

# The Season of *Advent*



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## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

*St. Patrick Church of Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes in the Sidney Deanery with Church of the Transfiguration in West Milton, St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus Catholic Church in Covington, St. Boniface and St. Mary Catholic Churches in Piqua Ohio*

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409 East Main Street, Troy, Ohio 45373 [www.stpattroy.org](http://www.stpattroy.org)

**Sacramental Emergency After Hours 937-335-2833**

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m.
	9:30 a.m.
	11:30 a.m.

### *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, November 26

5:00 p.m. Gene Timko

SUNDAY, November 27

7:30 a.m. James Holter

9:30 a.m. Ada Fogt and Debbie Fogt O'Banion

11:30 a.m. Gail Bulach

12:30 p.m. Baptism – Paisley Colleen Sreitag Rhea

MONDAY, November 28

7:45 a.m. Albert Thiel

TUESDAY, November 29

7:45 a.m. Tom Sekas

WEDNESDAY, November 30

7:45 a.m. Dale Hess

THURSDAY, December 1

8:30 a.m. Kayla Lamm

FRIDAY, December 2

7:45 a.m. Patrick Dromey

SATURDAY, December 3

5:00 p.m. Mary Kirves

SUNDAY, December 4

7:30 a.m. Jewel Curtis

9:30 a.m. Donald Arkenberg

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

For Mass times of churches throughout the United States, visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).BEACONS  
CORNERPlease keep Our Lady of Fatima Family  
of Parishes' priests in your prayers.COME CELEBRATE THE FEAST  
OF SAINT NICHOLASWe will hear from Saint Nick himself,  
sing some carols, and enjoy refreshments.  
We are inviting all children to meet in  
front of church Monday, December 5, at  
6:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Knights of  
Columbus.

## CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Envelopes for Christmas Memorial Flowers  
can be found in the vestibule. Please return  
your donation to the parish office by December  
12 to ensure your loved ones are listed in the  
Christmas bulletin. Be sure to print clearly  
on the envelopes. If you choose to make a  
donation online, please be sure to contact  
Susan Anderson at [sanderson@stpatttroy.org](mailto:sanderson@stpatttroy.org)  
with the information for who the Christmas  
flowers are in memory of and whom they are  
from.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and  
Confessions from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on  
Wednesday. We welcome you to come and  
spend some time in prayer and worship of  
Our Eucharistic Lord.

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**St. Patrick:** Wednesday: 6:00-7:00 p.m. with  
Holy Hour; Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m. **Please  
see the parish website for a list of Confession  
Times at our Parish Family Churches.**WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER  
November 14 – James Barr



## SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT – NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Sunday Masses	\$ 7,349.00
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 1,750.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,748.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,847.26</b>
Amount Needed	\$ 14,230.00
<b>Variance (shortfall)</b>	<b>\$ (3,382.74)</b>

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

## GIVE CATHOLIC 2022

We have been informed that due to shortage of staff to implement the program, the GIVE Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati will not be held this year. The Stewardship Department Communications Manager staff position is responsible for running all aspects of the Giving Tuesday program. The person that held this position took another job this past May and a replacement has not yet been found so the decision was made to discontinue the program. While we are disappointed in this news, Giving Tuesday continues on Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Here at St. Patrick, we are continuing to pursue the repair/replacement of the church roof. We feel that among the items that need completed, this is a priority. Please remember that any donation received for this purpose will be added to our funds in order to enable us to move forward. While these gifts are accepted and appreciated at any time, Giving Tuesday would be a great day to support our efforts even though they are not exempt from the assessment. Please mark any donations "Improvement Fund." Thank you!



## SAFEPARISH – THE NEW CHILD PROTECTION PLATFORM FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

This online class is a requirement for anyone who wants to volunteer or work at any parish in the Archdiocese. To register or for more information, please contact Susan Anderson at the office at 937-335-2833, ext. 2006 or email [sanderson@stpattroy.org](mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org). **All old accounts from VIRTUS will be deleted after December 31.**

## NEW MEMBERS

**Robert and Jennifer Pfahl**  
**Kimberly Yoder and her husband,**  
**Brent Rawlins**

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.

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

**Penelope Kay Davis, daughter of Daniel and Jessica (Witer) Davis**

We welcome you to St. Patrick Faith Community.

**The Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming will take place during the 9:30 a.m. Mass on December 4. There will be pews reserved in the front. Please keep all participating in RCIA in your prayers.**

## THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND – FORMED

**FORMED** allows you to get thousands of movies, programs, audio and books instantly, pulling together the best in Catholic movies, children's programming, stories of the Saints, audio drama and books. They also provide Bible Studies, sacramental prep materials, documentaries, and talks from leading Catholic experts – all to help you grow in understanding your faith. This is a gift from the parish for all of us to enjoy. It is like a Catholic Netflix; you will be surprised at all that it has to offer. Go to [www.stpattroy.org](http://www.stpattroy.org). Find St. Patrick Church, Troy, OH. Add your name and email and start watching.

## CHURCH INFORMATION

## BULLETIN DEADLINE:

**3:00 p.m. Thursday** for the following week; submit via email to [info@stpattroy.org](mailto:info@stpattroy.org).

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. In Church

Wednesday: 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 into 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.

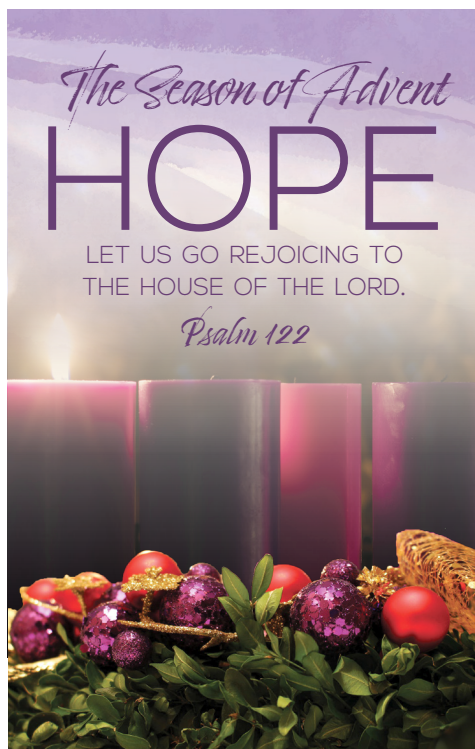
**BE ALERT***Reflection on Mt 24:37-44*

The beginning of a new year, this first Sunday of Advent, always feels to me like God has blessed us with another chance for realizing God's presence and purpose in our lives and in our world. It all can begin again! There are new possibilities, another chance to change, and right the wrongs of this past year.

And here is Matthew, who will be our tour guide through this new year, starting us out with a warning and an admonition. We are warned that it all could end at any minute, that we cannot know the day or the hour, that the Son of Man will come at a time we least expect. So we really only have now – this moment – to get it right. This hints at the great wisdom in the 12-step recovery process: Live one day at a time.

The admonition, the encouragement for how to live vitally and fully in the day, in the moment, is simple: Pay Attention! Jesus wants our attention for a very specific reason and message. He wants us to pay attention so that we do not miss the most important event of our lives: The coming of God into our lives, which happens daily, moment by moment. The call to alertness, with our whole being poised and focused, listening and alert, waiting actively for God's coming, is our Advent.

~ Fr. Jay

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE****Sunday, November 27, 2022***1st Sunday of Advent*

Is 2:1-5

Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44

**Monday, November 28, 2022***Weekday*

Is 4:2-6

Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9

Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday, November 29, 2022***Weekday*

Is 11:1-10

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday, November 30, 2022***Saint Andrew, Apostle*

Rom 10:9-18

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Mt 4:18-22

**Thursday, December 1, 2022***Weekday*

Is 26:1-6

Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, December 2, 2022***Weekday*

Is 29:17-24

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday, December 3, 2022***Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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

**AN ADVENT PRAYER OF HOPE**

*My ever-present Lord,  
You constantly come to me  
at an unexpected hour  
to pour forth Your grace and  
mercy into my life.  
Help me to form within me a  
permanent habit of preparedness  
by which I continually open  
myself to You and to Your  
perfect will for my life.  
May this Advent be a true time  
in which my readiness to meet  
You increases a hundredfold.  
Jesus, I trust in You.*



## AROUND OUR PARISH

## ADVENT SERIES

Please join us this Advent for a series of talks by Fr. Eric and Fr. Lee on the Journey of Advent. This is a 3-week series with the last night being a night of Adoration with the Children of Mary.

November 29th - Father Lee  
December 6th - Father Eric  
From Nazareth to Bethlehem, a Journey of Faith  
December 13th - Children of Mary  
Adoration

6:30 - 6:50 - Welcome and social  
6:50-7:30 - Talk  
7:30-7:45 - Q&A

Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:45 pm  
Transfiguration Catholic Church  
For more information contact Annie Canavan at [coestchurch.org](mailto:coestchurch.org)

## ADVENT

**Are you prepared for a life-changing Christmas?**

Advent is meant to help us prepare for Jesus to enter our lives on Christmas, but we often get so busy we let the season slip without intentionally getting ready. Go to Dynamic Catholic and sign up for our **BEST ADVENT EVER** program. It has helped millions of people prepare for Christmas for seven straight years.

**ASCENSIONPRESS.COM*****Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the heart of Scripture.***

**Experience a more peaceful, more joyful, and more meaningful Advent than ever before!** What does God want this Advent? Simple. **He wants you.** He wants a personal encounter with you. This year, as we journey through Advent with *Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story*, we'll learn about the places, people, and events that shaped the story of the very first Advent and shape our own lives today. Together with the guided meditation videos, this journal will help you to see how the people, places, and events of the first Advent affected Jesus' story. You will take time to look at the people, places, and events in your own life, to see how the Lord is shaping your story today. *Rejoice!* will help you open your heart to the peace and joy of the Advent season as you prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas. We look forward to journeying with you.

**Advent Giving Calendars** by the First Place Food Pantry can be found in the vestibule. This is a great way for families to give at Christmas.



Story Time with Sister Faustina Maria: Children of Mary at Silver Cross in Fort Loramie on Saturday, December 3rd at 10:30 a.m... Saint Nicholas will be popping in to visit the children, too!

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Have you ever wanted to go out on a date with your spouse on Friday night? But what about the kids? Well, you're in luck! If you join Parents' Night Out, your kids can play with other kids while you have a night out. It's in the St. Patrick undercroft from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on the second Friday of the month. We have pizza, water, a nursery, access to the playground, toys and so much more. If interested, please contact Jennifer Iames for more information at [mellyspurg@aol.com](mailto:mellyspurg@aol.com) or 937-765-0731.



## PARTNERS IN HOPE CHRISTMAS BOX

The bin for collection is located in the Church Narthex. The collection this year includes toys and gifts for seniors; toiletry items such as shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.; stocking stuffers for teens and seniors to local restaurants, coffee shops and businesses; gift cards up to \$50.00 for Walmart, Meijer, Kroger, Amazon and Kohl's. Please tape the receipt to the back of all gift cards. You can also turn in gift cards to the church office.

Partners In Hope  
Family Christmas Shop  
December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>



Christmas - Partners in Hope, Inc.  
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Partner with our community to bring HOPE to local families and seniors this Christmas!  
[www.partnersinhopeinc.org](http://www.partnersinhopeinc.org)



## 2022 IN-PERSON CHRISTMAS SHOP PROGRAM

Open to families with children from birth to 18 years old (still in school)  
in TROY, CASSTOWN, FLETCHER, PLEASANT HILL, WEST MILTON,  
LUDLOW FALLS & MIAMI EAST STUDENTS.

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 THROUGH  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022  
(DURING PIH WALK-IN HOURS)**

During the Christmas Shop, parents will "shop" for 3 gifts for each of their children.  
Families also receive a gift bag with personal care items, stocking stuffers, books, cookies, and more!

As a "partner", participants will be asked to contribute \$10 per child.  
The contributions will be donated back to the community as directed by the families.  
Payments must be made by Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

The shop will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Once all application requirements are met,  
each family will choose a scheduled time to come to our in-person Christmas Shop.

To apply, you MUST bring:

A parent/guardian photo ID  
Birth Certificate for each child in the household  
Proof of address (utility bill, lease)

Visit <https://publicsafety.ohio.gov/static/bmv2424.pdf> for approved documents  
Verification of income for every adult in the household

**\*\* Families must meet income guidelines. (175% of Federal Poverty Guidelines)**  
All information is required to complete the application.  
Families may only register in ONE area Christmas Program.  
Please visit Partners in Hope at 180 E. Race St., Troy OH 45373  
937-335-0448 [www.partnersinhopeinc.org](http://www.partnersinhopeinc.org)

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**COMFORT FOR THE GRIEVING HEART  
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH IT ALONE**

St. Patrick Church will be offering **GRIEFSHARE**, a seminar and support group to our parish and local community. This is a weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the cessation of a close personal relationship by death. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you are feeling and are able to offer you encouragement. At **GriefShare**, you'll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. The videotape sessions will be watched online. We will meet in person for discussion of the topic addressed each week. All sessions will meet in the St. Patrick Church Parish Center, 444 East Water Street, Troy, Upstairs in Room 3. We offer two sessions: 1:00-2:30 p.m. or 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sessions meet each Wednesday for 13 weeks. Registration is not necessary.

**The Traveling Shamrocks presents...****THE TRAVELING SHAMROCKS***Colors of New England**October 16-23, 2023*

**Presentation from Collette Representative on Wednesday,  
December 7th at 6:00 p.m. in church undercroft.**

We invite you to come see the Highlights of this trip traveling through New England and seeing the beautiful fall colors. Check out the itinerary and electronic flyer by going to [gateway.gocollette.com/link/1127545](http://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1127545).

**HAWAIIAN Adventures with Fr. Eric***January 25-February 3, 2024*

**Presentation from Collette Representative on Tuesday,  
January 17 at 6:00 p.m. in church undercroft.**

We invite you to see some of the Highlights of this trip and travel through paradise. Check out the itinerary and electronic flyer by going to [gateway.gocollette.com/link/1116563](http://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1116563).

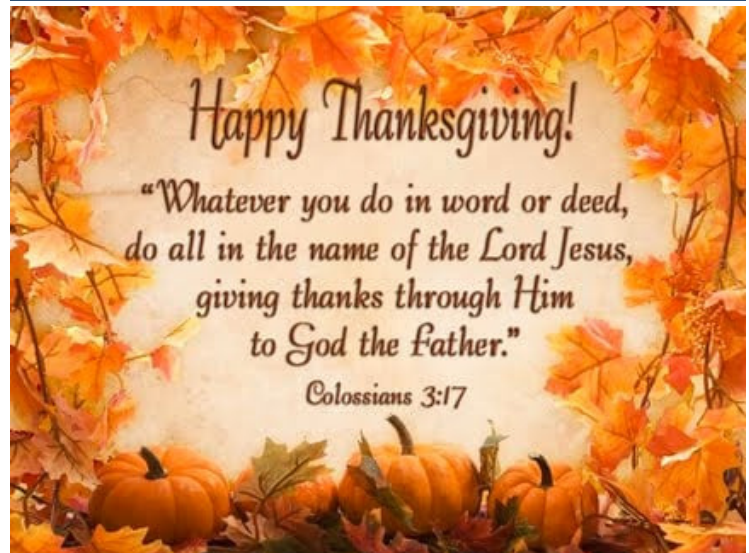
If you have any questions about either of these trips or you have suggestions for other trips, please contact Pat Smith at [rsmith3055@aol.com](mailto:rsmith3055@aol.com) or at the parish office at 937-335-2833, ext. 2008.

## CCD

<b>November 29</b>	<b>Class</b>
<b>December 6</b>	<b>Class Reconciliation for grades 3-6</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Class LAST CLASS FOR 2022</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>No CCD</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Merry Christmas</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>No CCD</b>

Classes for Kindergarten-sixth grade and a special class for those students with special needs. The registration information can be found on the website or contact Susan Anderson by email at [sanderson@stpattroy.org](mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org).

## SCHOOL



Happy Thanksgiving from St. Patrick School staff!!!

## NOVEMBER YOUTH MINISTRY

**HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY***Weekly Discipleship Cells*

Sundays, 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

**November**

27 Off for Thanksgiving

**7TH-8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION MINISTRY***Confirmation Cells*

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

**November**

27 Off for Thanksgiving

**Junior High Retreat – November 4-5, 2022**





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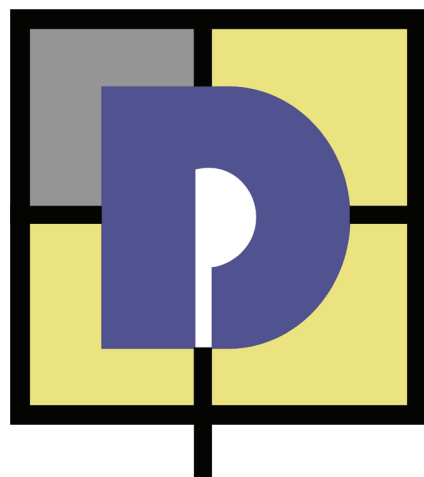
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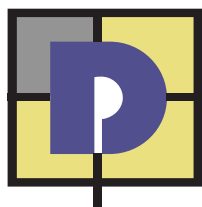
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