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Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

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11:30 a.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, December 18

5:00 p.m. Ron Sweeney

SUNDAY, December 19

7:30 a.m. Robert Buckwalter
9:30 a.m. Mike Mencsik
11:30 a.m. Brian Hemm

MONDAY, December 20

7:45 a.m. Gene Gretch

TUESDAY, December 21

7:45 a.m. Dee Collins WEDNESDAY, December 22

7:45 a.m. John & Jacob Koesters

THURSDAY, December 23 7:45 a.m. Janet Fox

FRIDAY, December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 p.m. Edward Benkert **5:00 p.m.** Edward Curtis

SATURDAY, December 25 – CHRISTMAS

12:00 a.m. Jennifer Curtis Phelps 8:00 a.m. Kathryn Monnin 10:00 a.m. Rex Rekow

SUNDAY, December 26

7:30 a.m. Becky Jean Fisher

9:30 a.m. Repose of the soul of Jane Naas

11:30 a.m. Gene Timko

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

FR. ERIC - RAMBLINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent...

The following are the opening lyrics to a Casting Crowns (contemporary Christian group) song entitled, "While You Were Sleeping."

"O little town of Bethlehem, looks like another silent night. Above your deep and dreamless sleep a giant star lights up the sky. And while you're lying in the dark there shines an everlasting light, for the King has left His



throne and is sleeping in a manger tonight. O Bethlehem, what you have missed while you were sleeping, for God became a man and stepped into your world today. O Bethlehem, you will go down in history as a city with no room for its King. While you were sleeping, while you were sleeping." Archbishop Fulton Sheen wrote, "Mary is now with child, awaiting birth, and Joseph is full of expectancy as he enters the city of his own family. He searched for a place for the birth of him to whom heaven and earth belonged. Could it be that the Creator would not find room in his own creation? Certainly, thought Joseph, there would be room in the village inn. There was room for the rich; there was room for those who were clothed in soft garments; there was room for everyone who had a tip to give to the innkeeper.

But when finally the scrolls of history are completed down to the last word of time, the saddest line of all will be: "There was no room in the inn." No room in the inn, but there was room in the stable. The inn was the gathering place of public opinion, the focal point of the world's moods, the rendezvous of the worldly, the rallying place of the popular and the successful. But there's no room in the place where the world gathers. The stable is a place for outcasts, the ignored and the forgotten. The world might have expected the Son of God to be born in an inn; a stable would certainly be the last place in the world where one would look for him. The lesson is: divinity is always where you least expect to find it. So the Son of God made Man is invited to enter into his own world through a back door."

On this final Sunday of Advent, as we near the final day of preparation for the celebration of the Birth of God, may we keep a watchful eye for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Emmanuel, God is with us.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT **DECEMBER 19, 2021**



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24:

3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

December 25:

12:00 Midnight, 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Please note, there is no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 25. The Sunday Mass schedule is 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

The St. Patrick Church office will have limited hours during the Christmas Season. It is recommended you call before stopping by. The office is closed December 24, 27, 31.

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.

There will not be Confession or Holy Hour on December 21 and 28.

*** WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER *** December 6 – Curtis Bailey

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT - DECEMBER 5, 2021	
Sunday Masses	\$6,634.00
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$3,108.00
Electronic Giving	\$10,994.74
Total	\$20,736.74
Amount Needed	\$13,423.00
Variance (shortfall)	\$7,313.74

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

This weekend, there is a special collection to help those in need and the Church that has been severely affected by the recent tornadoes that have devastated many, especially in our neighboring dioceses in Kentucky. This is one of the most powerful tornadoes America has seen. There are reports of widespread damage to buildings, roads and other infrastructure. The funds will be used to support the efforts to respond to emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, medical care and other humanitarian needs.

READINGS - THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;

Lk 2:41-52

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, December 19:

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

Monday, December 20:

Advent Weekday Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 21:

Advent Weekday Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday, December 22:

Advent Weekday 1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56

Thursday, December 23:

Advent Weekday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66

Friday, December 24:

Advent Weekday Christmas Eve 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Lk 1:67-79

Saturday, December 25:

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Jn 1:1-18

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

GOD USES US TO BRING ABOUT HIS PURPOSE

Reflection on Luke Lk 1:39-45

The whole of our Scripture and Tradition reveal that God has shamelessly used people to accomplish His purposes for centuries. Today's readings give us two fine examples of God's use of a human being to reveal who God is and what God intends, in David and in Mary.

King David's noble intention is to build a house, but God uses the occasion for a far more lasting plan: to build a family, a people, through David and for Himself. This is the promise of an enduring kingdom, realized in the birth, life, suffering, death and Resurrection of Jesus, Son of the Father, Son of Mary, of the house and lineage of David. God's promise is accomplished through Mary. In her "Yes" to God's plan ("let it be done to me according to your Word"), Mary displays the radical openness and trust that God desires of each of us. For indeed, God desires to use each of us to bring about His purpose. In these remaining days before our Christmas celebration, let's pray for the same openness and trust that David and Mary, along with so many other saints through the ages, model for us.

~ Fr. Jay

BLESSED URBAN V

Feast Day: December 19

In 1362, the man elected pope declined the office. When the cardinals could not find another person among them for that important office, they turned to a relative stranger: the holy person we honor today.

The new Pope Urban V proved a wise choice. A Benedictine monk and canon lawyer, he was deeply spiritual and brilliant. He lived simply and modestly, which did not always earn him friends among clergymen who had become used to comfort and privilege. Still, he pressed for reform, and saw to the restoration of churches and monasteries. Except for a brief period, he spent most of his eight years as pope living away from Rome at Avignon, seat of the papacy from 1309, until shortly after his death.

Urban came close, but was not able to achieve one of his biggest goals – reuniting the Eastern and Western churches.



As pope, Urban continued to follow the Benedictine Rule. Shortly before his death in 1370, he asked to be moved from the papal palace to the nearby home of his brother, so he could say goodbye to the ordinary people he had so often helped.

Simplicity in the midst of power and grandeur seems to define this saint, as he reluctantly accepted the papacy, but remained at heart a Benedictine monk. Surroundings need not negatively influence a person.

AROUND OUR PARISH

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 people of Troy. Thank you for your generosity.

BAPTISM

Owen Louis Ramsey, son of David and Gina (Barlage) Ramsey.

Please do not put any flyers, books, crafts, etc. on the book rack. All items must be approved through the parish office. Any materials put on the book rack without permission will be removed.

SYNOD 2021-2023

In keeping with the synodal approach that Pope Francis has called every diocese in the world to undertake, we invite the people of the Sidney Deanery to journey together as we discuss and reflect on the 10 themes chosen for the 2021-2023 Synod. All are welcome to the Sidney Deanery Synod on Synodality on January 6, 2022 to be held in St. Michael's Hall in Ft. Loramie from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The themes and reflection questions to be discussed in a "town hall meeting" format can be found on the Archdiocesan website at catholicaoc.org/synod.

Who should attend? Anyone and everyone! All segments of the People of God are invited to contribute, i.e., the elderly, the young, those who have pulled away from the church, those who are actively practicing and those called to religious orders, the poor, the migrants, anyone living on the margins, etc. We are ALL the Church and we are all called to journey together in communion, participation, and mission. Although registration on the archdiocese website is encouraged for planning purposes, walk-ins are welcome. If you are unable to attend the synod meeting in our deanery, we encourage you to check out the schedule and register for another synod meeting being held at other locations in our archdiocese.

FATIMA TO LOURDES THROUGH SPAIN.....

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! Continuing 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.

REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like a statement of your 2021 contributions to St. Patrick Church, please complete this form and return it to the parish office ~ *Attention Amy Schmidt*.

A statement will not be sent unless requested.

If you wish to have it sent by **email**, please fill out your name, email address, and envelope number only.

Name:	

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER UPDATES

Your assistance would be appreciated with updating our parish information software, if anything has changed such as:

- 1. Change in marital status?
- 2. Dropped your landline or changed cell phone number?
- 3. Moved/New address?
- 4. New members in your family?



ADVENT ACTIVITIES Prepare the Way: FORMED offers for Advent

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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. And by the time Christmas comes, you'll be ready to share the light you've found along the way!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2022 MOTHER'S RETREAT

We are excited to announce that registration will be open on January 21 for the 2022 Mother's Retreat at Maria Stein Retreat Center. Make sure you block out February 25-26 for this special retreat with Father Nathan Cromly!

HEAR IN THE NEW YEAR CONTEST

Upper Valley Hearing & Balance is pleased to announce our Third Annual Hear in the New Year contest! We will be fitting a pair of premium hearing aids at no cost to a deserving person in need. To participate in the Hear in the New Year contest, individuals must submit an essay nominating themselves or a loved one who would benefit from receiving new hearing aids.

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- Financial need
- Opportunity to impact recipient's life
- Individuals 21 years and older are eligible

Individuals must be local and able to visit either our Troy or Sidney location for evaluation, fitting, and follow-up. Visit https://uppervalleyhearing.com/contest to enter.

Submissions accepted through December 31st, and the winner will be notified in January!

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Nicholas visited the Preschoolers







FAITH FORMATION

CCD

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.

Our CCD students have been busy this Advent preparing for the Celebration of Jesus' Birthday





YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Weekly Discipleship Cells and Monthly Connect Nights

DECEMBER

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

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Confirmation Cells in the Parish Center

DECEMBER

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

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