TO ME WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART, WITH FASTING, WEEPING, AND MOURNING. **JOEL 2:12** 

# **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 Fr. Michael Samala, Associate Pastor Fr. Joseph Kozar, SM, Sunday Associate

**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 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.

# **Mission Statement**

THE SEASON OF LENT

St. Patrick Catholic Church accompanies people in becoming disciples of Christ through community, Sacrament, scripture and prayer.

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# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, March 26			
5:00 p.m.	Repose of the soul of Ladd Michael Orr		
SUNDAY, March 27			
7:30 a.m.	Dorothy Bernhardt		
9:30 a.m.	Jean Chilbert		
11:30 a.m.	Aaron Rieck		
2:30 p.m.	Confirmation		
MONDAY, March 28			
7:45 a.m.	Michael Catalano		
TUESDAY, March 29			
7:45 a.m.	Betty Eggers		
WEDNESDAY, March 30			
7:45 a.m.	Earnest Garwood		
THURSDAY, March 31			
7:45 a.m.	Sondra Iiames		
FRIDAY, April 1			
8:30 a.m.	Frank Jakubek		
SATURDAY, April 2			
5:00 p.m.	John Mathes		
SUNDAY, April 3			
7:30 a.m.	Residents & Employees of Randall Residence		
9:30 a.m.	Ron Frederickson		
10:30 a.m.	Baptism, Phoenix Charles Michael Kellogg		
11:30 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Ridenour & Evenden Families		

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

# FR. MICHAEL'S VOICE

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - I WILL GO HOME TO MY FATHER:

What's worse than being separated from your home, loved ones and friends? The pain of separation can only be surpassed by the joy of the homecoming and reunion. God's mercy and kindness knows no bounds. In this parable, Jesus gives a vivid picture of God and what God is like. God is truly kinder than any of us. He does not lose hope



or give up when we stray from Him. He is always on the lookout for those who have a change of heart and want to return. He rejoices in finding the lost and in welcoming them home. Do you know the joy of repentance and the restoration of your relationship as a son or daughter of your heavenly Father?

**PICKLEBALL AND MY AMERICAN FRIENDS:** It was summer. I was searching for some sports to play. Bill Platfoot asked, "Do you want to play 'Pickleball'?" "What, 'Pickleball'?" "Yes!" I went with him to Duke Park in Troy. I was introduced as "Fr. Michael from St. Patrick Church." I saw many older people with young spirits. They asked, "How old are you?" "42," I said. "Oh, you are such a young boy!" some said. Another said, "Yes, my grandson is your age." A few more said, "Oh boy, you are a spring chicken!" During the summer after my morning Mass, I had some good time to play and found 50-and-above good, fun-loving friends in Troy. Later in the year 2018, I coached six more Transfiguration parishioners to play Pickleball.

**SUPER BOWL GAME PARTY AND COMMERCIAL:** I was at Bill Rozzell's house. My expectations were: *A big screen, projector and a good number of people cheering.* There were a good number of people, good food and drinks and a lot of talking. "Where is the Super Bowl game?" There, a few sat around the big screen TV and eagerly waited for a TV commercial. What? Yes, they were all discussing and talking about how much the ad cost! Finally! On February 13th, 2022, "WHO THEY?" Cincinnati Bengals won their first playoff game in 31 years and advanced to Super Bowl LVI, their first appearance in the Super Bowl in 33 years, where they lost to the Los Angeles Rams. I hope that next year, the Bengals are going to be in the finals and will win the Super Bowl!

# For a list of 2022 Lenten Activities for St. Patrick Parish, go to the St. Patrick Church website.

If you are interested in participating in the Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet, please contact Matt Wagner at mwagner@stpattroy.org.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday at 2:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



# EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Envelopes for the Easter Flower Memorial Donations are in the vestibule and on the table at the ramp door entrance. Be sure to print clearly on the envelopes. If you choose to do an online payment, please email <u>sanderson@stpattroy.org</u> with the memorial information. The envelopes and information must be turned in or emailed by April 4 so that your loved one may be remembered in the church bulletin on Easter Sunday.

**FIRST FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022** No Adoration. Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

# FIRST SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022

Rosary 7:20 a.m. Mass 7:45 a.m.

# SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT - MARCH 13, 2022

Sunday Masses	\$ 6,751.00	
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 4,010.00	
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,340.70	
Total	\$ 13,340.70	
Amount Needed	\$ 13,423.00	
Variance (shortfall)	\$ (321.30)	
Therefore for your continued summary and consisted		

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

# 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.

# **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.

# \*\*\* WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER \*\*\* March 14 – Mary Ann Ording

There are items on the bookrack for families and children to use for Adoration and quiet time in church. Please take the crayons and books with you and bring them back next time for your child. Do not put them back on the bookrack. Also, please do not put items on the bookrack. Anything on the bookrack should go through the Parish Office first.

# **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 and 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

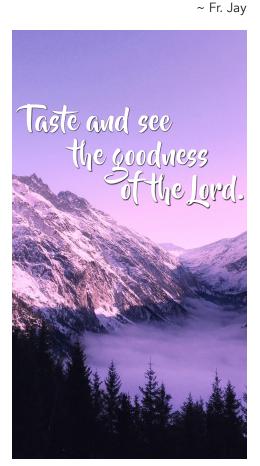
Please notify the Parish Office when you have a change of address or phone number.

# WE HAVE BEEN FOUND

Reflection on Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

I have heard so many variations of this prodigal son/prodigal daughter story through the years, as individuals have shared how they have wandered away from God and what happened to spark their homecoming, their return. It is truly a universal story to which all of us can relate. I laughed out loud recently when a speaker at a conference related that a child wasting his/her parents' money on loose living is, in contemporary terms, called college.

However any of us may have wandered off, gone astray, wasted our inheritance, misused our gifts, wallowed in sin, the Good News is not just that we can repent and return, but that our Loving Father is actively searching for us, scanning the horizon, ready for the celebration that must take place when reconciliation occurs. "But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." I cannot read or proclaim these Gospel words without being overcome with emotion, knowing how much my Father has forgiven me.



# WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

**Sunday, March 27, 2022** Fourth Sunday of Lent Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday, March 28, 2022 Lenten Weekday Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5, 6, 11, 12a and 1

Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday, March 29, 2022** Lenten Weekday Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Lenten Weekday Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30 **Thursday, March 31, 2022** Lenten Weekday Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47

**Friday, April 1, 2022** Lenten Weekday Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday, April 2, 2022** Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53

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

# SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLA

Feast Day: April 2 Patron Saint of Sailors

Francis of Paola was a man who deeply loved contemplative solitude and wished only to be the "least in the household of God." Yet, when the Church called him to active service in the world, he became a miracle-worker and influenced the course of nations.

After accompanying his parents on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, he began to live as a contemplative hermit in a remote cave near Paola, on Italy's southern seacoast. Before he was 20, he received the first followers who had come to imitate his way of life. Seventeen years later, when his disciples had grown in number, Francis established a Rule for his austere community and sought Church approval. This was the founding of the Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi, who were approved by the Holy See in 1474.

It was Francis's desire to be a contemplative hermit, yet he believed that God was calling him to the apostolic life. He began to use the gifts he had received, such as the gifts of miracles and prophecy, to minister to the people of God. A defender of the poor and oppressed, Francis incurred the wrath of King Ferdinand of Naples for the admonitions he directed toward the king and his sons.

Following the request of Pope Sixtus IV, Francis traveled to Paris to help Louis XI of France prepare for his death. While ministering to the king, Francis was able to influence the course of national politics. Francis died while at the French court.

The life of Francis of Paola speaks plainly to an overactive world. He was a contemplative man called to active ministry and must have felt keenly the tension between prayer and service. Yet, in Francis's life it was a productive tension, for he clearly utilized the fruits of contemplation in his ministry, which came to involve the workings of nations. He responded so readily and so well to the call of the Church from a solid foundation in prayer and mortification. When he went out to the world, it was not he who worked but Christ working through him.

Read the full article: "Saint Francis of Paola." Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-francis-of-paola. (Accessed 25 Feb. 2022).

# **AROUND OUR PARISH**

#### **YOUNG ADULTS**

The Saint Patrick Young Adult Group is planning some fun spring and summertime events. If you are interested in getting involved or would simply like to meet some friendly faces, please reach out to Matt Wagner at mwagner@stpattroy.org or Ellie Miller at emiller@ stpattroy.org.

If you have not been added to the GroupMe or Facebook groups, please reach out to us again! The Saint Patrick Young Adult Group is open to those ages 21-35.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

St. Patrick has been blessed to have new members register to be part of our parish. Please take a moment to welcome our new members into the St. Patrick Family.

Setth and Jessica Clark and their son, Wayne

NEWLY BAPTIZED We welcome you to St. Patrick Faith Community! Elizabeth Jane Pittenger, daughter of Christopher and Abby (Behm) Pittenger

### ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE YOUR PARISH?

The Bereavement team is looking for volunteers to serve parish funeral dinners once again. There are many ways in which to help, including setting up for meals, serving meals, and clean up. We are especially in need of kitchen help. If you cannot be at the dinners, we also need volunteers to donate salads and desserts. If you are interested, please call Rosemary Jones at 339-7926 or Evelyn Madigan at 335-7743. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

### ST. PATRICK LENTEN PROJECT – SHARING LOVE

Thank you for your generous response to our Parish Lenten Project. We have been receiving lots of items to put in our bags for those who are in health facilities or homebound. We will continue collecting until April 4th as that week we will be preparing the bags to distribute. This will put a smile on their faces and help them to feel the love and prayers of their parish family.

The tubs are located in the back of the church and at the ramp door.



# **ELIZABETH'S NEW LIFE CENTER'S 2022 DAYTON PARTNERSHIP BANQUET**

Please join us for a wonderful evening of food and inspiration on Thursday, April 7 or Friday, April 8, as we raise support for moms and babies! Elizabeth's New Life Center's 2022 Dayton Partnership Banquet will feature guest speaker Dr. Allen Hunt at the Hope Hotel in Dayton Ohio.

To register to attend, visit our website at www.ElizabethNewLife. org, or contact Lori Ernest at 937-226-7414, ext. 430, or at lernest@ElizabethNewLife.org.

# 2022 AREA COMMUNAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE/

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES				
April 1	7:00 p.m.	St. Joseph – Egypt		
April 2	7:00 p.m.	St. Denis – Versailles		
April 4	6:30-9:00 p.m.	St. Augustine-Minster extra time		
April 5	6:00 a.m10:00 p.m.	St. Joseph – Wapakoneta		
		Day of Grace		

FISH FRY



Transfiguration Church, 972 S. Miami Street, West Milton, is having a Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, April 8, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

The cost is \$15.00 with a menu of fried cod, slaw, French fries, applesauce, baked beans, bread and butter, pop and desserts. Beer: extra charge. Carry-out is available.

There will also be games, raffles, horse races and a 50/50 drawing. Good food and good fun!

## PART-TIME HELP NEEDED AT THE SCHOOL.

We are looking for someone to work one to two hours a day in the office. Hours would be 7:30 a.m. until 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Please call the principal, Cyndi Cathcart, at 937-339-3705 for more information.

# SOUP AND STATIONS

Come join us Wednesday nights in the parish hall for soup and fellowship followed by the stations of the cross.

Starting March 9th through April 6th | Wednesday nights from 5:30 - 6:45 pm @Transfiguration Contact Annie Canavan @ 937-703-2798 with questions.

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Come to the Arbogast Performing Arts Center to experience a legendary night of worship with these inspiring artists.

# Michael W. Smith, April 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Video of Michael W. Smith is available at <u>https://www.youtube.</u> <u>com/watch?v=c9DcUBLp5nE</u>. To visit his website, go to <u>https://</u> <u>michaelwsmith.com/</u>.

# Phillips, Craig and Dean, May 14, at 7:00 p.m.

They will be performing *You're Still God*. For video of Phillips, Craig and Dean, go to <u>https://www.phillipscraiganddean.com/</u><u>wp-content/uploads/2020/06/TIAGPromo2.mp4</u>. To visit their website, go to <u>https://www.phillipscraiganddean.com/</u>.

Tickets are on sale now. Go to our website at <u>www.arbogastpac.</u> <u>com</u> to purchase tickets. Don't miss either of these performances!

# RUAH WOODS 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 location at the Transfiguration Center, Ruah Woods Psychological Services is bringing Catholic faith-informed mental health care to greater Dayton and beyond. Please call 513-407-8878 or visit us at RWpsych.org to learn more.

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### ARCHDIOCESAN LAY CATHOLIC STUDIES INFORMATION MEETINGS: ATTEND AND ENTER TO WIN A \$2,000.00 TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

Pope Francis calls us all to "missionary discipleship." Mount St. Mary's School of Theology, a division of the Archdiocesan Seminary, training priests, deacons, and lay ministers for service to the Church, can equip you to respond to this call with a confident "Yes!"

We offer two certificate options to meet your needs: Certificate in Catholic Theology and Certificate in Pastoral Ministry, empowering you to grow in faith, discern and develop gifts for ministry, and gain the knowledge and confidence needed to serve families, communities and parishes more effectively.

Plan to attend one of the two upcoming information sessions about our satellite location in Carthagena:

- Saturday, April 2, 10:00 a.m.,
  St. Michael Church, Fort Loramie (St. Michael Hall)
- Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m., St. John the Baptist, Tipp City (Room 105/106)

Attend in-person and be entered into a drawing for a \$2,000.00 scholarship. As our parishes transition into new Families, there has never been a better time to learn more about your faith and prepare for new opportunities to serve.

If you have any questions, please contact Aimee May at <u>amay@</u> <u>athenaeum.edu</u> or 513-560-2451.

*Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism – Part One.* For questions, contact Pat Smith at rsmith3055@aol.com or the Parish Office at 937-335-2833, ext. 2008.

# GRIEFSHARE

Offers help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

The current 13-week session began February 16, 2022 and meets at St. Patrick Parish Center, upstairs in Room 3 each Wednesday from 1:00-2:30 p.m. or 7:00-8:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pat Smith at 937-335-2833, ext. 2008 or <u>rsmith3055@aol.com</u>.

# SCHOOL

March 18th was the last day of third quarter. Monday, the 21st, starts the final quarter of the 2021-2022 school year. We are working on our calendar and budget for next year.

We are also listing new positions for next year:

- Our third grade teacher, Mrs. Knue, will be taking some time to be with her family after the birth of her second child, so we will be looking for a third grade teacher.
- Due to high numbers in first grade next year, we will be opening another first grade classroom and looking for another first grade teacher.
- If our numbers continue to grow in Kindergarten, we will also be adding another Kindergarten.

Please call the school or send us a résumé if you are interested in these positions.

Have a wonderful week! Cyndi Cathcart

# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

# CCD

- MARCH 29 Class
- APRIL 5 Class
  - 12 Class/Stations of the Cross
  - 19 Spring Break, No CCD
  - 26 Class/First Communion Practice at 7:00 p.m.
- MAY 3 Last Class Celebration

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 <u>sanderson@stpattroy.org</u>.

# YOUTH MINISTRY MARCH

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY Weekly Discipleship Cells in the Parish Center 27 – No D Cells because of Confirmation

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

Confirmation Cells in the Parish Center – 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

27 – 8th Grade Rehearsal/Lunch at 12:00 p.m. and Confirmation Mass at 2:30 p.m.



