

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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Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

or by appointment

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

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11:30 a.m.

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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, November 20

5:00 p.m. Mike Mencsik

SUNDAY, November 21

7:30 a.m. Members of St. Patrick Church

9:30 a.m. Brian Hemm

11:30 a.m. Julie Guillozet Raymond

MONDAY, November 22

7:45 a.m. Wayne Traughber

TUESDAY, November 23

7:45 a.m. Dennis Mann

WEDNESDAY, November 24

7:45 a.m. Dorothy Harger

THURSDAY, November 25

9:00 a.m. Janet Fox

FRIDAY, November 26

8:30 a.m. Sherri Allen

SATURDAY, November 27

5:00 p.m. Robert & Marjorie Sink

SUNDAY, November 28

7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members of Beverly Bir Mencsik Family

9:30 a.m. Gladys, Rayburn & Wayne Traughber

11:30 a.m. Ron Sweeney

12:30 p.m. Baptism – Scarlet Willa Anne King

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

FR. ERIC - RAMBLINGS

Happy Thanksgiving.

As we draw close to Thanksgiving Day, I came across this passage from the beginning of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians and I wanted to share it with you, not as his words but as mine to the people of St. Patrick and Transfiguration:

"2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



4 I give thanks to God[a] always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge – 6 even as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you – 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ; 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.10 I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment."

I am so very grateful for your hunger for a deeper relationship with Christ. And I will

I am so very grateful for your hunger for a deeper relationship with Christ. And I will continue to pray that you strive to be "saints," to be "a light" in the darkness, to love God with all your heart, mind, soul and body. On behalf of Fr. Michael and staffs, we want to wish you a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving. Be saints.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER DONATIONS



Envelopes for Christmas Memorial Flowers can be found in the vestibule. Please return your donations to the parish office by December 13 to ensure your loved ones are listed in the Christmas bulletin. You can mail in requests with donations as well. Please be sure to print the names clearly.

The office will have limited hours this week and will be closed on Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving.



GIVING TREE 2021

St. Patrick will once again have a Giving Tree to help local families in need this Christmas. If you know of a family or individual in need and would like more information, please contact Kate Lins at 937-418-1371 or klins@woh.rr.com.

Forms are also available in the Parish office. If you would like to help someone in need this Christmas season, our tree with Angel tags will be up by November 27. Please return wrapped gifts (with the Angel tags attached) by December 12.

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 6:00-7:00 p.m. We welcome you to come and spend some time in prayer and worship of Our Eucharistic Lord.

*** WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER ***
November 8 – Matt Frey

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT - NOVEMBER 7		
Sunday Masses	\$8,881.00	
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$3,130.00	
Electronic Giving	\$ 9,389.53	
Total	\$21,400.53	
Amount Needed	\$13,423.00	
Variance (shortfall)	\$ 7,977.53	
Thank you for your continued support and generosity!		

AROUND OUR PARISH



CELEBRATION OF SOLEMN VESPERS

will be on Sunday, November 28 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Transfiguration Church.

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 your loose change. All money collected is kept local for the people of Troy. Thank you for your generosity.

BEHOLD THE GLORY - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021

"God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all." I John 1:5. St. Patrick will be hosting a day of reflection and a night of worship. Please join us for this special Advent Day of Reflection. Begin the day with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by a continental breakfast and Mini Day of Reflection Retreat from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Women will meet in the undercroft – Awake MY Soul, Led by His Own; Men will meet in the Parish Center – Light Bearers, Led by Father Eric; Invitation to Saturday evening, 7:00-9:00 p.m., for an Event in Church for all ages! Let us stir into the flames the coals of fire in our heart for God! Behold the Glory – Music by His Own, Adoration, Worship, and Reconciliation. Please contact Pat Smith at the St. Patrick parish office to RSVP for the women's and men's morning of reflection.

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, November 21

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 In 18:33b-37

Monday, November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20
Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 23

Weekday
Dn 2:31-45
Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Ląc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving
Sir 50:22-24
Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11
1 Cor 1:3-9
Lk 17:11-19

Friday, November 26

Weekday
Dn 7:2-14
Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 27

Weekday
Dn 7:15-27
Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87
Lk 21:34-36

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

GOD'S KINGDOM COME

Reflection on John 18:33b-37

In 1979, Bob Dylan wrote the song, "Gotta Serve Somebody," advancing the idea that whoever you are, rich or poor, doctor or chief, "it may be the devil or it may be the Lord/but you're gonna have to serve somebody." A year later, John Lennon parodied that song in the one he titled, "Serve Yourself." There it is. Bob and John have laid it all out for us. This seems to be our option: Serve a purpose beyond ourselves, or look out for number one.

What is your truth? On this great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we are invited to reflect on how we are concretely living in order to serve Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.

I think there is no better guide for this reflection than the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer assigned to this Solemnity. This prayer gives us the characteristics of the Kingdom of Christ: "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." How are you and I, intentionally, creatively, and with deliberateness, living these seven characteristics of Christ's Kingdom? It seems to me that, until the Kingdom comes in its fullness, you and I have a fair piece of work to do.

~ Fr. Jay

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast Day: November 21

Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.



As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They – we – too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.

ANTIPHONS: A MISSING PUZZLE PIECE

Throughout the season of Advent, Mass is going to sound a little different. Instead of an opening hymn, the cantor or choir will chant an "Entrance Antiphon." And while you listen to these antiphons, you may wonder "What *is* an antiphon?"

Put simply, the antiphons are a set of musical prayers which have been assigned to each Mass, just like the readings on Sunday that are set to a predetermined schedule. Every Mass, not just those in Advent, has a set of assigned antiphons which are to be sung or read during the Entrance, Offertory, and Communion. *

You might also wonder, "Why are the antiphons important?" Antiphons are important because they are a lens through which we can view the Scriptures more richly. The antiphons are commonly drawn from the Psalms and Old Testament, and make "comments" on the Gospel and readings of the day. They can highlight Old Testament prophecies that are brought to fruition in the life of Jesus, or comment with excitement on the events of the Gospels.

So, as we begin this Advent season, I encourage you to pray with the text of the antiphons, these "missing puzzle pieces" at Mass.

- Matt Wagner, Director of Music * Source: "What Is An Antiphon?" by Dominic Kryst, Director of Music at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Jackson, MI

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Prepare the Way: FORMED offers for Advent stpattroy.formed.org.

Daily Advent Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray – Grow closer to our Lord in the manger this Advent season with Dr. Gray as he leads you through the Mass readings every day during Advent and Christmas. Sign up on *FORMED*, a gift from your parish.

What is the True Meaning of Christmas? with Dr. Michael Patrick Barber

Do you love Christmas traditions but don't know where they come from? Tune in for Dr. Barber's Advent reflections called "The True Meaning of Christmas" and learn the meaning behind your favorite Christmas pastimes. To go deeper, be sure to get this accompanying book, The True Meaning of Christmas, available on Catholic Market.

International Nativity Scenes Open House

This is a free event, open to the public! Thursday, December 2nd from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal at the Lange Estate, 505 Calumet Road, Ludlow Falls, OH 45339. Phone: 937-698-7180. There will be Christmas lights, horse-drawn carriage rides, live music, lots of treats, and a visit from Santa! Bring the family or ask a friend!

Move Toward the Light

On **Sunday, November 28,** begin receiving daily video reflections from Matthew Kelly. This year's program acts like a star, inspiring you to seek the who's and what's that draw you to the light (prayer, meditation, reading, self-love, genuine friendship) and giving you the strength to say "no" to the who's and what's that draw you toward the darkness (worry, fear, procrastination, negative self-talk, toxic relationships). And by the time Christmas comes, you'll be ready to share the light you've found along the way!

RCIA

During the next few weeks, St. Patrick Catholic Church RCIA offers discussions on:

- The relationship between Revelation, Sacred Scripture and Tradition.
- Understanding of Supernatural things beyond our experience of time and space created by God.

Sunday, November 28th during the 9:30 a.m. Mass, St. Patrick Catholic Church will celebrate the *Rite of Acceptance* into the Order of Catechumens for unbaptized persons seeking to know God and the *Rite of Welcome* for those who have been baptized in other Christian traditions and are seeking Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

Please celebrate and pray with Holland, Chris, Eric, James, Michael and Timothy as they continue their Journey In Faith through RCIA. If you are interested in learning of Faith, Worship and The Catholic way of Life, The parishioners of St. Patrick Church invite you to inquire by please contacting Ken Vendryes at 937-545-9197 or email ksvend80@roadrunner.com, or Susan Anderson at 937-335-2833, ext. 2006 or sanderson@stpattroy.org.

RCIA comes together on Monday evenings, 6:30-7:30 p.m., in Room 3 in the Parish Center.

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 at https://www.pilgrimages.com/frbowman/fsl/#dates.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD) WORKING ON THE MARGINS PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY ON COLLECTION WEEK: NOVEMBER 20-21, 2021

This weekend, November 20-21 is our annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the national anti-poverty campaign of the U.S. bishops. CCHD has been an immeasurable blessing for thousands in our Archdiocese over the years. Just this past year, the agencies funded by CCHD have empowered more than 2,500 low-income people to break the cycle of poverty through such feats as finding jobs, responsibly reentering society after prison, educating youth, and securing decent housing and public services for their communities. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr appeals to the faithful this year: "Through the grants we make to well-vetted organizations, CCHD uniquely empowers those in poverty to identify their own needs and to become their own agents of positive change." Please prayerfully and generously consider how you will give this weekend, November 20-21. Your dollars are making real change! Visit www.usccb.org/cchd to learn more. Also check out the Archdiocesan CCHD website for more local information at https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/catholic-social-action/taskforces-committees/cchd.

PARTNERS IN HOPE

St. Patrick is a sponsoring church of Partners in Hope and each year we help by donating toys for this Christmas Shop project. You will find the donation bucket in the undercroft. We also collect full-size toiletry items (shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. that will be distributed the night of the shop. Boxes will be picked up between November 29th and December 5th. More information about our Wish List and options to donate will be available on their website: www.partnersinhopeinc.org or call Tina Budde, Christmas Shop Coordinator at 937-335-0448. This program is open to families with children from birth to 18 years of age (still in school) in Troy, Casstown, Fletcher, Pleasant Hill, West Milton, Ludlow Falls and Miami East Students. During the Christmas shop, parents shop for three gifts for each of their children. Families also receive a gift bag with personal care items, stocking stuffers, books, cookies and more! Applications accepted until Tuesday, November 30th during PIH walk-in hours. If you know a family that can benefit from this program, please pass the word along. The shop will be held on December 14-15.

WANTED: 12-dozen cookies from each sponsoring church and business. Please note change: Due to Covid, we ask that cookies (homemade are the best) be prebagged with 3 cookies per sandwich bag. This will eliminate all extra handling of cookies. Each client's household will receive a box of prebagged cookies to take home. Cookies can be delivered to First Presbyterian Church on Monday, December 13, 2021 from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Please use the Walnut Street door and the secretary will buzz you in. The PIH Christmas Committee thanks you.

MINISTRY OF CARE

There have been many requests lately from parishioners who are in need of a little help, such as a ride to church, doctor appointment, pick up prescriptions, respite care, meals and maybe even a little help around the home. A few months ago, we put together a *Ministry of Care*. We asked for volunteers to help provide any of these tasks that they would be willing to do and several did so and we truly appreciate their help. We can always use more volunteers, so if you feel you are able to help in any way just sign up by calling Pat Cartwright in the office at 937-335-2833. Remember, if you are called and unable to do it at the time, just say you are not available, there is no commitment. We also want to be sure if you are a parishioner in the need of any of this help or something else, your parish family is here for you so please call to ask for the help you may need. God's Blessings.

UPDATE ON THE DELIVERY OF BICENTENNIAL BOOKS From Father Ian Schmidt:

Many of you have asked about the delivery of the two bicentennial books, *Seeking the Lord* and *Treasures of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati*, that your parish may have ordered from publisher Editions du Signe. We planned and expected that these would be delivered to you in early October, and the books were produced on time to make that happen. Unfortunately, as we have seen in so many product categories, global logistics/shipping (boats and trucks) are a mess, due – in some way that I can't fully explain – to the pandemic. The latest from Editions du Signe is that the books have finally been shipped from France in three separate batches to a distributor in Jacksonville that the publisher has previously and reliably used. We now expect that they will be delivered to you in late November. I will provide further updates as I receive them and sincerely apologize for this unexpected delay.

GIVE CATHOLIC

On Tuesday, November 30th, St. Patrick will be participating in the second annual "Give Catholic" program. Give Catholic is an opportunity for parishioners to make donations to their parish without being assessed by the archdiocese, or to put it another way, all money donated on Tuesday, November 30th will stay at St. Patrick. Last year, St. Patrick had the second-highest amount donated, with over \$130,000.00 collected. This year, our goal is to raise funds to repair our church roof. We are currently getting estimates for the replacement/repair. This will be an expensive fix and we will be exploring our options, but it is a high priority item, since the leaking is continuing to cause plaster issues on the interior ceiling of the church. Repairing the interior plaster after the roof is replaced will be another matter. Please mark November 30th on your calendar and we will be providing more details on how to make your donation to our parish. Thank you so much for your generosity.

FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



We are thrilled to have our children's choir singing once again! The children's choir, now called the *Schola Cantorum Patricii* (translated: "The St. Patrick School of Singing") has 24 participants in 1st-8th grades. Participants are learning basic vocal technique while exploring the musical riches of the Catholic Church. The Schola Cantorum

Patricii will lead music for 9:30 a.m. Mass once monthly from November to May.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation was on November 13 for our second graders and special needs class. It was such a great day. Below are a few pictures from the day.







FAITH FORMATION

CCD classes for Kindergarten-6th grade and special needs have begun. To register, go to the St. Patrick website or contact Susan Anderson by email at sanderson@stpattroy.org. CCD classes are on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the school.

NOVEMBER YOUTH MINISTRY HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Weekly Discipleship Cells and Monthly Connect Nights 21 – D Cell in the Parish Center from 12:30-2:30 p.m. 28 – Off for Thanksgiving

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

Confirmation Cells in the Parish Center 21 – 7th and 8th Grade NET Retreat from 10:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 28 – Off for Thanksgiving Core Team Meeting – Sunday, November 7th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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