

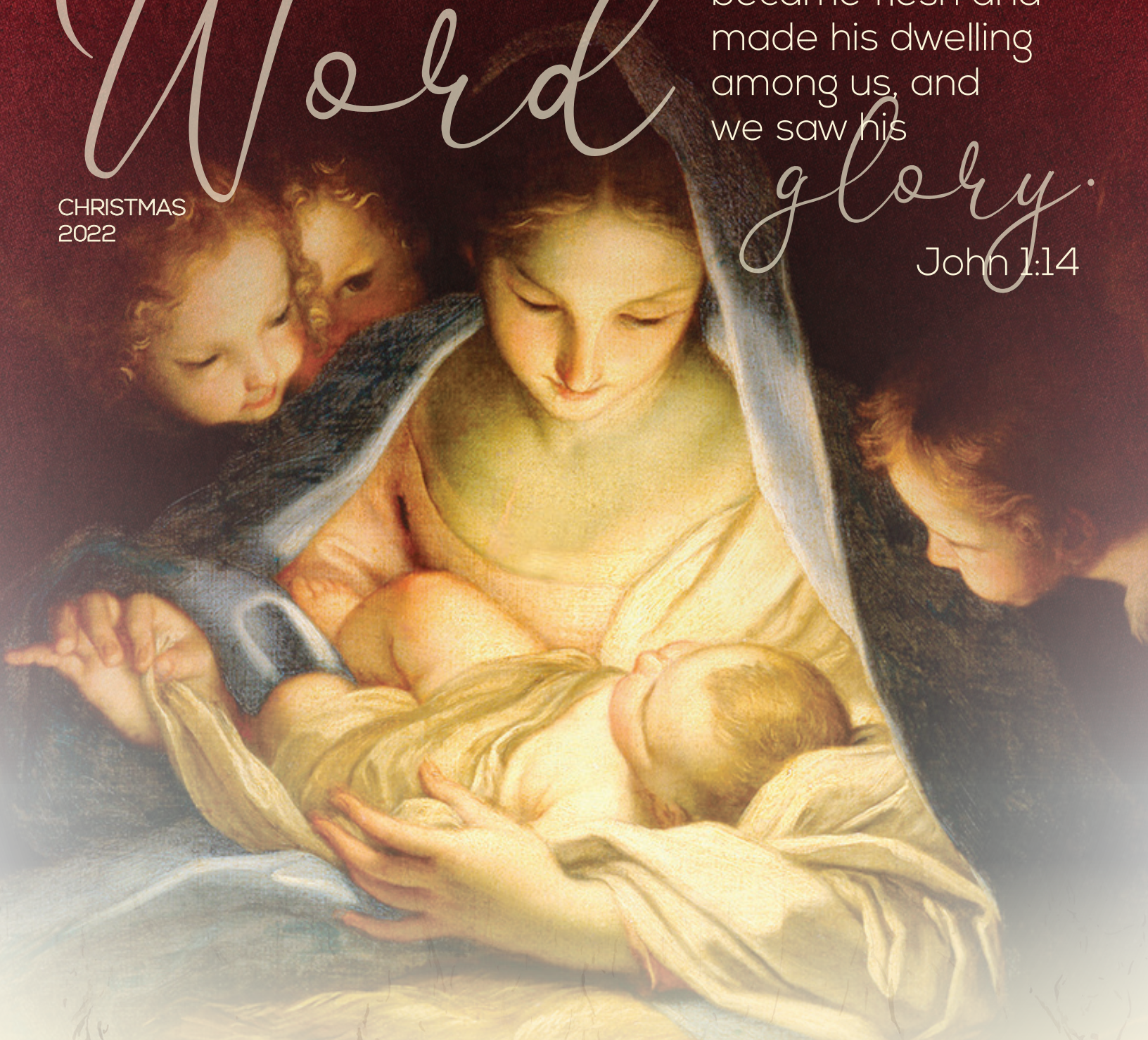
And the  
*Word*

became flesh and  
made his dwelling  
among us, and  
we saw his

*glory.*

CHRISTMAS  
2022

John 1:14



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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## SATURDAY, December 31

5:00 p.m. Gregory and Monica Gross

## SUNDAY, January 1

7:30 a.m. Thomas Widener

9:30 a.m. Dan Bowman

11:30 a.m. Bob Widener

## MONDAY, January 2

7:45 a.m. Jewell Curtis

## TUESDAY, January 3

7:45 a.m. Matthew Randolph

## WEDNESDAY, January 4

7:45 a.m. Andrew Guzik

## THURSDAY, January 5

8:30 a.m. Jack Reddy

## FRIDAY, January 6

7:45 a.m. Andy Tuscan

## SATURDAY, January 7

5:00 p.m. Gene Gretch

## SUNDAY, January 8

7:30 a.m. Alton Ording

9:30 a.m. Jack Black

11:30 a.m. Paul &amp; Jean Grusenmeyer

12:30 p.m. Baptism – Xavier Huy Tran

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

## FR. ERIC – RAMBLINGS

On behalf of all the priests, deacons and staff members we want to wish you all a Happy and Joy-filled New Year. Thank you for all of your support over the past 6 months as we work through the Beacons of Light process. Below are four quotes taken from “*Bishop Sheen Writes*” in the *Toledo Blade*, 1958.



“The beginning of a new year is an opportunity for improvement. It makes little difference what the past has been, for we are not to look back to see if the furrow be crooked. What matters most is the sanctification of the now moment.”

“Time is so precious that God doles it out second by second. If life in the past has been evil, the new year is an opportunity for penance. In such a way is time redeemed. If life, however, has been virtuous, the new year is an opportunity for greater self-perfection.”

“One man who led an evil life always boasted of the fact that he needed never to worry about his soul when time would end, for he could save it with three words which he quoted in Latin: “*Miserere mei Deus.*” He was right about saying three words at the moment of death, but they were not the words he expected to say, for his life had not been so lived as to pronounced them from his heart. As his horse threw him over the cliff he said, “*Capiat omnia diabolus,*” which means, “I’ll be damned.”

“Time is equivalent to what can be done or gained by it. At the beginning of the new year, therefore, we wish everyone that it be happy because we know that there is no greater melancholy sadness than to use time for any purpose but the supreme one, which is the salvation of the soul.”

Thank you so much for all the cards, gifts, and well wishes this Christmas.

Fr. Eric

We want to thank St. Patrick Parish and all those that participated in the Giving Tree 2022. The diapers, toys, clothing and other generous gifts were passed on to others in need via our Help Center at 305 E. Main St. Each item was really appreciated and helped to make this Christmas Season more joyful for them.

Gratefully,  
Miami County Right to Life

BEACONS  
CORNER

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

Thank You to the Lins Family for organizing the Giving Tree this year.

Please note the parish office will be closed  
January 2.

### 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's 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 Family's Churches.

### CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE FOR TAX DEDUCTIONS

Please remember that in order for a donation to be eligible for a US 2022 tax deduction, mailed envelopes must be postmarked by USPS on or before December 31, 2022. Credit card donations must be made by midnight on December 31st and your credit card statement must be time stamped with a 2022 date to be eligible for a 2022 deduction. We cannot backdate a check or posted payment.

### 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!

Sunday, January 8th at 3:00 pm, St. Patrick Church will host combined choirs from St. Patrick, Transfiguration, St. Mary and St. Boniface for a Christmas concert and carol sing-along. Come celebrate the Christmas season with music from the choirs in our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes. All ages are encouraged to attend.

### IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the family of Martha Timko who recently passed away. May her soul rest in the glorious peace of heaven.

### SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT – DECEMBER 18, 2022

Sunday Masses	\$ 6,944.00
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 1,215.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 5,048.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,207.16</b>
Amount Needed	\$ 14,230.00
<b>Variance (shortfall)</b>	<b>\$ (1,022.84)</b>

Thank you for your continued support  
and generosity!

### WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER: December 19 – Theresa Kimer

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS FOR PARENTS

Families preparing to have their child baptized must be registered members of our parish family. First-time parents must plan to attend a preparation class. To register for this free class, please call the St. Patrick parish office at 335-2833. Babysitting is available upon request.

**Next class is Monday, January 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Room #3 in the St. Patrick Parish Center. (Located behind the school – 444 E. Water Street)**

### 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 dramas and books. They also provide Bible Studies, sacramental prep materials, documentaries, talks from leading Catholic experts, all to help you grow in understanding your faith.

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Go to: [www.stpattroy.formed.org](http://www.stpattroy.formed.org). Find St. Patrick Church, Troy, OH, add your name and email and start watching.



### ST. CLARE ADORATION CHAPEL

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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.

### 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.**

#### ANOIDING 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).



## GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS

*Reflection on Numbers 6:22-27*

Today's reading from the Book of Numbers is the text that the high priest used to bless assemblies of the Israelites. Today's Christian liturgical observance is threefold. We celebrate the Octave of Christmas, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and New Year's Day. Each aspect of today's liturgy involves blessing from the Lord.

We recall the plan of salvation that reached its fulfillment in the birth of Jesus. We recall the gifts that prepared Mary to be mother of God. We look forward to all the good things that lie ahead in the new year.

Above all, we acknowledge that God is the Lord of generosity and kindness. For all that God has given us and will give us, we offer our thanks today.

~ Rev. Daniel E. Pilarczyk



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

*The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*  
Nm 6:22-27  
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8  
Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21

**Monday, January 2, 2023**

*Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*  
1 Jn 2:22-28  
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
Jn 1:19-28

**Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 2:29-3:6  
Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6  
Jn 1:29-34

**Wednesday, January 4, 2023**

*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*  
1 Jn 3:7-10  
Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9  
Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday, January 5, 2023**

*Saint John Neumann, Bishop*  
1 Jn 3:11-21  
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5  
Jn 1:43-51

**Friday, January 6, 2023**

*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 5:5-13  
Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

**Saturday, January 7, 2023**

*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 5:14-21  
Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b  
Jn 2:1-11

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

## SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

*Feast Day: January 4*

*Patron Saint of: Catholic Schools, Teachers and Educators*

Mother Seton is one of the keystones of the American Catholic Church. She founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. She opened the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. All this she did in the span of 46 years while raising her five children.

Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, born August 28, 1774. Reared a staunch Episcopalian, she learned the value of prayer, Scripture and a nightly examination of conscience. Her father, Dr. Richard Bayley, did not have much use for churches but was a great humanitarian, teaching his daughter to love and serve others.

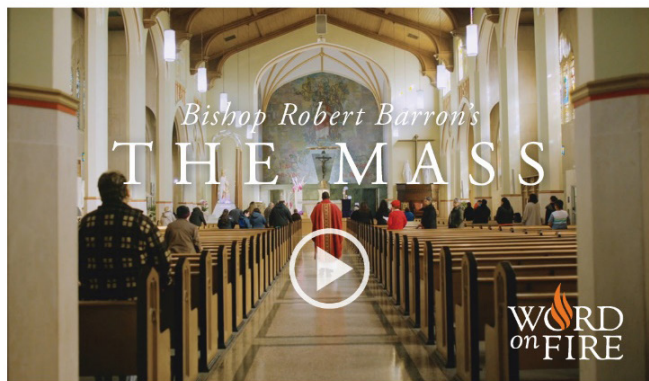
At 19, Elizabeth was the belle of New York and married a handsome, wealthy businessman, William Magee Seton. They had five children before his business failed and he died of tuberculosis. At 30, Elizabeth was widowed and penniless, with five small children to support. While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicity in action through family friends. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ.

To support her children, she opened a school in Baltimore. From the beginning, her group followed the lines of a religious community, which was officially founded in 1809. The thousand or more letters of Mother Seton reveal the development of her spiritual life from ordinary goodness to heroic sanctity, and she became the first American-born citizen to be beatified (1963) and then canonized (1975). She is buried in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Read the full article: "Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-elizabeth-ann-seton/>. (Accessed 21 Dec 2022).



## AROUND OUR PARISH



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](https://CatholicAOC.org/theMass)**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**GRIEFSHARE – NEW SESSIONS FOR 2023**

No matter what the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. 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 loss of a loved one 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 will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. We will feature videotape seminar sessions with nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics.

The next sessions begin **February 8th** and we meet weekly for 13 weeks. We offer an afternoon session at 1:00 p.m. or an evening session at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held in St. Patrick Parish Center, upstairs in Room 3, 444 East Water Street, Troy. You are welcome to just come and check it out. Registration is not required.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR LOSS OF A SPOUSE**

**Saturday, February 4th, 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

Our *GriefShare* Team will be offering *Loss of a Spouse* for those grieving the death of a spouse. You will hear practical advice from others who've been there: What to expect in your grief. How to cope with life without your spouse. Why it won't always hurt this much. Please join us for this encouraging seminar. Everyone who attends receives a booklet with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life.

All will be held at St. Patrick Church Parish Center, upstairs in Room 3. Questions? Contact Pat Smith at [rsmith3055@aol.com](mailto:rsmith3055@aol.com) or 937-335-2833, ext 2008. You don't have to go through it alone.

**REGISTRATION**

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

**E6 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Mark your calendar for the 2023 E6 Catholic Men's Conference, which will be taking place on Saturday, February 18th, 2023, at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, IN (80 miles southeast of Indianapolis and 35 minutes northwest of Cincinnati). We cordially invite every man to attend this 8th annual event. Please join us for inspiring talks, Confession (available all day), celebration of the Holy Mass and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. We pride ourselves on presenting a quality, substance-driven, inspirational and faith-filled event that will change men's lives and help equip them to be the man Christ calls them to be. **Do not miss this!** More details and tickets are on sale now at [www.e6cmc.com](http://www.e6cmc.com).

**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.

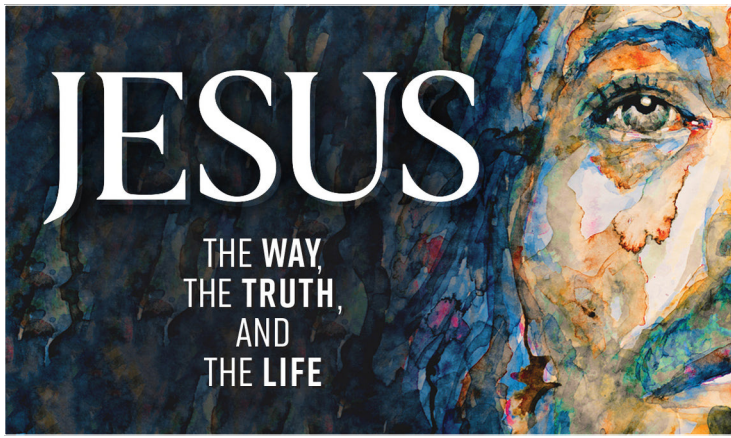
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If interested, go to [Ascensionpress.com](http://Ascensionpress.com) to order your study set for **"What We Believe."** Total with shipping is \$35.70.

Please email Pat Smith once you are registered so I know who has registered at [rsmith3055@aol.com](mailto:rsmith3055@aol.com). Any questions, contact Pat by email or call 937-335-2833, ext 2008.





### **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 Representative 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**.

### **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 #?
3. Moved/New address?
4. New members in your family?

## **SCHOOL**

Happy New Year!!!

Here's what's coming up this month at school:

January 3	First day back
January 13	End of Second Quarter
January 16	NO School
January 20	Report cards and awards assembly
January 27	Early Dismissal Faculty School of Faith
January 29	First day of Catholic Schools Week

Looking forward to a positive, joy-filled New Year!!

– Cyndi Cathcart

## **CCD**

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

January 3	Class
10	Class
17	Class
24	Class
31	Class

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).

### **LITTLE FLOWERS AND BLUE KNIGHTS**

January 8, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the undercroft and Parish Center. For ages 5 to 5th grade.

For more information, email [loribkelleher@gmail.com](mailto:loribkelleher@gmail.com) or come at 2:00 p.m. and check out this fun program on virtues. PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR THIS MONTH!

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY**

and

### **7TH-8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION MINISTRY**

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

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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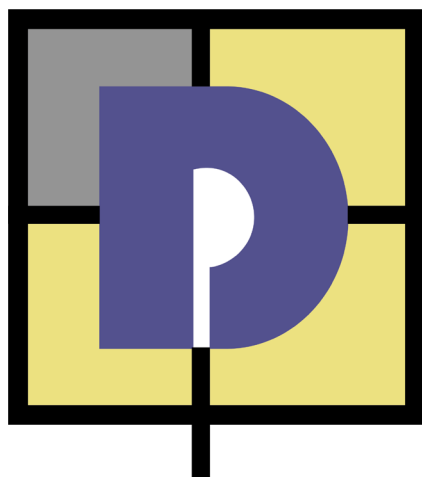
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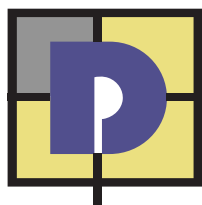
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