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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*
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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

*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 5

5:00 p.m. Dee Collins

SUNDAY, March 6

7:30 a.m. Julie Guillozet Raymond

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

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

MONDAY, March 7

7:45 a.m. Jack Reddy

TUESDAY, March 8

7:45 a.m. Mike Treon

WEDNESDAY, March 9

7:45 a.m. Alton Ording

THURSDAY, March 10

7:45 a.m. Ruth Koverman

FRIDAY, March 11

8:30 a.m. Ada Fogt

SATURDAY, March 12

5:00 p.m. Ron Sweeney

SUNDAY, March 13

7:30 a.m. Kathryn Monnin

9:30 a.m. Lawrence & Eleanor Huter and Family

11:30 a.m. Jack Black

12:30 p.m. **Baptism** – Elizabeth Jane PittengerFor Mass times of churches throughout the United States, visit www.masstimes.org.

FR. MICHAEL'S VOICE

JESUS, OUR MODEL FOR LENT –
PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

When we are ill, we go to the doctor and the doctor writes a prescription. If we take the medicine, we hope to get better. For centuries, the Church has recommended medicine during Lent to help us get better, to bring us closer to Jesus and help us overcome sin. That medicine is the three things we heard in the Gospel on Ash Wednesday (Matt 6:1-6, 16-18): prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These are a remedy to help cure our soul. Not only is this remedy the wisdom of centuries of experience of holy people, it is the teaching of Jesus. **Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving: Let your children know your prayer, fasting and almsgiving and teach this by your practice.**



MY JOURNEY TO DAYTON, OHIO

First, on January 12, 2017, I got an email from Bishop Binzer that said, "We are happy to work with you. Are you willing?" "Yes," was my reply. After all the paperwork, with a U.S. Visa, I reached Chicago on June 26th. The customs took a long time and I missed my flight to Dayton and stayed overnight in the airport. The next morning, I reached Dayton, where I met the tallest man, Fr. Eric, and another person introduced as Dennis. Then, once again, I said, "You're Dennis." He said: "I am Dennis, not tennis." Dennis took me to Walmart for a small shopping trip, told me to take one OHIO hat and T-shirt, and said Eric will like it.

July 4th, Independence Day at West Milton Main Street – morning Parade; then afternoon lunch and evening dinner, and popcorn and fireworks with Fr. Bill Myers. Later, after two years, he passed away on February 11th, 2019. Those days were very strange and I found them a little hard. For the first two months, I was not able to sleep properly, since my bed was totally different for me; it was very soft and and I used to have body pains. I also disturbed Fr. Eric with my "sound sleep" in the night.

Here comes my first adventure in Ohio – Driving and getting a driver's license... See you next Sunday. **Remember: "Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving."**

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 sanderson@stpattroy.org 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. For a list of Lent Activities for individuals or families, go to the St. Patrick Church website.

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT – FEBRUARY 20, 2022

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday Masses | \$ 6,634.00 |
| Sunday Mail-Ins | \$ 2,598.00 |
| Electronic Giving | \$ 5,617.63 |
| Total | \$ 14,849.63 |
| Amount Needed | \$ 13,423.00 |
| Variance (shortfall) | \$ 1,426.63 |

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

EUCCHARISTIC 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

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| St. Patrick Confession Times: | Transfiguration Confession Times: |
| Tuesday-Thursday: 7:00-7:30 a.m., | Wednesday-Friday: 7:30-8:00 a.m. |
| Tuesday: 6:00-7:00 p.m. with Holy Hour | Thursday: 6:00-6:45 p.m. |
| Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. | Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m. |

*** WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER ***

February 21 – Alice Schlemmer

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Luigi Marafon, son of Diego and Luana (Floriani Preti) Marafon

IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the family of Pat Schlater, who recently passed away.
May her soul rest in the glorious peace of heaven.

8TH ANNUAL SHAMROCK SHUFFLE 5K RACE

Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Troy Memorial Stadium

409 E. Main Street, Troy

Following the race in the Church Undercroft.

Returning! The now-famous Kegs and Eggs Breakfast.

Awards and door prizes given out at that time.

Register at www.cantstoprunningco.com.

Questions? Contact Chuck Karnehm at 937-524-1517 or ckarnehm@gmail.com.



Later on, let's dance the night away at our **ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE, THE SHAMROCK SHINDIG!** Live music featuring Shakin' and Stirred! May the luck of the Irish be with you – we have exciting prizes and raffles! Single tickets and reserved tables of ten available at www.stpatsdance.givesmart.com. Proceeds benefit the St. Patrick Catholic School, and our preschool-8th grade students! Thank you for your support!

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.

TEMPTATION

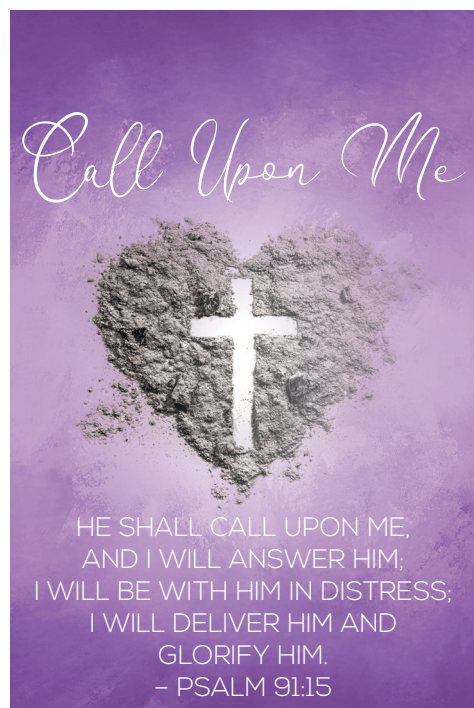
Reflection on Luke 4:1-13

Temptations come to us all, and Jesus is no exception. (He was tested in every way that we are, yet is without sin.) Now I suspect that the three temptations recorded here in Luke's Gospel did not just occur this one time in the desert, but returned over and over again to plague Jesus. Such is the nature of temptation.

How Jesus responds to these temptations can assist us in our struggle with them. What seems most remarkable and powerful in Jesus' response is that He is in touch with His core, spiritual identity. In a particular way, Jesus is in touch with the voice of the Father that spoke to Him at His Baptism, *This is my Son, the Beloved, in whom I am well-pleased*. Jesus has meditated on this identity for a sacred time of 40 days and 40 nights, and has come to some conclusions about what this means.

The Lenten journey we are embarking upon is our sacred time to reflect deeply and anew on our core, spiritual identities. For we, too, are the beloved sons and daughters of the Father. When we are in touch with this truth, we will discover the strength and courage to call out specific temptations in our lives for what they are – suggested paths not in line with who we are; actions inappropriate to our identity.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 6, 2022

First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10

Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13

Monday, March 7, 2022

Saints Perpetua and Felicity

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Saint John of God

Is 55:10-11

Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Saint Frances of Rome

Jon 3:1-10

Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25

Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8

Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 11, 2022

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 12, 2022

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19

Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8

Mt 5:43-48

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

SAINT JOHN OF GOD

Feast Day: March 8

Patron Saint of Firefighters, Hospitals and Nurses

Having given up active Christian belief while a soldier, John was 40 before the depth of his sinfulness began to dawn on him. He decided to give the rest of his life to God's service, and headed at once for Africa where he hoped to free captive Christians and, possibly, be martyred.

He was soon advised that his desire for martyrdom was not spiritually well based, and returned to Spain and the relatively prosaic activity of a religious goods store. Yet he was still not settled. Moved initially by a sermon of Saint John of Avila, he one day engaged in a public beating of himself, begging mercy and wildly repenting for his past life.

Committed to a mental hospital for these actions, John was visited by Saint John, who advised him to be more actively involved in tending to the needs of others rather than in enduring personal hardships. John gained peace of heart, and shortly after, left the hospital to begin work among the poor.

Behind John's outward acts of total concern and love for Christ's sick poor was a deep interior prayer life which was reflected in his spirit of humility. These qualities attracted helpers who, 20 years after John's death, formed the Brothers Hospitallers, now a worldwide religious order.

John became ill after 10 years of service, but tried to disguise his ill health. He began to put the hospital's administrative work into order and appointed a leader for his helpers. He died under the care of a spiritual friend and admirer, Lady Ana Ossorio.

The utter humility of John of God, which led to a totally selfless dedication to others, is most impressive. Here is a man who realized his nothingness in the face of God. The Lord blessed him with the gifts of prudence, patience, courage, enthusiasm, and the ability to influence and inspire others. He saw that in his early life he had turned away from the Lord, and, moved to receive his mercy, John began his new commitment to love others in openness to God's love.

Read the full article: "Saint John of God." Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-of-god>. (Accessed 24 Feb. 2022).

AROUND OUR PARISH

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS FOR PARENTS

Families preparing to have their child baptized must be registered members of the parish. First-time parents or those who have not attended a class in three years must plan to attend a preparation class. To register for this free class, please call the parish office at 335-2833. Babysitting is available upon request.

Next class is Monday, March 14 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Room #3 in the Parish Center.

BICENTENNIAL BOOK UPDATE

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Bicentennial books have arrived! After overseas shipping delays, the books are available in the Parish Office. If you have paid in advance or if you would like a book, please stop by during office hours to pick it up. Each book is \$30.00 and make great gifts! We are limited to 50 books, some of which are already spoken for, so don't delay!



Holland, Chris, Jim, Mike and Tim, with their sponsors, now begin a time of Purification and Enlightenment for RCIA.

During these weeks in Lent, they will reflect on the Word of God with the Sunday Scrutinies, ponder all they have learned and pray and participate with Lenten traditions for preparation of Full Reception into The Catholic Church.

Please keep them and all the RCIA Elect and Candidates around the world in your prayers.

ST. PATRICK LENTEN PROJECT – SHARING LOVE

Last year, our Lenten Project was a huge success, as we offered a chance to reach out and bring love and put a smile on the faces of our parishioners who are in Nursing homes, assisted living facilities or are homebound (42). We thought it would be nice to do this again. We had an overwhelming response from those who received gifts from the Giving Tree at Christmas about how loved they felt by their parish.

Our plan is to ask parishioners to drop off some items that our seniors would enjoy in a box that will be in the back of church and ramp door.

Such items include: new books, notecards and stamps, activity books, mechanical pencils, adult coloring books and colored pencils, socks, lotions, shampoos, conditioners, body wash, sanitizers (small to medium bottles, please), etc. Maybe you have some other suggestions. We will also collect money, which we will use to purchase more items needed, plus Mass cards and the bags to place gifts for delivery. You can place an envelope with your money, with checks made out to "St. Patrick Church, memo: Lenten Project," in collection baskets or bring to the office. Prayers are always welcome, too. Please have all items in by **Monday, April 4th**, so we can prepare bags for delivery the week of April 10th.

2022 AREA COMMUNAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES

| | | |
|----------|----------------------|---|
| March 10 | 6:00-7:00 p.m. | Transfiguration – West Milton |
| March 15 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | St. Patrick – Troy |
| March 17 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | St. Mary – Piqua, extra time |
| March 18 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | St. Boniface – Piqua, extra time |
| March 23 | 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. | Immaculate Conception – Botkins, Day of Grace |
| March 24 | 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. | Holy Angels – Sidney, Day of Grace |
| 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.m.-10:00 p.m. | St. Joseph – Wapakoneta, Day of Grace |

CRS RICE BOWLS

CRS Rice Bowls have been handed out to the CCD and St. Patrick School oldest and only students. If you would like a rice bowl, there are extras in the vestibule.

A PRESENTATION BY ALEX SCHADENBERG

Canada's premier expert in "medical assistance in dying," Alex Schadenberg, will be in Dayton for a one-time special evening presentation. Alex will talk about health care in Canada and how it has transitioned to a pro-death philosophy. He will also address recent changes in the U.S. and what we can expect in the next few years. Don't miss this timely and informational event. Join us Monday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Victory Christian Church in Kettering, Ohio. The event is free and open to the public. Go to www.daytonlife.org to register. For more information, contact Dayton Right to Life at (937) 461-3625.

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.

Lehman Catholic High School presents its 44th annual musical, *The WIZARD of OZ*, March 17 at 7:00 p.m., March 18 at 8:00 p.m., and March 19 at 8:00 p.m. at the Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 West Poplar Street in downtown Sidney. To purchase tickets, go to www.sidneytheatre.org.

A NIGHT WITH THE PRODUCER

Morgan's Place Cemetery invites you to **A Night With The Producer**, featuring Christian Movie Producer, Joe Knopp, the award-winning producer of the movies *Unplanned*, *I Can Only Imagine*, *Woodlawn* and *The Trump I Know* will be at St. Michael's Hall in Fort Loramie on April 4th.

6:00 p.m. Cash Bar and music by Danny Schneible

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Presentation by Joe Knopp

7:30 p.m. Viewing the movie *I Can Only Imagine*

Meet-and-Greet opportunities during the movie and directly after and a raffle following the movie.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and can be purchased at Silver Cross in Fort Loramie, Believe Art in Anna, Right to Life of Shelby County in Sidney, and Shelby County Historical Society in Sidney.

For more information, please call Morgan's Place Cemetery at 937-726-9988.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Bible Study – ***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.

GRIEF SHARE

Offers help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. The current 13-week sessions began on **February 16, 2022.**

St. Patrick Parish Center, upstairs in Room 3, from **1:00-2:30 p.m. or 7:00-8:30 p.m.**, each Wednesday. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pat Smith at 937-335-2833, ext. 2008, or rsmith3055@aol.com.

FATHER DUELL'S 40TH ORDINATION CELEBRATION DINNER

This is the last opportunity for parishioners to reserve a seat for Father Duell's 40th Ordination celebration dinner on March 19 at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 5874 N. Buckneck Road, Bradford at 6:30 p.m. The meal and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

Friends of Fr. Duell are invited to call 937-473-5255 and leave their name, parish and number of guests. We need to have this information no later than March 7 so an appropriate amount of food can be provided.

FAITH FORMATION**CCD**

MARCH 8 – Class

15 – Class

22 – Class Reconciliation, Grades 2-6

29 – Class

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**ALL CURRENT 8TH-12TH GRADERS:****STEUBENVILLE SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCE**

JUNE 24-26, 2022

All current 8th-12th graders are invited to attend this weekend retreat on the campus of Franciscan University. Your teen will experience the peace of Jesus Christ through inspiring talks from national speakers, praise and worship, and the sacraments while safely connecting with hundreds of other Catholic teens in ways they will never forget. This year's theme is "Fearless," with the focus on the verse, "I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (John 16:33). Please RSVP and send in your \$50.00 deposit to reserve your spot. The total cost is \$265.00, which includes the conference, meals, transportation and two T-shirts, and there are FULL and partial scholarships available. No one should be prevented from coming because of cost! Email Abby Schmid at youthminister@stpattroy.org with questions or to reserve your spot.

MARCH**HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY**

Weekly Discipleship Cells in the Parish Center

6 – Connect Movie Night from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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

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

27 – No D Cells because of Confirmation

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

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

6 – 8th Grade C Cell Meeting

13 – 7th Grade C Cell Meeting

20 – 7th and 8th Grade C Cell Meeting

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

CORE TEAM MEETING – Sunday, March 6 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

SCHOOL**ST. PATRICK PRESCHOOL**

Our young Shamrocks visited the Fire Station and have been learning about community helpers.



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