

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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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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#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, September 18

5:00 p.m. Marilyn Terando and Pat Ellsworth

SUNDAY, September 19

7:30 a.m. Julie Guillozet Raymond

9:30 a.m. Aaron & Daniel Naas, in Thanksgiving

11:30 a.m. Sophie & Matthew Nechvatal

MONDAY, September 20

7:45 a.m. Jim & Mary Kirves

TUESDAY, September 21

7:45 a.m. Dora & Harry Danford

WEDNESDAY, September 22

Jenny Brueckman 7:45 a.m.

**THURSDAY**, September 23

7:45 a.m. **Janet Fox** 

FRIDAY, September 24

8:30 a.m. Robert & Marjorie Sink

SATURDAY, September 25

5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Huter and family

SUNDAY, September 26

7:30 a.m. Carl Goubeaux

9:30 a.m. Paul & Jean Gruesenmeyer

Patricia Widener 11:30 a.m.

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

#### FR. ERIC - RAMBLINGS

#### REVIEW AND COMMENT ON 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.BeaconsAOC.org. Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input to this important initiative which will shape the future of our archdiocese.





#### BEACONS 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, sign up for the free monthly Beacons Update newsletter at www.BeaconsAOC.org.

#### **CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

#### St. Patrick 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.

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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.





\*\*\* Weekly Raffle Winner \*\*\*
September 6 – Deb Grant



SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT - SEPTEMBER 5		
\$ 9,838.00		
\$ 4,450.00		
\$ 8,737.59		
\$ 23,025.59		
\$ 13,423.00		
\$ 9,602.59		

#### AROUND OUR PARISH

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

#### WE ARE BACK! OCTOBER LUNCHEON RAFFLE 2021

Lunches will be held on October 8, 15, 22, and 29 in-person in the undercroft. Make sure to purchase your ticket (only 200 sold). If you need a ticket, call Bill Rozell at 937-335-2743 or 937-479-7649. Also, call if interested in helping with this wonderful event, the committee can use it. Thank you for your previous and continued support.





#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This weekend is Loose Change Collection for St. Vincent de Paul. After Mass there will be representatives at the door of the church with red baskets to collect you loose change. All money collected is kept local for people of Troy. Thank you for your generosity.

#### CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE MIAMI VALLEY

<u>Come to our Centennial Celebration!</u> – We're counting down the days until Saturday, September 25 because we're hoping to see YOU at our daylong Centennial Celebration in downtown Dayton. Admission is FREE and you'll find all the details on our website, at <u>cssmv. org/events/centennial</u>.

<u>Participate in our 5K Run</u> – If you enjoy running, don't delay! Our Centennial 5K is on the morning of September 25, and all participants receive a commemorative T-shirt and cup, plus \$10.00 in "Centennial Bucks" to spend at our Centennial Celebration. Sign up by September 17 to get the Early Bird registration fee.

#### CHURCH ROOF AND CEILING

If you have noticed a white powder-like substance in the pews, it is plaster from the ceiling that is flaking. The church is in need of a new roof and we are currently getting estimates for the replacement/repair. This will not be an inexpensive fix and we will be exploring our options but it is a high priority item since the leaking is continuing to cause plaster issues. Repairing the interior plaster after the roof is replaced will be another matter. Please know that we are aware and working on it!

#### RIRI E ELIND

We are collecting donations for Bibles and YouCats for our 5th, 6th and 7th grade St. Patrick School and CCD students. If you are interested in contributing, please mail or drop off your donation to the parish office. You can also put it in the collection basket at Mass in an envelope, to the attention of Amy Schmidt. Any amount is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Susan Anderson by email at <a href="mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org">sanderson@stpattroy.org</a>. Thank you for supporting our children in their faith journey.

### **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, September 19
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17-20
Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8
Jas 3:16-4:3
Mk 9:30-37

#### Monday, September 20

Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Lk 8:16-18

#### Tuesday, September 21

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
Mt 9:9-13

#### Wednesday, September 22

Weekday Ezr 9:5-9 Tob 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6

#### Thursday, September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Lk 9:7-9

#### Friday, September 24

Weekday Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 Lk 9:18-22

#### Saturday, September 25

Weekday Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 Lk 9:43b-45

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

## THE FIRST, IS REALLY THE LAST

Reflection on Mark 9:30-37

Last Sunday, we heard Jesus give the first prediction of His Passion, and today we hear the second one. Following this, Jesus overhears His disciples arguing about who among them was the greatest. More teaching about discipleship comes from Jesus in response, centering in on the pithy, saying: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

The Greek word that Mark uses for "servant" is *diakonos*, which we translate as "deacon" – a word that denotes a specific role and ordained status in the Church today. However, at the time of Jesus, the word referred to the lowest kind of service a slave would perform. If the most sought after status in Jesus' gang is that of servant, or slave, then His group is to be countercultural, for indeed this notion goes counter to any culture.

The mystery of it all is that when we serve in the name of Jesus, we are living out our deepest identity, who we are in relationship with the Father, the one who sent Jesus. In this light, all of our human relationships are seen as essential places to act out the divine/human drama. As Matthew's parable of how it all gets sorted out at the end of time relates: "Whatever you do to the least, you do to me." We can only serve God by serving others.

~ Fr. Jay



#### ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

Feast Day: September 21 • Patron Saint of Accountants, Bankers

As a Roman tax collector, Matthew was considered to be a traitor by those he collected money from. For this reason, friends and followers of Jesus were shocked to see him associate with Jesus. According to legend, Jesus saw Matthew sitting at the tax office and asked him to follow. Matthew followed, not just in step, but also in his way of life. He preached among the Jewish people for well over a decade, and he may have traveled to Ethiopia and farther east. His patronage is associated with accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, finacial officers and stock-brokers.

St. Matthew, faithful servant to our Lord,
You toiled with coins and worked hard at your profession.
Ask the Lord our God to be at my side as I work in same regard.
I pray for good wisdom, good fortune, wise decisions and ethical practice.
May I see ways in my profession to make the world better.
I ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Philip Lief Group, Inc. (2004). Saintly Advice: A Prayer for Every Problem. Capodanno, J. (Ed.). Kansas City, MO: Barnes and Noble.

#### **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 began Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. It's not too late. *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!

#### **BEWARE OF SPAM CALLS AND EMAILS**

There have been parishioners receiving calls and emails requesting gift cards for Fr. Eric. Please do not respond to these requests. Fr. Eric is not requesting gift cards. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office at 937-335-2833.

#### MIAMI COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE - LIFE CHAIN 2021

The Life Chain 2021 will be held on Sunday, October 3, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Please join us for just one hour of your time for prayer and to show your support for the LIFE of the unborn, the young, the disabled, the handicapped, the ill and the elderly. The Chain will begin forming near the Courthouse in Troy and spread out 6 feet apart along Main Street. Look for stations along Main Street distributing signs for your use. For additional information, please call Dave Enneking at 937-726-7299.

Thank you, Miami County Right to Life

#### 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. 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.



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

This class is a requirement for anyone who volunteers or works at any parish in the Archdiocese. You can find a copy of the SafeParish registration instructions by going to the AoC's Safe Environment Office webpage – https://catholicaoc.org/offices/safe-environment and going to Top Resources and then clicking the link for SafeParish, or contact Susan Anderson at the office or email sanderson@stpattroy.org.

#### RICA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



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

#### TO REGISTER OR FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Ken Vendryes at 937-545-9197; ksvend80@roadrunner.com or Susan Anderson at 937-335-2833, ext. 104; sanderson@ stpattroy.org.



Schoenstatt Mini Retreat

Where: Immaculate Conception Church, Botkins When: Saturday, October 16th, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. To register, contact: Darla Dietz at 937-693-2753 and timanddarladietz@gmail.com, Colleen

Tebbe at 419-628-2895, 937-726-7377 (cell), and <a href="mailto:com">ctebbe4@gmail</a>. <a href="mailto:com">com</a>, or Deb Banks at 937-394-7262, 937-638-4681 (cell), and <a href="mailto:ddbanks9@yahoo.com">ddbanks9@yahoo.com</a>. Please register by October 9th.

#### SAVE THE DATE:

#### ST. PATRICK'S BEHOLD THE GLORY WEEKEND

**Saturday, December 4th** – Beginning with Mass, Men's Reflection Retreat led by Father Eric and a Woman's Reflection Retreat led by **His Own**. The day will end with a multi-generational Worship, Adoration and Praise! Come stir into flames the coals of fire in our hearts for God. Watch the bulletin and website for more details.

#### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

#### 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.

Don't forget FORMED – The Catholic Netflix – Lots to check out! FORMED: <a href="http://www.stpattroy.formed.org/">http://www.stpattroy.formed.org/</a>

#### **CELEBRATING MARRIAGE:**

A special invitation to all Married & Engaged Couples Dinner on Saturday, October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the undercroft. We will be celebrating some significant Anniversaries; 25, 50, 60, and 65 Years! Come help the couples celebrate. Who will tell their "Love Story" this year? Enjoy an evening of good company, food and celebration of all marriages. Plus, surprise entertainment! Cost: \$40.00 per couple. Please make reservations by October 12. Checks made out to St. Patrick Church – Place in envelope, ATTN: Pat Smith, and send to office or place in collection basket. Note: If you are celebrating a significant anniversary and did not get a special invitation, please contact Pat Smith at 335-2833, ext. 105

# COMFORT FOR THE GRIEVING HEART YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH IT ALONE

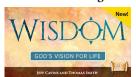
St. Patrick Church will be offering "GRIEFSHARE," a seminar and support group, to our parish and local community. This is a weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the cessation of a close personal relationship by death. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you are feeling and are able to offer you encouragement. At GriefShare, you'll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. We will feature videotape seminar sessions with nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics.

This program will be held in the St. Patrick Parish Center, 444 East Water Street, upstairs in Room 3, each Wednesday for 13 weeks.

We offer two sessions: **afternoon 1:00-2:30 p.m. or evening 7:00-8:30 p.m. The Fall Sessions have begun.** Registration is not necessary. Questions? Contact Pat Smith at <a href="mailto:rsmith3055@aol.com">rsmith3055@aol.com</a> or 937-335-2833, ext. 105.

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

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



Now! 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. which began September 12th, and on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. which began 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.

#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

Preschool opened up the week of August 30. It was a great week. We do have a few more spots in our Tuesday/Thursday program for 3-year-olds. Please call the school if you would like a tour or have any questions.

School Mass is going so well this year. If you remember that for most of last year, we celebrated our Friday morning Mass in the gym. We did this so we could space apart a little more. It's so nice to see all the students at church together. Our church is so beautiful and having the students in there makes it even more beautiful. We will start Mass singing practice on Thursday afternoons with our organist Matt Wagner. We are going to work with all the students to learn the songs and responses. Mass is a very big part of our school week. We teach the kids it is the center of our faith and we also teach the importance of being at Mass on Sundays.

We are looking for some more volunteers to help in our cafeteria. If you would like to find out more information, please call the school

Have a wonderful week and thank you for all your support!!

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CCD and Preschool are back in live session this fall. We are in need of a few aides for Tuesday nights to work with our special needs program; also, we need 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.

#### CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

CCD classes have begun. To register, go to the St. Patrick website or contact Susan Anderson by email at <a href="mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org">sanderson@stpattroy.org</a>. Classes are held on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the school.

#### 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.

#### BLUE KNIGHTS AND LITTLE FLOWERS

We are excited for the return of Blue Knights and Little Flowers! These groups allow boys and girls to have a great time while learning about our Catholic Faith. Each month they will



come and learn about a saint, virtue, Bible verses, play games, sing songs, do a craft, and have a snack. We also do little community projects to put our faith in action. If you have any more questions, please email Lori Kelleher at loribkelleher@gmail.com.

Who: Girls and Boys ages 5 to 5th grade

Where: Parish Center for the boys, Undercroft for the girls When: 1st Sunday of the month beginning October 3

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 per child, max \$30.00 per family



Register for the program at the following site: bit.ly/LittleFlowers-BlueKnights

#### SAVE THE DATE

HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN!!!

St. Patrick Parish and School are hosting a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 30 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. If you are able to help, please join us from 11:00 a.m. (setup) to 3:00 p.m. (cleanup).



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