

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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PARISH OFFICE | 937-335-2833

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

or by appointment

409 East Main Street, Troy, Ohio 45373

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

9.30 a m

11:30 a.m.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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 27

Robert & Marjorie Sink 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, November 28

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

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

Ron Sweeney 11:30 a.m.

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

MONDAY, November 29

Tom Sekas 7:45 a.m. TUESDAY, November 30

> David & Carla Koesters Family 7:45 a.m.

> > Margaret Buckwalter

WEDNESDAY, December 1 Dee Collins 7:45 a.m. THURSDAY, December 2

7:45 a.m. FRIDAY, December 3

> Kayla Lamm 8:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, December 4

5:00 p.m. Joseph Henn

SUNDAY, December 5

7:30 a.m. Ruth Koverman 9:30 a.m. Tony Lahna

Living & Deceased Members of the Ridenour and Evendon Families 11:30 a.m.

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

FR. ERIC - RAMBLINGS

As we begin the season of Advent, there are some wonderful opportunities to grow in your faith and to lead you into a deeper relationship with Our Holy God. Here are a few of those opportunities:



- On Sunday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m., Transfiguration parish will be celebrating Solemn Vespers. This is an evening of praying and singing of the Psalms and other Sacred Hymns.
- All are invited to the Lange Estate on Thursday, December 2 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a wonderful Open House event to showcase international Nativity scenes. The event will have horse-drawn carriage rides, caroling, pictures with Santa Claus, cookies and other very cool events.
- December 4th beginning at 7:00 p.m., St. Patrick will be hosting a Holy Hour with Benediction. This evening will conclude with Benediction around 8:30 p.m. There will be Sacred Music, Confessions, prayers for healing and a short talk by Fr. Eric.

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.

READINGS – FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday, November 29 - Advent Weekday Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday, November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22 Wednesday, December 1 – Advent Weekday Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37 Thursday, December 2 - Advent Weekday Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27 Friday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31 Saturday, December 4 – Advent Weekday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 28, 2021



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. If

you would like to help someone in need this Christmas season, our tree with Angel tags is now up. Please return wrapped gifts (with the Angel tags attached) by December 12.



A Celebration of Solemn Vespers will be TODAY, Sunday, November 28 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Transfiguration Church.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Patrick Confession Times:

Tuesday-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-Friday: 7:30-8:00 a.m.; Thursday: 6:00-6:45 p.m.; Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE – DECEMBER 14 AT 6:00 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 15 – Steve Baker

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT - NOVEMBER 14, 2021		
Sunday Masses	\$6,998.00	
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$1,200.00	
Electronic Giving	\$1,526.15	
Total	\$9,724.15	
Amount Needed	\$13,423.00	
Variance (shortfall)	\$(3,698.85)	
Thank you for your continued support and generosity!		

AROUND OUR PARISH

On Tuesday, November 30th, St. Patrick will be participating in the second annual GIVECatholic "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.

A SYNOD ON SYNODALITY?

Sounds strange, doesn't it? Yet this is what the Holy Father has called. In its simplest form, synodality represents a collaborative approach by all the people of God to address a particular issue for which the Holy Father seeks input. For this synod, he wants to hear from everyone on how the whole Church (not only the bishops and priests) can journey together in bringing the Gospel message to the world. To address this "synodal" approach, he has called for all dioceses in the world to hold local consultative meetings to discuss this topic. Currently, our archdiocese is targeting January and February of 2022 for these meetings. Please prayerfully consider participating in your local deanery meeting. That opportunity will soon be available on our archdiocesan website.

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 28

First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

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Advent Weekday Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11

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Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

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Thursday, December 2

Advent Weekday Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 3

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 4

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

GOD'S KINGDOM COME

Reflection on Luke 21:25-28, 34, 36

Every season of Advent is an opportunity for us to learn more deeply how the past and the future comings of Jesus should impinge upon the present. We encounter Jesus, the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Our Scripture readings for the Advent season reflect this reality. In the first readings, we are called to remember and make our own the past longings of our Hebrew ancestors. The second readings, from the letters of the early Christians, remind us of the present implications of our faith in Jesus. Each Advent Gospel reading summons us to welcome the future; not in fear and dread of the unknown, but with a sense of trust in the One Who Comes.

So today, the Gospel invites us to be vigilant, be attentive to God. Be watchful for His coming. Be open and malleable to the touch of God that will continuously shape us into His lovers. Be especially watchful for Christ's coming to us through our poor and most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Do we welcome Him in loving service?

~ Fr. Jay

SAINT JAMES OF THE MARCHE

Feast Day: November 28

Meet one of the fathers of the modern pawnshop!

James was born in the Marche of Ancona, in Central Italy along the Adriatic Sea. After earning doctorates in canon and civil law at the University of Perugia, he joined the Friars Minor and began a very austere life. He fasted nine months of the year; he slept three hours a night. Saint Bernardine of Siena told him to moderate his penances.

James studied theology with Saint John of Capistrano. Ordained in 1420, James began a preaching career that took him all over Italy and through 13 Central and Eastern European countries. This extremely popular preacher



converted many people – 250,000 at one estimate – and helped spread devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. His sermons prompted numerous Catholics to reform their lives, and many men joined the Franciscans under his influence.

With John of Capistrano, Albert of Sarteano, and Bernardine of Siena, James is considered one of the "four pillars" of the Observant movement among the Franciscans. These friars became known especially for their preaching.

To combat extremely high interest rates, James established montes pietatis – literally, mountains of charity – nonprofit credit organizations that lent money on pawned objects at very low rates.

Not everyone was happy with the work James did. Twice assassins lost their nerve when they came face to face with him. James died in 1476, and was canonized in 1726.

James wanted the Word of God to take root in the hearts of his listeners. His preaching was directed to preparing the soil, so to speak, by removing any rocks and softening up lives hardened by sin. God's intention is that His word take root in our lives, but for that we need both prayerful preachers and cooperative listeners.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 28, 2021

STEPHEN CURTIS CHAPMAN CONCERT

Christian singer Steven Curtis Chapman will be at the Arbogast Performing Arts Center on December 5 at 8:00 p.m. For tickets and more information, go to the Arbogast Performing Arts Center website at arbogastpac.com.

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

BEHOLD THE GLORY – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021 "God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all." 1 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 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.

UPDATE ON THE DELIVERY OF BICENTENNIAL BOOKS FROM FATHER JAN 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.



PONDER THE BEAUTY OF CHRISTMAS! NATIVITY SCENES OPEN HOUSE

See a NEW set of International Displays. This is a free event, open to the public! Thursday, December 2nd, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

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!

Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal at the Lange Estate: 3505 Calumet Road, Ludlow Falls, OH 45339.

Phone: 937-698-7180.

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

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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!

MINISTRY OF CARE

There have been many requests lately from parishioners who are in the need of a little help, such as a ride to church, doctor appointment, picking 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. 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.

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 at 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.

<u>Please note change:</u> Due to Covid, we ask that cookies (homemade are the best) be prebagged with three 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 the **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.

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.

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 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.

SCHOOL NEWS



Lehman band and Lehman Limelighters stopped by the school on November 16. It was a great show!! You will see in the picture of the band we are sharing one of our alums playing the saxophone. Luke Courtad was traveling with the band and did a great job!!

November 30 is Giving Tuesday this year. If you would like to donate to the school, please go to www.stpatschool.givesmart.com. You may also mail checks or drop them off to the school at 420 E. Water Street.

If you own a business or work for a company who may want to donate, please contact me and I can give you information about our Business Partnership Program. You can also talk to any of our committee members: Jordan Peterson, Kate Lins, Ryan Ratermann, Ashley Thomas or Heath Murray.

Thank you for all of your support!!

FAITH FORMATION

CCD

November 30 – Class – Reconciliation for grades 3-6 December 7 – Class

December 14 – Last class for 2021

January 4 – Classes resume

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

YOUTH MINISTRY HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Weekly Discipleship Cells and Monthly Connect Nights 28 – Off for Thanksgiving DECEMBER

4 – Behold the Glory –

Parish Family Event from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Church 5 – Cookie Decorating and Advent Connect Night from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

12 – D Cell in the Parish Center from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

19 – D Cell in the Parish Center from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

December 28-January 2 –

Off for Christmas and New Year's Break

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

Confirmation Cells in the Parish Center. 28 – Off for Thanksgiving DECEMBER

4 – Behold the Glory – Parish Family Event from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Church

5 – No C Cells

12 – 7th and 8th Grade C Cell Meeting from 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

December 19-January 9 – Off for Christmas and New Year's Break

Core Team Christmas Party – Sunday, December 5th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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