

# 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)

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### 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, December 17

5:00 p.m. David and Mary Jo Enneking for their 50th Wedding Anniversary

## SUNDAY, December 18

7:30 a.m. Lawrence &amp; Eleanor Huter and Family

9:30 a.m. Daniel Kerber

11:30 a.m. Tom Pepiot

## MONDAY, December 19

7:45 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

## TUESDAY, December 20

7:45 a.m. James Holter

## WEDNESDAY, December 21

7:45 a.m. Robert Koverman

## THURSDAY, December 22

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Parish

## FRIDAY, December 23

7:45 a.m. Lori Hamlin

## SATURDAY, December 24

3:00 p.m. Howard, James, Mark Boyd and Kent Vanguelpen

5:00 p.m. Jack Stotz

## SUNDAY, December 25

10:00 a.m. Gene Timko

For Mass times of churches throughout the United States, visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

## FR. ERIC - RAMBLINGS

Christmas Street Evangelization event hosted by Deacon Jeff and Fr. Eric on Wednesday, December 21st from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining Deacon Jeff and Fr. Eric walking around Downtown Troy offering to pray for people, talking to them, and just spreading Christian love, please meet outside the front of the Church at 4:00 p.m. We would also like individuals to spend time in the church praying for our event. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Eric.



· ALL ARE WELCOME ·

Celebrate Christmas Mass 2022

Church:	Eve 12/24	Eve 12/24	Day 12/25	Day 12/25
Transfiguration West Milton		5 PM	Midnight	9 AM
St. Patrick Troy	3 PM	5 PM		10 AM
St. Mary Piqua		6 PM	Midnight	8 AM
St. Boniface Piqua		4 PM		10 AM
St. Teresa Covington		4 PM		9 AM
New Year's Eve and New Year's Day schedules will follow the normal Sunday Mass schedule for the churches.				



## SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT – DECEMBER 4, 2022

Sunday Masses	\$ 8,889.68
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 2,327.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 6,129.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,346.07</b>
Amount Needed	\$ 14,230.00
<b>Variance (shortfall)</b>	<b>\$ 3,116.07</b>

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 6:00-7:00 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 Confession Times:** Wednesday, 6:00-7:45 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 Families Churches.**

### 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.

### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like your statement of contributions for 2022, you need to request one by contacting the Business Manager, Amy Schmidt, at 937-335-2833, ext. 2003, email [Aschmidt@stpattroy.org](mailto:Aschmidt@stpattroy.org) or placing your request in the collection basket. If you have an email address on file, the system will automatically send it to you via that email address. All others will be mailed. We ask that you make sure that we have your updated information on file. Please do not wait until the day you need this information to ask!



On December 5, our Knights of Columbus kindly hosted a fun, family-friendly “St. Nicholas Party!” Wildly well-attended, with more than 60 children and their families, they enjoyed fellowship, cookies, gifts and a special visit from St. Nicholas! He brought the greatest gift of all... Jesus.



## BEACONS CORNER

Please keep Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes' priests in your prayers.

**WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER:**  
December 5 – Alex Gutman

Please note the Parish Office will have limited hours over the holidays.

### SAFE PARISH – 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 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.**

### 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), [formed.org](http://formed.org). Find St. Patrick Church, Troy, OH. Add your name and email and start watching.

### NEW MEMBER – Mary Lauer

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

## CHURCH INFORMATION

### 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.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

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

## DO NOT BE AFRAID

*Reflection on Matthew 1:18-24*

On this last Sunday of Advent and a week before our Christmas celebration, we hear the announcement in Isaiah: "...the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Indeed a wondrous announcement, an astounding prophecy of a birth to take place 700 years after it was spoken.

But we know that this birth came about, in part, because two persons chosen by God took a risk of faith. In the Annunciation story, we encounter Mary's risk, her "Let it be done to me according to your word."

In today's Gospel, we hear about Joseph's dream, where he entertained an angel, and trusting in the words – "Do not be afraid" – accepted the risk of faith.

Both Mary and Joseph are great models for us, for we, too, are called to take a risk of faith. Are we willing to center our lives on Christ and to risk the adventure, the challenge, and the true happiness of what this encounter entails? Will the coming of Emmanuel anew into our lives this year be good news for us?

~ Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, December 18, 2022

*4th Sunday of Advent*

Is 7:10-14

Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

### Monday, December 19, 2022

*Advent Weekday*

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17

Lk 1:5-25

### Tuesday, December 20, 2022

*Advent Weekday*

Is 7:10-14

Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Lk 1:26-38

### Wednesday, December 21, 2022

*Advent Weekday*

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21

Lk 1:39-45

### Thursday, December 22, 2022

*Advent Weekday*

1 Sm 1:24-28

1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

Lk 1:46-56

### Friday, December 23, 2022

*Advent Weekday*

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14

Lk 1:57-66

### Saturday, December 24, 2022

*Christmas Eve*

Is 62:1-5

Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Mt 1:1-25

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

## AN ADVENT PRAYER OF LOVE



*My most merciful Jesus,  
You inspired Saint Joseph to  
be compassionate to Your dear  
mother at the time of great  
confusion over her pregnancy.  
Help me to imitate the mercy  
and goodness of Saint Joseph  
by never judging and by  
growing in a desire for mercy  
for all people, including those  
who have hurt me. May I  
do this in complete fidelity to  
Your most holy will.  
Jesus, I trust in You.*



## AROUND OUR PARISH

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

Renleigh Sue Lear, daughter of Bryton and Haley (Patty) Lear; Roman Lou Foster, son of Carl and Sara (Magoto) Foster; and Jackson David Summers, son of Joseph and Mandi (Beohmerle) Summers. We welcome you to St. Patrick Faith Community!

## IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the families of Raymond Guillozet, Evelyn Carl, and Thomas Hawkins, who recently passed away. May their souls rest in the glorious peace of heaven.



## ST. CLARE ADORATION CHAPEL

(attached to St. Boniface in Piqua)

Open for visitors Saturday 6:00 a.m. throughout each night until Thursday 9:00 p.m.

Open Friday from 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Substitute guardians are needed, especially during the snowbird season. Ask for a trial hour or how this might work with your schedule. Contact Mike Epperly at 937-622-0112 or Mary Jane Karn at 937-778-0496.



## REGISTRATION

Opens on  
**January 21**

Mothers'  
Retreat



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February 24 - 25

 Mother's Retreat

[www.mothersretreat.org](http://www.mothersretreat.org)

## ST. BONIFACE PARISH 26TH ANNUAL QUILT RAFFLE:

This year's raffle offers three quilts: (1) Queen-size (92x92") *Cathedral Window* quilt pieced, quilted, and donated by Michelle Patrizio and Janet Lee. (2) Full-size (72x85") *Welcome to My Garden* quilt pieced by Connie Bonifas, Rita Mayor, and Gloria Stonerock; quilted by Rita Mayor; materials donated by Donna Johnson and Rita Mayor. (3) Lap Quilt/Wall Hanging (32x50") *Amazing Grace* pieced by Rita Mayor and quilted by Janet Lee. The quilts can be viewed at <http://stbonifaceoktoberfest.org>.

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. Raffle tickets may be purchased by dropping off/sending donation to St. Boniface Parish, 310 S. Downing, Piqua, Ohio 45356. Please include name/phone number and write "quilt" on the envelope, or purchase online at the above web address. The winning tickets will be drawn on December 31, 2022. The first name drawn will have his/her choice of the three quilts and so on. All proceeds from the quilt raffle benefit the parish's Oktoberfest. For additional info, send email to [stbonifacequilt@gmail.com](mailto:stbonifacequilt@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office at 937-773-1656.



Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr invites you to join him in exploring the wonder of the Mass through a special video series featuring Bishop Robert Barron. Each Sunday from January 8 through February 12, Archbishop Schnurr will email you his own brief insights along with a 25-minute episode from Word on Fire's *The Mass*. Also available in Spanish.

**Join Archbishop Schnurr and fellow Catholics across the archdiocese and experience the Mass in a whole new way.**

**Sign up for free at [CatholicAOC.org/theMass](http://CatholicAOC.org/theMass)**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

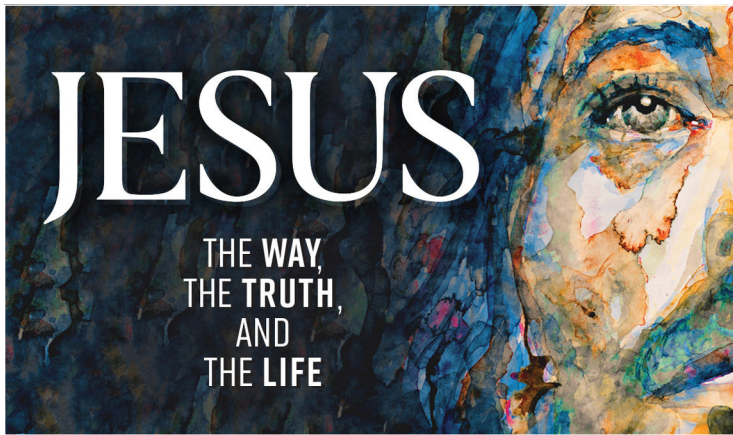
BIBLE STUDY - WHAT WE BELIEVE -  
THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Our next Bible Study will take place in **January. Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. or Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.** Study is 10 weeks long and all sessions meet in the church undercroft.

## Discover the Amazing Riches of the Catholic Faith

What is the Catholic Church all about? What does it mean to be Catholic? What do Catholics actually believe? The Catholic Church is extraordinary. Founded by Christ Himself, the Catholic Church is where we encounter God in His Word, His sacraments, and His saints. The Church faithfully proclaims the fullness of faith, leaving no truth out. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation. Maybe you've been Catholic all your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and richness of the Catholic Church.

If interested, go to [Ascensionpress.com](http://Ascensionpress.com) to order your study set for "What We Believe." Total with shipping is \$35.70. Please email Pat Smith at [Rsmith3055@aol.com](mailto:Rsmith3055@aol.com) once you register so I know who has registered. Any questions, contact Pat by email or call 937-335-2833, ext. 2008.



**BIBLE STUDY – JESUS: THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE**  
 The Transfiguration Center on Calumet Road will begin a new Bible Study on Tuesdays beginning January 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays beginning January 12th at 6:00 p.m. – *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*. It is a new and fresh look at Jesus – who He is, what He is really like, what He taught, and what He did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life around Him as you come to know and love Him in an ever deeper and more intimate way. It is a 10-week course. Please call **937-698-7180** to register or with questions. There is no charge, but the book can be purchased through [Ascensionpress.com](http://Ascensionpress.com) or another vendor.



### THE TRAVELING SHAMROCKS PRESENTS...

*Hawaiian Adventures with Fr. Eric –*

*Travel dates: January 25-February 3, 2024*

Mark your calendars also for **Tuesday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m.** to see a presentation for our travel to Paradise on a *Hawaiian Adventure with Fr. Eric – January 2024*. Our Collette Rep will be here to show the full itinerary and Fr. Eric may have some of his own pictures of Hawaii to show. **Go to [gateway.gocollette.com/link/1116563](http://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1116563) to see the electronic flyer.** Questions? Please contact Pat Smith at 937-335-2833, ext. 2008 or [rsmith3055@aol.com](mailto:rsmith3055@aol.com).

*Colors of New England – October 16-23, 2023*

It is not too late to sign up for this beautiful fall colors New England trip. Check out the itinerary and electronic flyer by going to [gateway.gocollette.com/link/1127545](http://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1127545).

Deadline to sign up is **April 6th, 2023**.

## CCD

December 22 No CCD  
 25 Merry Christmas  
 29 No CCD

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

The school staff celebrated at the Troy Hayner Center on the 6th of December for our annual Christmas party. The venue was beautiful and delicious food catered by Eloquence Catering. It was a perfect evening. We spent the evening relaxing, talking, and laughing. A big thank-you goes out to all the St. Patrick School staff. December is always a fun month, but it's a lot of work. We are blessed to have such a gifted and talented group of professionals working with us. School finished for the calendar year on the 16th. We will be back rested and ready to roll on the 3rd of January!

Blessings,  
 Cyndi Cathcart



## DECEMBER YOUTH MINISTRY

### High School Ministry

Weekly Discipleship Cells

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

18 D Cell Advent Party

December 25-January 14 Off for Christmas and New Year's

### 7th-8th Grade Confirmation Ministry

Confirmation Cells

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

18 8th Grade C Cell

December 25-January 21 Off for Christmas and New Year's

**Confirmation (C Cell) Registration for 7th-8th graders and High School Discipleship Cell (D Cells). Registration is going on now on our Youth Ministry website at [www.stpattroyym.org](http://www.stpattroyym.org).**


### ST. PHILOMENA MOTHER-DAUGHTER RETREAT

The St. Philomena Mother-Daughter Retreat will be held at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, OH 45860, July 7-9, 2023. This retreat, for girls ages 11-14 and their moms, explores the gifts of feminine identity, chastity, and marriage through biblical wisdom and the teachings of St. Pope JP II.

See our website at [www.philomenaretreat.org](http://www.philomenaretreat.org) for registration information or contact us via email at [admin@philomenaretreat.org](mailto:admin@philomenaretreat.org) or local facilitator Jodie Blindauer at [jblindauer@sacredheartohio.org](mailto:jblindauer@sacredheartohio.org).



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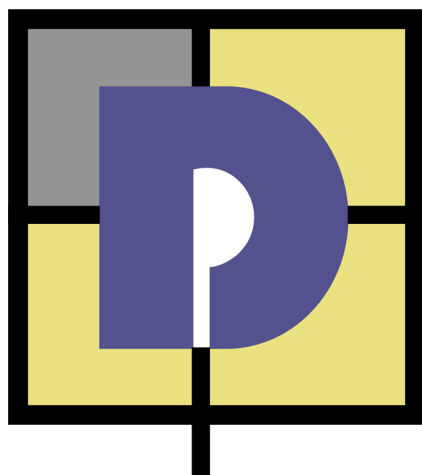
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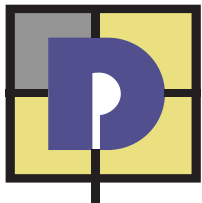
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