our world needs a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit! *Come Holy Spirit, enkindle in your faithful the fire of Your love.* Renew us, and we will renew the face of the earth!

~ Fr. Jay

SAINT PHILIP NERI

Feast Day: May 26 •

Patron Saint of Joy and Humor

Philip Neri was a sign of contradiction, combining popularity with piety against the background of a corrupt Rome and a disinterested clergy: the whole post-Renaissance malaise.

At the urging of his confessor, Philip was ordained a priest and soon became an outstanding confessor himself, gifted with the knack of piercing the pretenses and illusions of others, though always in a charitable manner and often with a joke. He arranged talks, discussions, and prayers for his penitents in a room above the church. He sometimes led "excursions" to other churches, often with music and a picnic on the way.

Some of Philip's followers became priests and lived together in community. This was the beginning of the Oratory, the religious institute he founded. A feature of their life was a daily afternoon service of four informal talks, with vernacular hymns and prayers.

Philip's advice was sought by many of the prominent figures of his day. He is one of the influential figures of the Counter-Reformation, mainly for converting to personal holiness many of the influential people within the Church itself. His characteristic virtues were humility and gaiety.

Many people wrongly feel that such an attractive and jocular personality as Philip's cannot be combined with an intense spirituality. Philip's life melts our rigid, narrow views of piety. His approach to sanctity was truly catholic, all-embracing, and accompanied by a good laugh. Philip always wanted his followers to become not less but more human through their striving for holiness.



Read the full article: "Saint Philip Neri" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-philip-neri>. (Accessed 23 Apr 2021)

The Year of St. Joseph (Dec 8, 2020-Dec 8, 2021)

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

Conditions for the plenary indulgence

The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions) to Christians who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph on these occasions and manners indicated by the Apostolic Penitentiary:

1. The plenary indulgence is granted to those who will meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or take part in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.
2. The indulgence can also be obtained by those who, following St. Joseph's example, will perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy.
3. The recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and among engaged couples is another way of obtaining indulgences.
4. Everyone who entrusts their daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph, and every faithful who invokes the intercession of St. Joseph so that those seeking work can find dignifying work can also obtain the plenary indulgence.
5. The plenary indulgence is also granted to the faithful who will recite the Litany to St. Joseph (for the Latin tradition), or the *Akathistos* to St. Joseph (for the Byzantine tradition), or any other prayer to St. Joseph proper to the other liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church *ad intra* and *ad extra*, and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution.
6. In addition to these, the Apostolic Penitentiary grants a plenary indulgence to the faithful who will recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, for example, "To you, O blessed Joseph" especially on "19 March, on 1 May, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on St. Joseph's Sunday (according to the Byzantine tradition) on the 19th of each month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the memory of the saint according to the Latin tradition."
7. Amid the ongoing Covid-19 health crisis, the gift of the plenary indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes. They, too, can obtain the plenary indulgences if they are detached from any sin and have the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions and recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, offering to God the pains and hardships of their lives.

**A New Chapter**

The death of a loved one is difficult, and the death of a child is life-altering. It has been over 5 years since the death of our son, Liam. Julie, MariCait and I, agree we need a change of perspective in order to continue healing to become the best versions of ourselves. Over the course of the past few months, I have been asked to spend a great deal more time ministering at both Incarnation and St. Patrick parishes. Both parishes have been wonderful in helping me to grow in ministering to God's people and I thought I would continue for many years.

As some of you know, our family enjoys spending time in Northern Michigan, and Julie and I had planned to retire there when the time came. However, sometimes God has other plans. When God presents an opportunity, we must take the (sometimes scary) steps needed to follow His plan.

Recently, an opportunity has presented itself, and Julie and I are taking a leap of faith to follow His calling. I have accepted a position in the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan, as a Director of Parish Life. I will be supporting the bishop, as an administrator to 3 farming community parishes. Over the course of the next few weeks, Julie and I will be selling our home in Troy and moving north. We do not know what the future will hold for us, but we are excited to see where the Spirit will guide us. We still have a few things we need to finish in Troy, and I am confident we will return for visits.

As we travel through life, sometimes we are asked to do things that are difficult, and it can feel like the timing isn't perfect. However, we must trust in God's plan and follow where He leads us. We will never be able to repay all who have helped us through the years. Both the Troy community and the parishioners of St. Patrick parish, have opened your hearts and homes to our family, and for that, we will always be grateful. We thank you again for helping and loving our family through a very difficult time in our lives. We look forward to the day when we will enjoy each other's company again.

In God's Love,

The Gillespie Family

Deacon David, Julie and MariCait

CONFESSION SCHEDULE**St. Patrick's Confession Times:**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 7-7:30am

Tuesday: 6-7pm with Holy Hour

Saturday 4-4:30pm

Transfiguration Confession Times:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 7:30-8am

Thursday 6-6:45pm

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT – MAY 9

Sunday Masses	\$ 6,039.00
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 2,188.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 8,745.32
Total	\$ 16,972.32
Amount Needed	\$ 14,798.00
Variance (shortfall)	\$ 2,174.32

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

AROUND OUR PARISH

BICENTENNIAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Please Join Us for this special event....

St. Patrick Parish is hosting the statue of Our Lady of Fatima on Tuesday, May 25.

Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Consecration at the end of Mass

Go to www.mary2021.org for info on the Bicentennial Marian Pilgrimage.



BAPTISM

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
—Matthew 28:19

We welcome you to St. Patrick Faith Community

Molly Ann Linkenbach,

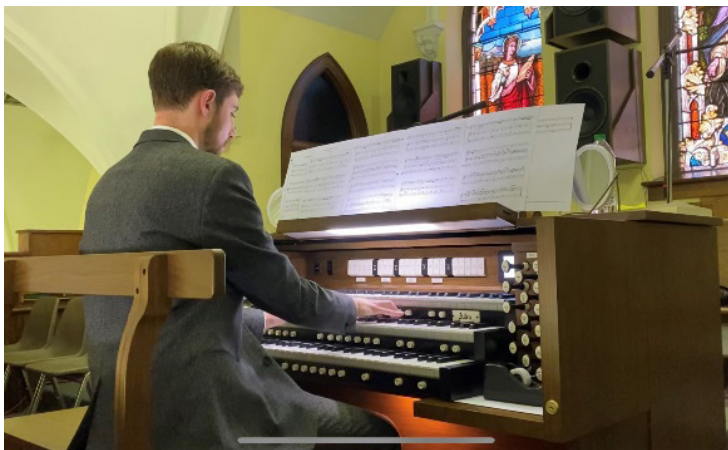
daughter of Grant & Eva (Reisenbuchler) Linkenbach

Camilla Kathleen Summers,

daughter of Joseph and Mandi (Beohmerle) Summers

ORGAN DEDICATION

Saturday, May 15th, St. Patrick Parish dedicated their new organ with a concert in the church. Guest organist, Luke Ponce and soprano, Arianna Fouch explored a variety of musical styles spanning nearly 300 hundred years of music history. Major composers like Bach and Handel were featured heavily, in order to show off the organ's impressive range of sounds.



RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for both unbaptized persons and for baptized Christians who wish now to live their baptismal life in the tradition of the Catholic Church.

Information available for children, adults and families. Please contact: Ken Vendryes at 937-545-9197, ksvend80@roadrunner.com or Susan Anderson at 937-335-2833, ext.104; sanderson@stpattroy.org. **RCIA Information Hour: Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 6:30p.m.-7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Church Undercroft.**

PRAYER CHAIN

For prayer requests or if you wish to join our group to pray for others, please call Mary Grilliot at 339-8306 or email at marygrilliot@woh.rr.com. Our prayer group prays for the needs of individuals and parish.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

The Sacred Heart Ladies Club invites you to sell your unique hand-crafted items at our "Snowflake Extravaganza," November 5 and 6. The craft bazaar will be held in the Father Paul Vieson Center located next door to Sacred Heart Church in New Carlisle. If interested in renting a space, please email Joy Hoeflerlin (Bazaar Committee Chairperson) at joy@hoeflerlin.com.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is seeking a part-time Northern Area Coordinator for the Catholic Social Action Office. This is a

21-hour position in the Catholic Social Action Office. The position combines both the coordination of some ministerial duties to the northern part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati with administrative assistant duties for the office. The coordinator will assist in the Catholic Social Teaching formation and social ministry work in the St. Mary's and Sidney Deaneries. The employee also performs a variety of secretarial tasks, including the operation of advanced office equipment and computer applications. This position advances the Catholic Social Action Office's mission to empower Catholics in the Archdiocese to celebrate and live out the Gospel call for life, human dignity, and care for God's creation through Catholic Social Teaching formation, organized social ministries, and opportunities for public advocacy and action.

The role of the Northern Area Coordinator requires a high school diploma; associates degree or the equivalent; minimum of 5 years' experience in office work and Catholic social justice ministry.

Employment is contingent on a successful completion of all background checks and VIRTUS requirements.

Please contact the Department of Human Resources at 513-263-3362 for the full job description and how to apply.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all that contributed to the Mothers' Day Rose Sale benefitting Miami County Right to Life. A total of \$713 was received. We were really impressed by all those that contributed more than the \$2.50 that was suggested. We will use the funds to help mothers and young families in need.

Gratefully, Miami County Right to Life

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

COMFORT FOR THE GRIEVING HEART
You Don't Have to Go Through it Alone!

St. Patrick Church GriefShare Support Group will continue for the next several weeks. All are welcome to come who are grieving the

loss of a close personal relationship by death. A place where you can be around people who understand how you are feeling and are able to offer you encouragement. Registration is not necessary, just come. We will meet in person where a video will be watched followed by discussion. Masks will be worn and social distancing guidelines will be observed. We offer two sessions, all on Wednesdays: 1:00-2:30 p.m. is held in the church undercroft, use ramp door off of Crawford Street and 7:00-8:30 p.m. will be held in St. Patrick Parish Center (444 East Water Street) upstairs in Room 3. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Smith at 937-287-3270, ext 105 or rsmith3055@aol.com. If you know of someone who can benefit from GriefShare, please pass this information along.

CIVITAS, a young adult group based in Miami County invites anyone 18 (high school graduate) to 35 to sit with us at the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church on Sunday, May 30th, then go to breakfast afterwards. Any questions or comments should be directed to Hannah Ryan at 937-570-8087 or ryanhannah54@gmail.com.



THE TRAVELING SHAMROCKS – LET'S TRAVEL AGAIN!!

Father Eric's Holy Land Trip is filling up, *"Walk Where Jesus Walked!"* **October 10-**

19, 2021. If interested, send Fr. Eric an email and he can share more information.

Fatima to Lourdes through Spain....

For those not ready to travel in 2021, Fr. Eric will be the spiritual director for a pilgrimage beginning in Fatima, across Spain by bus, and finishing in Lourdes in June of 2022. From the time you arrive, you will be introduced to the life of St. Anthony of Padua (Patron Saint of Lost Things.) Then you are on your way to Fatima, home to the three shepherd children who witnessed the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 100 years ago! Continue through the life of St. Teresa of Avila, St. Ignatius of Loyola and ending in Lourdes. Whether you come for prayer at the Grotto or in the Basilica, or if you come to immerse yourself in the famous Healing Baths - Lourdes is the place for true miracles. For more information, visit our parish website.

Collette – Pacific Northwest & California

This trip was canceled because of the pandemic so we have rescheduled for **May 15-22, 2022**. Go to <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1060488> for information about this amazing trip out West.

We look forward to seeing you back on the road! Contact Pat Smith with questions at rsmith3055@aol.com or 937-335-2833, ext 105.

MINISTRY OF CARE

We have put together a list for those needing help such as meals, rides or respite care in our parish family. Thanks to several parishioners who came forward and offered this help. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and contact info to be added to the list. For those who need help in some way, please call the Parish Office at 937-335-2833 and let us know your needs. We ask that you give us a couple days' notice so we can try to provide you service.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**TOTUS TUUS**

Latin for "Totally Yours," Totus Tuus is a week-long summer catechetical youth program that combines Catholic religious instruction and having FUN!!! A team of college-age students and seminarians are coming to the parish the week of June 13-18. The youthfulness and energy of the teachers is an inspiring way to share the faith and their enthusiasm is contagious, so come out and join us!!!

TOTUS TUUS is Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for school children going into grades 1-6. The day includes catechetical instruction on our theme – *The Virtues and Beatitudes and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary*, songs and skits that are silly but teach the faith, encounters with the sacraments, particularly Confession and Eucharist, and time for games and recess.

For teens, those entering 7-12 grades, a teen program of TOTUS TUUS is Sunday-Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. with more in-depth discussions on our theme.

Cost per child is \$5.00 with a \$20.00 cap for families. All activities will be held at St. Patrick Parish. Registration forms can be found in the bookrack at church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- *Host the Totus Tuus team members
- *Provide a dinner one night for the team
- *Provide snacks for the "campers"
- *VIRTUS trained supervisors for lunch and snack time

To register, volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Susan Anderson at 937-335-2833, ext. 104 or email sanderson@stpattroy.org.

**BIBLE CAMP****ST. PATRICK CHURCH– 2021 BIBLE CAMP**

June 15,16,17, 9:00-11:30 a.m. in the Church Undercroft

COME ALONG WITH US TO JESUS

For Ages 4-Kindergarten

Join us for 3 days of exploring

Noah's Ark

David and Goliath

Jonah and the Whale

Stories, games, crafts, music and more!

Registration Forms are in the back of church

*There is a limit of 25 for this program

SCHOOL NEWS

May Crowning St. Patrick School

On Friday, May 14 at the school Mass, Norah Rocke (8th grade) and Tommy Lins (7th grade) crowned Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. We honor Mary because she is the mother of Jesus, our God and King. The month of May is especially devoted to honoring our Mother Mary. Praying the Rosary is an especially wonderful way to honor Mary and grow closer to God!



Bubbles, Butterflies and many Blessings! These preschoolers have been taking full advantage of the spring weather by adding bubbles! to their playground time. We also watched our caterpillars grow into butterflies. The release was exciting! And we always enjoy the blessing of friendship! The preschool is praying we all have a safe summer!




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