



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*
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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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, August 21

5:00 p.m. Joann Neff

SUNDAY, August 22

7:30 a.m. Jim & Mary Kirves

9:30 a.m. Ladd Michael Orr

11:30 a.m. Carl Goubeaux

MONDAY, August 23

7:45 a.m. Dee Collins

TUESDAY, August 24

7:45 a.m. Bev Nally

WEDNESDAY, August 25

7:45 a.m. Joe and Anne Steyer

THURSDAY, August 26

7:45 a.m. Janet Fox

FRIDAY, August 27

8:30 a.m. Patricia Widener

SATURDAY, August 28

5:00 p.m. Wayne Traughber

SUNDAY, August 29

7:30 a.m. A.J. Holter

9:30 a.m. Oliver Massey

11:30 a.m. Jenny Brueckman

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

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY FAIR –

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH

FROM 8:30-11:30 A.M.

Let's come together to meet and greet our Parish Family

There will be a free breakfast, Chef Todd Smith's Omelet Bar, pastries, juice and coffee. Fellowship with friends you haven't seen for a while. Free gifts for those who check out the ministries we offer here at St. Patrick Church. Maybe find one you can volunteer for or come and say thanks to all those volunteers who keep the ministries going. You will be amazed at all we offer. Special gifts for our new Parishioners at the Welcome Station. Plus, if you want to register, you can do that at the Fair, too. Saturday night-goers, come for breakfast and come early if going to 11:30 a.m. Mass. **Come Celebrate St. Patrick Parish & Friendship!**



Beacons of Light Update: BE HEARD, STAY INFORMED, SIGN UP – Beacons of light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will impact every parish in the archdiocese, including ours. To stay on top of the latest developments of Beacons of Light, sign up for the free monthly Beacons Update newsletter at www.CatholicAOC.org/Beacons.



COMMENT OF DRAFT “FAMILIES OF PARISHES” – Make sure your voice is heard! Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will result in all parishes being grouped into “Families” under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at www.CatholicAOC.org/Beacons. Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input to this important initiative which will shape the future of our archdiocese.



*** Weekly Raffle Winner ***
August 9 – Judy Finfrook

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT – AUGUST 8

Sunday Masses	\$ 8,206.00
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 1,805.04
Electronic Giving	\$ 9,161.86
Total	\$ 19,172.90
Amount Needed	\$ 13,423.00
Variance (shortfall)	\$ 5,749.90

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.

*No Confession Thursday, August 26

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. *No Adoration Tuesday, September 7



AROUND OUR PARISH

MUSIC MINISTRY

The 9:30 a.m. adult choir is seeking new members for the 2021/2022 choir season!

The adult choir rehearses Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Church. New members should have a love for music and be able to "carry a tune." A basic ability to read music is *preferred*, though not required. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Interested but not sure if choir is right for you? Join us for a trial period during the month of September and see if choir is the right fit for you!

NOW FORMING!!! FAITH FORMATION SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSES

Attention parents/caregivers of special needs children and adults: St. Patrick Catholic Church is now forming Faith Formation Special Education classes. Students will learn about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Faith, as well as how to receive Sacramental Rites such as Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Please contact Susan Anderson at sanderson@Stpattroy.org for more information. We are also looking for anyone interested in becoming an aide for this classroom. Please contact Susan Anderson for more details.

MASS ON THE GRASS

The parish Mass on the Grass will take place at the Lange Estate, West Milton, on Sunday, September 12 at noon. Lunch will follow at the conclusion of Mass. The parish will provide sloppy joe sandwiches, hot dogs, baked beans and dessert. Bottled water will also be provided, but parishioners are welcome to bring their own drinks. We are asking those attending to please bring a side dish to share. This might include casseroles, salads, vegetables or some fruit. We hope to see everyone there! We look forward to worshipping together and sharing a meal.

CHURCH INFORMATION

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

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

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.

ANOINTING 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, August 22

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ps 34:2-3, 16-19, 20-21

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Jn 6:60-69

Monday, August 23

Weekday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10

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

Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14

Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18

Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday, August 25

Weekday

1 Thes 2:9-13

Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab

Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 26

Weekday

1 Thes 3:7-13

Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17

Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 27

St. Monica

1 Thes 4:1-8

Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12

Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 4:9-11

Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9

Mt 25:14-30

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

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Reflection on John 6:60-69

There is both some painful questioning (How can anyone take this seriously? Does this shake your faith? Do you want to leave me too? But where else would we go?), and some deep affirming (As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord! You have the words of eternal life. I have come to believe you are God's Holy One!) in our Scripture readings this weekend. I would suggest that with this paradox both are necessary for a lively faith.

I know that my life has been a journey of discovery, in the truth of Graham Green's observation that, "if we really believe in something we have no choice but to go further." Going further and deeper into the discovery of what I believe, affirm, value is a life-long project, as the depths of God's call will have different implications for the many seasons of our lives. I have found that it is often through wrestling with the hard questions in life that I can affirm what is good and true and beautiful.

One of the dangers in this faith journey is falling into the trap of seeing God as an object of my thoughts, when the truth is, that I am a reality in the mind of God. This truth frees me to be in right relationship, with God and with others, knowing that growing in God means submitting to, deferring to, being subject to one another in love.

~ Fr. Jay

ST. MONICA

Feast Day: August 27 •

Patron Saint of Conversion

The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa.



Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy – "all flesh is evil." For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead, he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.

Read the full article: "Saint Monica." Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-monica>. (Accessed 12 August 2021)

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION MONTH 7

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. Beginning this month, the baby uses all four senses. He can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his mother's voice. During this time, he will also receive antibodies from his mother protecting him from a wide variety of diseases.

THANK YOU to Shirley Carlin and Amy Schmidt for cleaning and organizing the undercroft kitchen. We so appreciate you both taking the time to do this big task. It looks great!

TREASURES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

We hope you had an opportunity to look at the Bicentennial book of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati that has been on display in the vestibule of the church for the past few weeks. This beautiful book is the result of months of collaboration and a celebration of the great beauty of many of the churches and other holy places across our Archdiocese. We are currently taking orders for these books which will be shipped to us in early November. Each book is \$30.00 with checks made payable to St. Patrick's. These make great gifts but we will have a limited amount available so get your order in early! This book is available to view in the parish office. Please contact the parish office if you would like to order or would like more information.



RUAH WOODS OPENS NEW DAYTON-AREA COUNSELING OFFICE

Desiring to experience the fruits of the Holy Spirit in a greater way in your life or relationship, including peace, patience and joy? Thought about counseling, but not sure where to turn or what provider will respect and uphold your Catholic faith? Discouraged by the potential need to drive to Cincinnati to pursue such services? Good news: With a new location at the Transfiguration Center, Ruah Woods Psychological Services is bringing Catholic faith-informed mental healthcare to greater Dayton and beyond. Please call 513-407-8878 or visit us at RWpsych.org to learn more.

SAFEPARISH – THE NEW CHILD PROTECTION PLATFORM FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI



By now, all volunteers and employees should have received an email from SafeParish inviting them to register for their SafeParish account. If you

did not receive the email, please check your spam or junk mail folders. You can also find a copy of the SafeParish registration instructions by going to the AoC's Safe Environment Office webpage at <https://catholicaoc.org/offices/safe-environment> and going to Top Resources and then clicking the link for SafeParish.

All new volunteers and employees should follow the SafeParish registration instructions for creating a SafeParish account. During the registration process, new volunteers and employees will be invited to complete their online background check and their child protection training online. New employees will also need to complete manual fingerprinting and submit a B4 form for approval.

If you have not received an email or if you have any questions, please contact Susan Anderson at sanderson@stpattroy.org

RICA



Baptized Christians, those unbaptized, Catholics wanting to come home, individuals, couples and families: Are you eager to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

INQUIRY SESSION

Monday, August 30th; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Church Parish Center – Room 3

444 East Water Street (beside St. Patrick School)

Review of RCIA 2021-2022, Session Topics and Dates, Questions/Answers

TO REGISTER OR FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL – SHEETS/BLANKETS & FOOD DRIVE August 28-29 (All Masses)

Join us in keeping the residents of St. Joseph House warm this winter. St. Vincent de Paul is collecting new sheet sets and blankets (Twin and Twin XL sizes) for Troy's low-income boarding house for men. That same weekend, we are hosting a food drive for First Place Food Pantry in Troy. Bins will be posted in the back of church and the Parish Center during the Ministry Fair. Any non-perishable food or toiletry item will be accepted, and there is a special need right now for: breakfast bars, pasta cups (just add water), soups, canned fruit, PB&J, Hamburger Helper, mac and cheese, canned meats, dried or canned beans, rice (1 or 2lbs), pasta sauce, instant oatmeal packets & toiletries (soap, toothbrush/paste, toilet paper, etc.) Thank you in advance for your support!!

FIRE OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Fire of Life prayer group is an intercessory group that prays for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon St Patrick's Parish and the universal church. We intercede for all priests to be holy priests. We pray for the protection of all priests. We pray for an outpouring of God's grace to give priests courage, wisdom and strength in all they do. We meet on Thursday mornings after the 7:45 a.m. Mass from 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the church basement following regulations required by the church. Our meetings consist of prayer, song, Scriptural Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Anyone who feels called to pray for priests and our church is welcome.

FAITH FORMATION

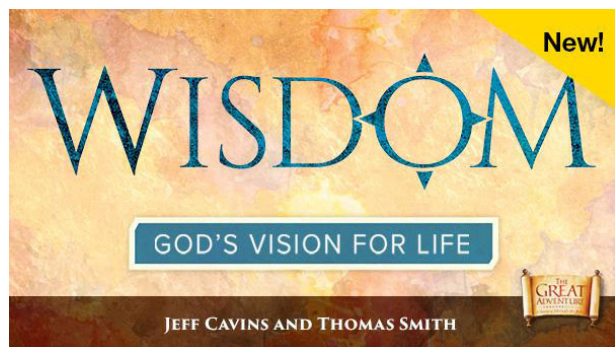
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CCD and Preschool will be back in live session in the fall. We are in need of a Kindergarten teacher and a few aides for Tuesday nights and a Preschool teacher for Sunday mornings. We are looking for volunteers who demonstrate a strong love of the Catholic Faith. Those interested should contact Susan Anderson by email at sanderson@stpattroy.org Please prayerfully consider being a part of this great ministry for our children.

REGISTRATION

Registration for CCD 2021-2022 has begun. Registration information can be found on the St. Patrick website or by contacting Susan Anderson at sanderson@stpattroy.org. Classes will begin September 7 with Mass at 6:00 p.m. Classes will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**FALL BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF WISDOM**

"Wisdom is seeing with God's eyes." – Pope Francis

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. To help you learn to gather and live with greater wisdom, St. Patrick Parish will begin ***Wisdom: God's Vision for Life***. There will be 8 sessions, Sundays at 6:00 p.m. beginning September 12th, and we offer sessions on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. beginning September 15th. Both sessions will meet in the church undercroft.

Ascension has changed their dashboard so to register, just visit **AscensionPress.com**. Order your workbook for ***Wisdom*** and you will get an email from Ascension that will link you to the videos for each session. We will be meeting live but the videos will be available to you whenever you want. If you choose to do the study on your own or with your own Small Christian Community, this will allow you to do so. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study, you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together. We are so happy to be able to once again meet in person.

Wisdom invites you to experience the transforming power of taking time to apply God's wisdom to your own life. You will learn to see with His vision. You will experience the peace of knowing God cares for you, and you will see how God—and only God—can show you a path through any circumstance. Participants of ***Wisdom*** will receive a journal and will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The eight 30-minute videos, presented by Jeff Cavins, will guide you through a variety of themes drawn from the wisdom literature of Scripture. Jeff will explain Scripture's wisdom on decision-making, finances, relationships, peace of mind, and speaking to one another and will look at the beauty of wisdom gained through age and at how Christ Himself is the embodiment and fulfillment of all wisdom.

We look forward to seeing you as we study ***The Book of Wisdom***. Questions contact Pat Smith at rsmith3055@aol.com

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION:

Sunday, October 10 Coffee 'n' Donuts in the undercroft

Celebration for our babies in the Spiritual Adoption Prayer Group. Items for Right to Life will be collected. Mainly needing formula, diapers in all sizes and cash to help buy car seats and crib mattresses. Prayers will continue into the fall.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE:

Saturday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the undercroft

We are excited to be able to celebrate all anniversaries but especially those celebrating significant ones – 25, 40, 50 60, 65. Special anniversaries: watch for your invite early October.

Don't forget **FORMED – The Catholic Netflix – Lots to check out!**

FORMED: <http://www.stpattroy.formed.org/>



The Traveling Shamrocks present...

**The Traveling Shamrocks –
Let's Travel Again!!**

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 came to immerse yourself in the famous Healing Baths, Lourdes is the place for true miracles. For more information, visit our parish website. <https://www.pilgrimages.com/frbowman/fsl/#dates>

Collette – Pacific Northwest & California

We are looking forward to this wonderful trip with Collette next year, **May 15-22, 2022**. There will be a Zoom presentation on this trip by our Collette Representative on **Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.** Check out this site to see electronic flyer and all included in this trip: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1060488>.

Please register for the meeting by clicking on this link (it is also the link you will join the meeting with on October 6): https://collette.zoom.us/join/register/tJEtc-yqqzoqHtBEfHbJqSHblrXlmJ_eapzs.

Alpine Explorer & the Glacier Express –

Passion Play: September 4-15, 2022

I was just told by Collette there are 4 seats available on this trip if anyone is interested. It was canceled for the 2020 trip but has been rescheduled for 2022. Below is the electronic flyer. Reservations must be sent in as soon as possible if interested. <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/867940>

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

This weekend is open house for school students. Stop by 12:30-2:00 p.m. on Sunday to meet your teacher!!

Tuesday, August 24th is the first day of school. It's also the first of two days for Preschool and Pre-K open houses. Preschool parents should have all received information from your child's teacher explaining Preschool and Pre-K open house.

Looking forward to a great year!!

Cyndi Cathcart



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