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# 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*

**PARISH OFFICE | 937-335-2833**  
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
and by appointment only

409 East Main Street, Troy, Ohio 45373

**Sacramental Emergency After Hours**  
**937-335-2833**

[www.stpattroy.org](http://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 29

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

## SUNDAY, May 30

7:30 a.m. Irma Hoying

9:30 a.m. James &amp; Agnes Voisard

11:30 a.m. 50th Wedding Anniversary – Dan &amp; Carol Synan

3:30 p.m. Wedding Trey Roe &amp; Charlotte Mix

## MONDAY, May 31

7:45 a.m. Residents &amp; Employees of Randall Residence

## TUESDAY, June 1

7:45 a.m. Eileen Spade

## WEDNESDAY, June 2

7:45 a.m. Dorothy Depweg

## THURSDAY, June 3

7:45 a.m. AJ Holter

## FRIDAY, June 4

7:45 a.m. John Mathes

## SATURDAY, June 5

5:00 p.m. Residents &amp; Employees of Storypoint

## SUNDAY, June 6

7:30 a.m. Residents &amp; Employees of Brookdale Troy

9:30 a.m. Ann Vogler/50th Wedding Anniversary – Gery &amp; Inge Voisard

10:30 a.m. Baptism – Lincoln Dean Taylor

11:30 a.m. Mr. &amp; Mrs. Lawrence Huter and Family

For Mass times of churches throughout the United States, visit: [www.masstimes.org](http://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, homebound, 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 our 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 30

*The Solemnity of the  
Most Holy Trinity*

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40

Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

Rom 8:14-17

Mt 28:16-20

### Monday, May 31

*Visitation of The  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Lk 1:39-56

### Tuesday, June 1

*St. Justin, Martyr*

Tb 2:9-14

Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9

Mk 12:13-17

### Wednesday, June 2

*Weekday*

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a

Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9

Mk 12:18-27

### Thursday, June 3

*Saint Charles Lwanga and  
Companions, Martyrs*

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17;  
8:4-9a

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Mk 12:28-34

### Friday, June 4

*Weekday*

Tb 11:5-17

Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

Mk 12:35-37

### Saturday, June 5

*St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20

Tobit 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8

Mk 12:38-44

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

## LIVE THE MYSTERY

*Reflection on Matthew 28:16-20*

In seminary, and in study ever since, I have been at times riveted with fascination, and at other times bored to tears, while reading various treatises and descriptions of the Most Holy Trinity. But the Trinity is not just an abstract dogma, and no one explanation or treatise can fully contain the mystery.

All of creation bears the imprint of its Creator, especially human beings, for we are made "in the image and likeness of God." We are created in the likeness of the Trinity. When we gaze deeply into our humanity and the human community, we see beauty, variety, movement, connectedness. These are dimensions, aspects, workings (though all these words are inadequate!) of our Triune God. There is a foundational relationship of love at work here in God and in us!

Beyond trying to understand the Trinity, we focus on today's feast unquestionably as a celebration of mission. We are sent out to invite, welcome, include and embrace everyone into the spaciousness of God. We will never in this life fully comprehend the mystery of the Trinity, but we can live the mystery. We are a part of the Trinity whenever people can look at us and say: "See those Christians and how they love one another!"

~ Fr. Jay

## THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Feast Day: May 31*

This is a fairly late feast, going back only to the 13th or 14th century. It was established widely throughout the Church to pray for unity. The present date of celebration was set in 1969, in order to follow the Annunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and His saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy – the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary – words that echo down through the ages.



It is helpful to recall that we do not have a journalist's account of this meeting. Rather Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful poet's rendition of the scene. Elizabeth's praise of Mary as "the mother of my Lord" can be viewed as the earliest Church's devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth's (the Church's) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God's words.

Then comes the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). Here, Mary herself – like the Church – traces all her greatness to God.

One of the invocations in Mary's litany is "Ark of the Covenant." Like the Ark of the Covenant of old, Mary brings God's presence into the lives of other people. As David danced before the Ark, John the Baptist leaps for joy. As the Ark helped to unite the 12 tribes of Israel by being placed in David's capital, so Mary has the power to unite all Christians in her son. At times, devotion to Mary may have occasioned some divisiveness, but we can hope that authentic devotion will lead all to Christ and therefore, to one another.

"Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/visitation-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary>. (Accessed 29 Apr 2021).



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION EVERY TUESDAY**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We welcome you to come and spend some time in prayer and worship of Our Eucharistic Lord.

**CONVALESCENT EQUIPMENT**

Walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, canes, chair toilets are available for anyone in need. Please call Shirley Carlin at 339-0726.

**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**

(DECEMBER 8, 2020-DECEMBER 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.



There will be a Memorial Mass for Dee Collins on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Dee was at the heart of St. Patrick's and she will be missed by many.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT – MAY 16**

Sunday Masses	\$ 4,835.00
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 2,707.59
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,177.87
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,720.46</b>
Amount Needed	\$ 14,798.00
<b>Variance (shortfall)</b>	<b>\$ (6,077.54)</b>

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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

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

Tuesday: 6:00-7:00 p.m. with Holy Hour

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

**Transfiguration Confession Times:**

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 7:30-8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS**

Led by Fr. Michael



**Friday, June 4, 2021**

Confession

5:30-6:00 p.m.

Adoration

6:00-7:00 p.m.

**First Saturday, June 5, 2021**

Rosary

7:20 a.m.

Mass

7:45 a.m.

## AROUND OUR PARISH

**Due to the devastating effects of Covid in India, Father Michael will be doing a mission appeal the weekend of June 12th & 13th at St. Patrick to benefit his home diocese. We ask that you give generously and keep them in your prayers.**

### 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.



# RCIA

**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, [kvsvend80@roadrunner.com](mailto:kvsvend80@roadrunner.com) or Susan Anderson at 937-335-2833, ext. 104; [sanderson@stpattroy.org](mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org). **RCIA Information Hour: Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Church Undercroft.**

## MARIA STEIN SHRINE

### CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

The Maria Stein Shrine is currently accepting submissions for its 11th Annual Art Show and Sale being held June 26-July 23. The event commences in conjunction with the Maria Stein Countryfest and is open to the public during normal Shrine hours. Media categories accepted include: Painting (oils and acrylics, water media, watercolor and aquatic medium). Drawings (graphite, charcoal, colored pencil, pastels, and pen/ink), and Three Dimensional (glass works, ceramics, and sculpture in the round or relief format). Registration deadline is June 4, 2021. The detailed prospectus and entry form can be found on the Shrine website.

### INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE

Enjoy sweet summer savings at the Pilgrim Gift Shop during the Inventory Reduction Sale! Starting Monday, June 7, select merchandise will be up to 70% off! Discount only applies to select items and cannot be combined with any other promotions. All sales are final.

### ST. JOSEPH PILGRIMAGE

Tuesday, June 8, at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 12, at 11:00 a.m.

This hour-long guided meditation will lead pilgrims on a spiritual journey through the building and grounds of the Shrine, focusing on the life and witness of St. Joseph. There will be time for personal reflection and group discussions at each stop.

All 3 dates will feature the same pilgrimage. The event is free and open to the public. A goodwill donation will be accepted.

### BEHIND THE SHRINE

The evening begins with a dinner in the Shrine's Upper Room. Then attendees will enjoy an in-depth view of all the floors including areas not open to the public. Tours include behind-the-scenes look into museum storage, sacristies, old cell rooms and a history of the renovations! \$20.00 per person. Reservations required!

"When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence.

— St. Francis de Sales

# 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**

Thomas Carlock Tully

Son of Michael & Laura (White) Tully

On May 16 our parish started using a new bulletin company. Our parish website will also be changing in the very near future. Please know that you are not able to access the bulletin from the current website. Once the new website launches you will have access to the bulletin again. Also, we have some spots left for advertising in the bulletin. If your company would like to have a "spot," please contact Dee Printing at 1-800-292-9020. Thank you to all of our current bulletin advertisers. You are so appreciated!

## 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.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### 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.





### 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](mailto:rsmith3055@aol.com). If you know of someone who can benefit from GriefShare, please pass this information along.

### The Fathers of St. Joseph

1st Wednesday Evenings  
7:30pm-9:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration  
in the Church



3rd Wednesday Mornings  
5:30am-7:00pm

Men's fellowship  
in the undercroft

**There is a Way to Become the  
Man & Father You Were Created to Be!**

For more information email: [FOSJ.Troy@gmail.com](mailto:FOSJ.Troy@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](mailto:rsmith3055@aol.com) or 937-335-2833, ext. 105.

### ST PATRICK GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP OFFERS:

#### *Loss of Spouse Seminar*

Grieving the death of a spouse? Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear. The **Loss of Spouse** seminar is for people grieving a spouse's death. It will be held at St. Patrick Parish Center, 444 East Water Street, Troy on Saturday, June 19 from 10:00 a.m.-Noon. The seminar features video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and widowed men and women. They offer helpful insights on:

- **What to expect in the days to come**
- **How to deal with the loneliness**
- **What to do with your spouse's belongings**
- **Why it won't always hurt this much**
- **And other practical help for dealing with the challenges of widowhood**

Everyone who attends will receive a booklet with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life. Registration is not necessary and there is no cost. Our **GriefShare Team** will be in attendance to help answer questions and give their support. For more information, contact Pat Smith at the Parish Office at 937-335-2833, ext. 105 or [rsmith3055@aol.com](mailto:rsmith3055@aol.com).

Please pass this information along to anyone who may benefit from it.

### 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 grades 7-12, 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

\*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@stpatttroy.org](mailto:sanderson@stpatttroy.org).



## SCHOOL NEWS

Last week of the 2020-2021 school year!! We are both relieved and sad. More than usual this year obviously.

Our students did exceptionally well this year and it shows on our IOWA tests that we just received. I wasn't sure what to expect but I was so happy when I saw our scores. I ran a report of our scores from the last 4 years and ran it to display longitudinal. We showed on average more than a year's growth in every domain on the test for every grade. Our teachers worked so hard with every student and it shows. We are so blessed to have all of this talent in our school.

I want to thank Father Eric for helping us stay open all year, the teachers and staff for working so hard and giving 110% every day and for our students who came in smiling and ready to learn. I stand outside every morning and greet the students and I thank God every day for each and every one of these kids.

I want to thank all of the parishioners for your support and prayers. A big thank-you to our families for sending your kids to St. Patrick Catholic School and for your continued prayers and support.

Have a wonderful summer!!!

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